



INTERNATIONAL PADEL FEDERATION

International Padel referee
course
(1st level)
10th Edition

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1. INTRODUCTION

As Padel grows internationally, thanks to the efforts of the International Padel Federation to bring it in as many countries as possible, so does the number of its related sport activities.

Facing such a sharp development, the consolidation of the refereeing fundamentals is now becoming a pressing matter to address.

This unification will, furthermore, be beneficial to the Padel community during tournaments organization.

For this reason, the launch of a course managed by the top-governing body of the sport, will ensure help for those countries where referees' courses are not present and for those experienced professionals who wish to deepen their knowledge of the FIP assets.

2. OBJECTIVE

The first objective of these courses for International Padel Referee is shaping professional figures in the role of international arbitration experts.

Through this course the student aims to obtain the diploma of International Padel Referee (level 1)

The course is intended for all people wishing to deepen their knowledge, receive an ad-hoc training on arbitration matters and be part of the refereeing framework of the FIP.

The course addresses the following topics:

- Arbitrations knowledge.
- International Padel Federation knowledge.
- Rules of the game.
Rules and bylaws of the International Padel Federation

3. DIRECTION AND TEACHERS

The FIP is in charge of the referees' training through the organization of courses.

Each course teaching staff will be elected by the FIP.

4. GENERAL RULES

Registration requirements

- Be 18 years old on the day the course starts.
- Have a natural or corrected eyesight of 20-20 and normal hearing.
- Be in possession of the minimum academic title corresponding to the country of origin of the student.
- Be in possession of the valid license of the federation of their country of origin.

Contact emails

- For strictly academic matters (e.g., issues with the syllabus, questions about content or exercise corrections):
fippadelacademy@gmail.com

- For billing and banking matters (e.g., payment issues or invoice requests):
invoicing@padelfip.com
- For strictly administrative matters (e.g., document submission, anything related to registration, or exceptional payment requests):
fipacademy@padelfip.com

5. REGISTRATION & PLACE CONFIRMATION

The course will be delivered in Spanish and English, in separate groups for each language. Depending on the final number of applications and registrations, it may be necessary to open one or more groups per language. Each group will have a maximum capacity of between 20 and 25 participants.

Registrations shall be carried out exclusively through the National Federations or Associations that are Associate Members of the International Padel Federation (FIP), provided that a recognised entity exists in the applicant's territory.

Once the opening of the registration period has been notified through this document and via official communication by email to the member National Federations, any interested participant must contact their National Federation recognised by the FIP and request that their registration be processed.

For these purposes, only the member National Federations shall be responsible for channelling communication with FIP Academy, as well as for submitting the corresponding documentation for all their affiliated participants interested in taking part in the course.

Any registration submitted individually from a territory where a National Federation recognised by the FIP exists shall be considered invalid, unless previously and expressly agreed between the parties.

To formalise registrations, the Federations must send, before 17 May at 00:00 hours (GMT+1), in a single email to the address fipacademy@padelfip.com, the following documentation for each participant:

Completed registration application form.

Legible copy (photograph) of the national identity document.

Copy of the passport.

Copy of a valid federation licence.

Certificate of studies.



Where applicable, updated Federation billing details for the correct issuance of the invoice corresponding to the total amount for their participants.

Applicants who do not have a recognised National Federation in their territory may register individually by submitting the same documentation —excluding that relating to the Federation— and respecting the same deadlines and submission procedures. In such cases, they shall be subject to differences in fees and availability of places compared to applications submitted through member Federations.

Once all applications have been received and the registration period has closed, the FIP shall proceed with their evaluation. Based on the FIP activity in each country, each National Federation will be informed of the number of places allocated and the names of the selected participants.

In the event that places remain available in the course after all places have been allocated to the different National Federations, these may be filled by independent applications, which shall have lower priority and be subject to different fees. In any case, validation by the National Federation corresponding to the nationality or residence of each independent participant shall be required, provided that a recognised federation exists in their place of origin or residence, in order to formalise their final admission to the course.

Participants who are not admitted to the course shall be given priority in the registration process for the next edition.

Once the admission of participants has been communicated, the National Federations shall make a single payment covering the total amount for all their participants. In the case of independent participants, payment must be made individually by each participant.

In both cases, payment must be made in accordance with the provisions set out in the following section of this document, with a deadline of Monday 31 May.

Participants or Federations who, unless expressly agreed otherwise prior to the start of the course, have not paid the corresponding amount by the established deadline, shall not be allowed to take part in the course

6. PAYMENT

The course will have the following fees:



Applications submitted through a National Federation/Association: €350

Applications without a National Federation/Association: €450

The method of payment shall be the same for both cases, by bank transfer and in a single payment, once the registration of the participants has been confirmed by FIP, both to the National Federations —on behalf of all their representatives— and, where applicable, individually for independent participants.

Bank details:

Bank: CAIXABANK, S.A.

Branch: Corazón de María, 35. Madrid. Spain

IBAN: ES83-2100-1065-4713-0053-7087

BIC/SWIFT: CAIXESBBXXX

Reference: The full name of the participant must be indicated together with "Registration International Padel Referee Course (Level 1) – 10th edition"

Account holder: International Padel Federation

It shall be mandatory for the payer to be the same as the participant in the case of individual registrations. In the case of National Federations, as previously stated, they shall make a single payment covering all their participants, and it shall be the sole responsibility of each Federation to manage any internal reimbursements or collections from their respective members, this process remaining entirely outside the scope of FIP.

All payments must be made in euros and using OUR transfer instructions. This means that all costs arising from currency exchange, bank fees or transaction charges must be fully borne by the sender, in order to ensure that the full course fee is received in all cases and to avoid any financial discrepancies between countries or participants.

Once the payment has been made, proof of payment must be sent to the following email address: fipacademy@padelfip.com. This proof must clearly identify the payer, whether it is a National Federation — on behalf of all its participants— or the participant themselves in the case of independent registrations.

These measures are adopted with the sole purpose of improving administrative processing, ensuring payment traceability and enhancing the overall efficiency and experience for all parties involved: FIP, National Federations and participants.

For each payment made, FIP will issue the corresponding invoice, regardless of whether the payment is made by a National Federation or an independent participant. The billing details provided by independent participants shall be considered final and may not be modified once the invoice has been issued.

7. REFUNDS

In the event of withdrawn from the course, the registration fee will be entirely reimbursed only if advised with a minimum of 10 days before the course start.

8. ABILITATION

The diploma of International Padel Referee entitles to perform the following roles, depending on the levels obtained:

- Tournament Main Referee: being entitled to be the highest refereeing authority during official international tournaments with or without prize money.
- Judge Umpire: Being entitled to act as Judge Umpire during official international tournaments with or without prize money.
- Chair Umpire: Being entitled to act as Chair Umpire during matches of official national tournaments with or without prize money.

- Court Umpire: entitled to act as Court Umpire during official national tournaments with or without prize money.
- Trainee Umpire: entitled to act as Trainee Umpire during official national tournaments with or without prize money.

9. ACADEMIC CRITERIA

The FIP is in charge of the development of the course material.

10. ACADEMIC RULES

Attendance to the course is mandatory.

Students be absent from class upon request to the FIP and teaching staff, the absence must be justified officially.

The FIP and/or teaching staff will decide on the validity of the justification. Major cause reasons only will be accepted.

In any case, more than 2 hours of absence will not be allowed.

11. COURSE TIME GUIDELINES

The course is divided into 4 parts:

- Part 1: teacher-guided self-learning to be completed by the students before the classes.
- Part 2: classes delivered online through Teams. Students must be present to the classes delivered by the teacher.
- Part 3: Assignments. Students are requested to complete tasks and assignments elected by the teachers.
- Part 4: Practice. Once completed the theory part and received confirmation from the FIP, students will carry out practical tasks.

12. METODOLOGY

The course is based on a blended-learning approach. Students are required to assist to the classes on Teams and complete the guided self-learning complementarily.

The whole course, in its online and offline parts, is always supervised by an international referee.

Students will receive by email the relevant material for the course:

- Draw drafting
- Order of play
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making
- etc.

Each task shall be completed either individually or in group according to teachers' instructions.

Once completed, students are required to carry out practice during official events, through the International Federation.

To obtain the completion of the course, it is mandatory to complete all of its parts.

13. SYLLABUS

The syllabus includes all subjects relevant to the completion of the course.

- Rules of play
- FIP technical rules.
- Duties and procedures.
- Rules of conduct.
- Draw drafting/order of play.
- Reports/records.
- On-court practice.

We stress the importance of attending the course since the first day students receive the material. A proper training is crucial to the acquisition of necessary skills and to the completion of the course.

14. ASSESSMENTS

In order to obtain the diploma students must complete both the theoretical and practical parts of the course.

- **Theoretical part.** The final mark of this part is composed of the following assessments:
 - In-class attendance and participation (10%), which will be evaluated on two questions asked at any time during the course without previous notice.
 - Performance of exercises (10%) and resolution of case studies – requiring a coherent explanation from the students, including justification and critical thinking.
 - Final exam (80%) made of two parts. For this task no material consultation will be allowed.

Each subject will have its own individual exam, which must be passed by the student.

Candidates will have a maximum period of one year to pass each of the exams and complete the course. Once this period has expired, the candidate must retake the entire course.

In the event that a student does not pass the course after exhausting the evaluation opportunities included with their enrollment, they may, if still interested in completing the course, pay €50 for each pending subject in order to have a new evaluation opportunity in future sessions.

This option will be limited to a single exam per subject, with no further recovery opportunity, and will grant the student exclusively the right to take the exam, without taking part in the development or training activities of the course corresponding to that new edition.

If the FIP does not hold three exam sessions during the year, this period will be extended until a second session is effectively held.

In the case of another failure, the student must repeat the entire course, as it will be understood that they do not meet the minimum knowledge requirements for obtaining the certification, whose granting and guarantee fall under this Federation.

- **Practical part.** Once completed the theoretical part, students are asked to carry out the practical one.
 - The report of this part will be a suitability note: "suitable" or "not suitable".

The maximum period to complete the practical training associated with the course will be 24 months from the date of notification of having passed the theoretical part. If this deadline is not met, the theoretical part will be rendered void, and the student must retake the entire course in order to obtain the certification.

15. REVISION

Given the nature of the exams, no in-person revision will take place. The revision can be required by the students upon request to the Teaching Personnel. The solicitation shall be made no more than five (5) days after the exam results handover to be valid.

16. VALIDATIONS

Those person in possession of any National Referee licence in force, issued by any National Federation/Association member of the FIP, are entitled to ask for validation of any theoretical requirements form FIP, which will assess each case individually.

In order to obtain the diploma a qualification exam will be mandatory.

17. COURSE NOTES

Each students' final mark will be delivered personally delivered by email.

18. DIPLOMA

The FIP will send a diploma of **International Padel referee (level 1)** according to the level obtained.

Diplomas' delivery will be under FIP responsibility.

In the same way, an official credential will be sent. The latter, in order to be valid, shall always be accompanied by the federal licence in force.

19. ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

Classes will be delivered online through the TEAMS platform. An invitation link will be provided to all students to attend classes. Attendance is mandatory.

Course is made of six (6) modules where the most relevant principles around the topic in question will be addressed.

An opening meeting and the creation of a WhatsApp group will be organised by the course management to smoothen the delivery of any doubts or question around the course.

Before the beginning of each module, readings and case studies will be facilitated to the students. At the end each module, tests, tasks, and assignments – including questions to answer - will be facilitated to the students.

Notwithstanding the reading of the materials and the elaboration of the test or the corresponding activities, within each module the respective teacher will be available to attend to the queries that the students may formulate in relation to the issues raised around the subject matter.

Likewise, at the end of each of the classes, students will have access to the test or activity that will be used for the partial evaluation of its contents. The test or activity must be resolved, at the latest, before the start of the next module.

final mark will be the result of the sum of the partial marks obtained:

- Attendance and active participation during classes (10%)
- On course assessments (10%)
- Final assessment (80%)

20. ANNEX 1

20.1. International Padel referee course timeline (LEVEL I) 2026:

WEEK	DATE	MODULE	SUBJECT	DURATION	TEACHER
MODULE 1 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Rules of play 28/05/2026					
1	02/06/2026	0 -1	Introduction – Rules of play	90´	
1	03/06/2026	1	Rules of play	90´	
1	05/06/2026	1	Rules of play	90´	
2	09/06/2026	1	Rules of play	90´	
MODULE 1 TEST HANDOVER: Rules of play I - II from 05/06/2026					
MODULE 2 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Technical rules FIP TOUR 28/05/2026					
2	10/06/2026	2	Technical rules FIP TOUR	90´	
2	12/06/2026	2	Technical rules FIP TOUR	90´	
3	16/06/2026	2	Technical rules FIP TOUR	90´	
3	17/06/2026	2	Technical rules FIP TOUR	90´	
MODULE 2 TEST HANDOVER: Technical rules FIP TOUR I – II from 19/06/2026					
MODULE 3 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Duties and procedures 28/05/2026					
3	19/06/2026	3	Duties and procedures	90´	
4	23/06/2026	3	Duties and procedures	90´	
MODULE 3 TEST HANDOVER: Duties and procedures from 24/06/2026					
MODULE 4 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Rules of conduct 28/05/2026					
4	24/06/2026	4	Rules of conduct	90´	
4	26/06/2026	4	Rules of conduct	90´	
MODULE 4 TEST HANDOVER: Rules of conduct from 26/06/2026					
MODULE 5 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Draw draft and order of play 28/05/2026					
5	30/06/2026	5	Draw draft and order of play	90´	
5	01/07/2026	5	Draw draft and order of play	90´	
5	03/07/2026	5	Draw draft and order of play	90´	
MODULE 5 TEST HANDOVER: Draw draft and order of play from 03/07/2026					
MODULE 6 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Reports and Records 28/05/2026					
6	07/07/2026	6	Reports and Records	90´	
MODULE 6 TEST HANDOVER: Reports and Records from 08/07/2026					

20.2. Exams schedule

Week 7: July 14, 2026

- Modules: 1, 2, 3
 - Rules of play
 - Technical rules
 - Duties and Procedures
- Duration: 120 minutes

Week 7: July 15, 2026

- Módulos: 4, 5, 6
 - Rules of conduct
 - Resports and Records
 - Draw draft and Order of play.
- Duration: 120 minutes

Week 8: July 28, 2026

- Extraordinary test

Duration: 120 minutes

20.3. Course duration

From June 2nd to July 7th, 2026. The six modules that make up the course will be taught, followed by final exams.

The online classes and the exams will have two (2) timetable group options:

- From 12h00 to 13h30 (CET) Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- From 16h00 to 17h30 (CET) Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

20.4 Reminder of deadlines:

Until May 17th, 2026, at 23:59 p.m. (CET)

Once all applications have been received, the identity of the confirmed participants will be communicated. At that point, payment must be made and a payment receipt must be sent by Monday, May 31th.

The maximum number of students per group will be 25, and the course schedules may vary depending on the final number of enrolled participants. Any changes, if applicable, will be communicated through the usual channels, in due time and form.