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## CHAPTER I – GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

### Article 1. Objectives and Definitions

1. The European Veterans Team Championships (EVTC) is a Team Event where European Nations compete against each other.
2. Only EPA's affiliated members can participate in the EVTC, and all EPA's affiliated members can participate in EVTC
3. The goal of the EVTC is to strengthen the friendship bonds between the participating countries, to contribute to the development of Padel in Europe, by reinforcing sportsmanship, fair-play, and equality, as well as competition.
4. All matches will be played under the rules of the game approved by the existing ruling International Padel Federation
5. The rights of the EVTC belong to the European Padel Association (EPA), which may share them with or sell them to a promoter for a negotiated fee. If such fee is negotiated, it shall be divided equally by all participating countries for the development of Padel.

### Article 2. Site, Date and Periodicity

1. The event should be played in any affiliated country member.
2. It will be played every two years, alternating with the World Team Championships.

### Article 3. Conditions

1. The organization is responsible at its expense to arrange for:
  - a) the Club or site where the event is to take place with at least 8 courts, of which at least one must have exterior play (Central Court).
  - b) all event referees
  - c) Playing Balls
  - d) daily games results posted in the official EPA website and EPA Facebook
2. If entries are charged to the public, the organization must also provide for free:
  - a) 15 tickets per day to EPA
  - b) 14 tickets per day to all participating delegations if they bring one team or 28 tickets per day to all participating delegations which bring both men and ladies teams. These tickets only permit entrance to the central court if the respective national team is playing.
  - c) Credentials to all Official Delegations (14 people) which permit entrance in the central court and the event site for free.



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3. The Organization is also responsible to guarantee there is at least one official hotel which is at least a 3 star hotel. The official hotel must cost €70 or less a day for a double room with breakfast included, if it is a 3 star, or €120 or less a day for a double room with breakfast included if it is a 4 star.
  - a) Countries are responsible for the payment of their hotel rooms or may book somewhere other than the official Hotel
4. All Participant's entries are managed by EPA, and entry fees are paid to EPA. Entry Fees are to be kept by EPA.
5. EPA has the rights to 25% of all publicity space of the event, and must provide the Organization with its official sponsor's logos so these can be included in the following materials:
  - a) Poster of the event and all printed and digital materials to promote the event
  - b) Promotional Space in the Central court of the event
  - c) Video Spots to promote the event
6. EPA has the rights to 25% of any TV Broadcasting rights the Organizer may negotiate
7. EPA has the right to name the official ball to be used in the event
8. The Organizer must pay a license fee EPA, to be agreed upon.

## Article 4. Technical Commission

1. The technical commission shall be formed by one Member of EPA's Referee Committee, one member of the EPA's board, and one representative of the host federation/promoter.
2. The Technical Commission shall decide on all matters the referees cannot decide and should act as an appeals committee for any issues that may arise from disagreements between the referee's team and team captains.
3. Each member of the Technical Commission has one vote. Decisions are by simple majority and abstentions don't count.

## CHAPTER II – TEAMS AND PLAYERS

### Article 5. Requisites to Participate

1. A player can only represent a team if he holds a valid passport from the country he is representing, and he has not represented another country in a previous EPA event.

### Article 6. Team Lineup Deadlines

1. All teams must be selected by September 23rd. The entry form must be sent no later than September 23rd. Payment must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the event.
  - a. Failure to comply with these deadlines will cause the non-participation in the event
2. No changes are permitted in the constitution of the teams after entry form is received by EPA.
  - a. If a player suffers an injury that can be attested by the EPA after receiving a medical report, EPA's Referee Committee may allow a replacement. The member federation shall send a



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request for substitution together with the medical records as well as the name of the replacement from the 2 substitute players.

3. Entries Shall be sent by member federations using the proper entry-forms and shall include 2 extra substitute players in case an injury occurs, as stated in n<sup>o</sup>2 of Article 6.

## Article 7. Team Captains

1. Each team must elect a Captain and such Captain will be link with the Referee's Team and Organization. Captains must provide a working email and cellular phone number.
2. The Captain's responsibilities are:
  - a. Represent their Teams in all matters with the organization and the opposing team.
  - b. Elect the Team constitution and order on each round
  - c. Let the players know the times at which the matches will take place.
  - d. Control the punctuality and sportsmanship of its players
  - e. Abide by and made its players abide by the Event Regulations.
  - f. Read and respond all emails sent by the Organization or the other team.
  - g. Captains may nominate other members of the Team as Captains if there is more than one match being played at the same time. They shall inform the Referee's Team prior.
  - h. A player may be both Captain and Player.

## Article 8. Refereeing

1. The Referee's Team shall be responsible for all technical and on site disciplinary matters of the event.
2. Besides the Technical and disciplinary duties, the Referee team shall be responsible for:
  - a) Suspend or delay a match and set the times, and if necessary, change the place where the match is played if there are no conditions at the stipulated site.
  - b) Decide to suspend, terminate or cancel a match or matches, when necessary if the normal conditions change, and decide on the continuation or set a new date, or even if spectators are allowed on site.
  - c) Handle all matters that might influence the results of any match
  - d) Cancel matches and order its repetition if suitable
  - e) Everything that effects the matches within the court and surroundings.

## Article 9. Constitution of the Teams

1. All Teams shall be formed by:
  - a. A minimum of 2 players per each age category (+40, +45, +50 for ladies, and +45, +50 and +55 for Men) and a maximum of 4 per age category.
2. Each Delegation shall be formed by:
  - a. Minimum of 6 players and maximum of 12 (one pair minimum per age category)



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- b. 1 Captain
  - c. 1 Director
3. Delegations may include more people, but the promoter is only responsible to comply with the Delegations stipulated conditions

## CHAPTER III – FORMAT OF PLAY

### Article 10. Competition

1. Only 16 teams can participate in the final phase of the event, both for men and ladies.
2. If there are more than 16 teams signed up then a qualify shall be held between teams in the following order:
  - a. If 17 teams enter, the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> ranked teams play a round robin in which the first two of the round robin qualify as 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> teams entering the EPTC
  - b. If 18 teams enter, the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> ranked teams play a round robin in which the first in the round robin qualifies as the 16<sup>th</sup> team entering the EPTC
  - c. If 19 teams enter, the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> ranked teams play a round robin in which the first in the round robin qualifies as the 16<sup>th</sup> team entering the EPTC
  - d. If 20 teams enter, the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> ranked teams make 2 groups of 3 and each group plays a round robin in which the first in each of the round robins qualifies as the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> team entering the EPTC – the 15<sup>th</sup> will be the winner of the group where the originally ranked 15<sup>th</sup> team played. The originally ranked 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> shall be the top-seeds in each of the two different groups, and a draw shall be held to add 2 more to each group from the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Qualify deadlines shall be the following:
  - a. A qualify site and date must be already pre-announced by the promoter when entries open.
  - b. The Qualify shall be held and finalized at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the event.
  - c. 9 weeks prior to the event EPA will nominate the countries participating in the qualify if one is to take place.
4. The host country will be decided based on proximity and convenience for the participating countries. If countries can reach an agreement between them, the EPA will agree to it. If countries can't reach an agreement, EPA will decide which country is giving better conditions to organize the event. In case there are 20 countries participating, the 2 groups playing round robins can be separated and one round robin can be played in a host country and the other in a different host country – convenience and proximity will be deciding factors.
5. The 16 participating countries shall be divided in 4 groups (A, B, C, D) and countries ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> shall be top seeds of each group – 1<sup>st</sup> seed country shall be 1<sup>st</sup> in group A, 2<sup>nd</sup> seed country shall be 1<sup>st</sup> in group B, 3<sup>rd</sup> seed country shall be 1<sup>st</sup> seed in group C, and 4<sup>th</sup> seed country shall be 1<sup>st</sup> in group D.



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6. Countries ranked 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> shall be drawn randomly one each to groups A through D, then 9<sup>th</sup> till 12<sup>th</sup> shall be drawn randomly one each to groups A through D, and finally countries ranked 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> shall be drawn randomly one each to groups A through D.
7. If there aren't 16 countries, then the highest ranked group shall be the group with less countries. Ex. 15 countries – Group A has 3 countries and groups B, C, and D shall have 4 countries.
8. A round robin is to be played within each group and the top 2 countries of each group shall enter the main draw of 8 and play for 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place. The last 2 of each group shall enter the B draw of 8 and play for 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> place.
9. The board A shall have the 2 first placed of each group A to D, and the board B shall have the 2 last of each group A to D.
10. Both in Board A and in Board B countries will cross as described in Annex 10 of the EPA regulations

## Article 11. Rounds

1. 2 players will be picked by the captain from each age category, for a total of 3 pairs.
2. Each match is worth 1 point and one pair from each age category will play
3. In the group phase the winner of each round shall be the country with most points won (2 to 3)
4. If there are any ties in the group phase after the round robin is finished, they should be resolved as follows:
  - a) If there is a four-way tie:
    1. More games won (third set games never count)
    2. Difference between games won and lost (third set games never count)
    3. If the tie still remains, then most sets won
    4. Difference between sets won and lost
  - b) If there is a three-way tie:
    1. More games won (third set games never count)
    2. Difference between games won and lost (third set games never count)
    3. If the tie still remains, then most sets won
    4. Difference between sets won and lost
  - c) If there is a two-way tie:
    1. Result between both countries
5. In the board phase rounds shall be played as stated on numbers 1 and 2 of Article 11, and the winner of the round shall be the country with most points won (2 to 3)

## Article 12. Presenting the Teams

1. Each Captain chooses 3 pairs, one from each age category and numbers them 1 to 3
2. Sixty minutes before the set time for the 1<sup>st</sup> match to take place, both captains shall meet the Main Referee in the official Clubhouse, and hand over the line-up form to the Main Referee.



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3. Before announcing the Line-ups, the Main referee shall check if they are filled-out correctly. If a mistake or irregularity is found, the Main Referee shall return the incorrect form to the respective captain and have him fill it out correctly.
4. Once in possession of both correctly filled out forms, the Main Referee shall announce the pairings for the round.

## Article 13. Draw

6. Pair 1 of each form shall be opponents and that should be called match number 1. Pair 2 of each form shall be opponents and that should be match number 2. The same for the following pair.
7. All Matches 1 through 3 shall be preceded by the round number (1 to 3).

## Article 14. Communication of Results

8. Captains of each team have the responsibility to fill-out the score form of each Match, and hand it over to the Referee no later than 15m after the conclusion of the match
9. After receiving both score forms, the referee shall officially announce the result of the Match and post it.
10. The Referee may alter score forms if they are filled out incorrectly, or if there are any complaints by any of the captains.

## CHAPTER IV – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Article 15. Schedule of Events

1. Day 1 (Sunday) – Arrival of Delegations
  - a) 18:00h – Captain's Meeting (Club)
  - b) 19:30h – Open Pairs Draw (Club)
2. Day 2 (Monday) – 1/32 and 1/16 of Pairs tournament
  - a) 21:00h Opening Ceremony - Opening ceremony shall consist of a flag ceremony where official delegations must participate.
    - i. Players must respect dress code – Men: Blazer Ladies: smart dress
3. Day 3 (Tuesday) – 1/8 of Pairs Tournament & 1st round of groups
4. Day 4 (Wednesday) – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round of groups
5. Day 5 (Thursday) – ¼ finals of Pairs and ¼ finals of Teams
6. Day 6 (Friday) – Semi-finals of Pairs and Semi-Finals of Teams
7. Day 7 (Saturday) – Finals of Pairs and Finals of Teams
  - a) Prizes will be awarded right after conclusion of each final
8. Day 8 (Sunday) – Departure of Delegations





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## Article 16. Disciplinary Sanctions

1. All disciplinary situations that may arise during any Match or in its surroundings must be taken up with the Referee Team.
2. The Referee Team decisions can be appealed with the Technical Committee
3. The Referee decisions during a match cannot be appealed.
4. Countries exhibiting a non-sportive behavior, such as fixing results will be disqualified and won't be able to participate in the next European Championships.

## Article 17. Ranking

- a) Previous Edition Ranking Should be used
- b) If there hasn't been a previous edition of the EVTC then the previous edition of the ETC should be taken into account
- c) Countries entering for the first time shall have the same ranking if they haven't played in the last ETC. If they did play in the last ETC then that ranking should be used. In case there are two countries with same ranking when using this clause, one with a Veterans Ranking and the other with the ETC ranking, then the ETC should have the better ranking.

## Article 18. Open Veterans Pairs Trophy

1. The Open Pairs Veterans Championship (OPVC) will be played in men and ladies' category and will both have a 32 pair draw
2. The Open Pairs Veteran's Championship will be played in:
  - a) Men: +35, +40, +45, +50 and +55
  - b) Ladies: +40, +45, and +50
3. All participating teams may sign-up 2 pairs, in each age group, both in the men and ladies draw
4. The draw shall have 16 top seed pairs and the ranking used shall be the EPA/WPT
5. The rounds will be played as stipulated in Article 15

## Article 19. Entry Fees

1. Teams entry fee is €300 for one team and €500 for both Teams (Men and Ladies)
2. Pairs entry fee is €50 per pair

## Article 20. Other

1. All situations that are not covered in this regulation should be taken up with the Technical Committee if such has been nominated, or with the organizing Continental Association if the event hasn't started yet.

