



Pad Thai Padel Championship – Player's Handbook

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1. League Structure Overview

1.1 Divisions

Female Division (8 teams)

Phase 1 — Round Robin (7 matches each)

All eight teams play each other once.

→ Each team = **7 matches**

Phase 2 — Knockouts (semis + final)

- **Semifinalists (4):** top 4 from Championship Group
- **Semis:** 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 (seed using: Championship #1, #2, #3, #4).
- **Final:** winners of semis.
- 3rd place match - losers of semis.

Teams that don't reach semis stay at **7 matches** (promise met).

All others 9

Male Div 1,2,3,4 — 8 teams (round robin + semis + final)

- Round robin:
 - Matches per team: 7
 - Total RR matches: 28 ($8 \times 7 / 2$)
- Knockouts: **+4** (2 semis + 1 final+1 3rd place)
- **Total matches in division: 32**
- Workload per team:
 - Non-semifinalists: 7
 - Semifinalists (lose in semi): **9**
 - Finalists: 9

Mix Div 1 & 2 — 8 teams (round robin only + semis + final)

- Matches per team: 7
- Knockouts: **+4** (2 semis + 1 final+1 3rd place)
- **Total matches in division: 32**
- Workload per team:
 - Non-semifinalists: 7
 - Semifinalists (lose in semi): **9**
 - Finalists: 9

Promotions/Relegations

- **No playoff games.** Top team in each division goes **up**; bottom team goes **down**.
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2. Competition Rules

2.1 Match Format & Scoring

- Best of 3 sets.
- Silver point at deuce.
- Standard tiebreak.
- Third set = super-tiebreak (to 10 points).
- If time runs out: switch to golden point; if still no time, team with more games wins.
- Scoring:
 - 2-0 win: 3 pts (winner), 0 pts (loser).
 - 2-1 win: 2 pts (winner), 1 pt (loser).
 - No-show/forfeit: 3 pts (winner), 0 pts (loser).
- ⚠ Players must submit scores via the app after each match. If not submitted, the match won't count. Organisers only step in for score conflicts.

2.2 Match Timing Rules

- 90-minute slots (strict).
- Arrive 15 minutes early.
- Lateness - players running late for matches will inflict penalties. If 5 minutes late, the opposition will begin the match 1-0 in games. For every further 5 minutes, another game will be added. Example, if someone is 18 minutes late, the opposition would begin 3-0 up.
- If we reach 4-0 and over 20 minutes late, a walkover will be awarded, 6-0 6-0 to the opposition.
Host and league management will lead this decision making, and analyse time.

2.3 Introduction of Mixed - Rules

Mixed Category joins the league for the first time, with a proposed two divisions.

Rules

- Mixed doubles is governed by standard padel rules. No additional restrictions on style of play apply.
 - Any play deemed to be
 - Dangerous play
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - Abusive behaviour
 - Could result in a warning from League referee or organising committee. This does not mean 'one smash at the female player' = a warning.
 - In competition format, with cash prize available, style of play can not be determined.
 - However, repeated targeting of the body while smashing, may be determined to be dangerous or unsporting, which could result in warnings or disqualification.

2.4 Match Scheduling, Rescheduling & Substitutes

- **Scheduling**
 - All divisions will have a set day for their matches. Match times on that day will vary week to week.
 - Wednesday evenings
 - Mens Divisions 1
 - Womens Division
 - Sunday afternoons and evenings
 - Mens Divisions 2, 3 & 4
 - Mixed Divisions 1 & 2
- **Rescheduling:**

- 2 requests per team at time of entry
 - To accommodate requests, you could be asked to play on a different day from original schedule (but still Wednesday or Sunday), or twice on a Sunday (with reasonable breaks between matches)
- Once league is underway, reschedules will only be guaranteed in emergency situations.
 - Health or family emergencies, with documented evidence will be accepted.
 - Other reschedules can be requested, but can not be guaranteed.
 - Consistency will be applied throughout by league management and league management will have final say on all decision.
 - In the event of rain, and an unplayable outside court, the reschedule will be covered at the expense of Pad Thai Padel.
- **Substitutes:**
 - No substitutions permitted.
 - Focus on the two reschedules.
 - Once a match has begun, if an injury occurs and a player can not continue, no sub can be used. The match will be forfeited for the other team
 - If a named player is injured long term and can not play in the remainder of the league season, the team can request a long-term replacement.
 - The replacement must be of the same or lower level on the padel society app.
 - The league management will make a final decision on this and inform all other teams
 - Similarly, if an individuals situation dramatically changes, eg; forced to leave the country for good, a permanent sub can be requested.
 - For finals day, teams must be the original players.
 - If a team can not fulfil their team on finals day when they qualify, a sub may be chosen from the remaining 8 players from their league.

- The player must be of a lower level than the current player needing replaced, unless they are the lowest level player in the division. Then, we aim for the player closest in level.
- The league management have final say on all substitute situations.

2.5 Division Allocation for Teams

- Teams can request which Division they want to play, but based on entry numbers, this may not always be granted.
- League organisers will always work to ensure the most level playing field in each division, equalling the most competitive matches.
- Exceptions to this - the winning team from a division last year will always be given the chance to play in the division above the year after.
- Division 1, maybe not always be Division 1. If a series of significantly stronger players are to join the league, a new Division 1 may be 'formed', seeing previous years Division 1 players, drop to division 2 for example. In this scenario, prize moneys may be reviewed to ensure parity with the previous season. This will be determined based on the entries received.
- Aside from that, the League organisers will use the following guidelines to help decide which team plays in which division, should requests for a division be too high.
 - These are, but are not limited to;
 - Certified Level on The Padel Society - individually and combined score as a team
 - Note - there are anomalies in the certified levels in the app. If the organising committee feel this is the case for a player, they will contact them privately to discuss before making a final decision. The final decision could see an adjustment of the certified level score - either up or down.
 - Previous season performance

- Any other relevant documented performance data, such as Thai Padel Series, Bangkok Padel League, FIP or APPT results may be considered as relevant evidence.

2.6 Finals Day Rules

- **Semifinals:**
 - 1st vs 4th
 - 2nd vs 3rd
 - **Final:** Winners of semifinals.
 - Finals Day will be a special event dedicated to top 4 teams of All Divisions.
 - Mixed will play semi finals another day to lessen possible workload.
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3. Club Rules & Player Perks

- Club Access: 1h ice bath/sauna.
 - 1 free drink per match day - drink is choice of club from special menu.
 - Weekly sponsor perks.
 - Strict 90-min court time, no extra.
 - Respect all players; aggression = disqualification.
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4. League Communication

- Updates via **The Padel Society App** (Competitions & Community).
 - All announcements posted in the Community.
 - For questions:
 - Personal: reception or Host (Nan). Whatsapp Group will be created for comms with your team & division.
 - Competition-related: Community chat.
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5. Using The Padel Society App

- Check matches on homepage.
 - Submit scores (winner/sets).
 - View standings/schedules in Competitions.
 - Must join community for updates.
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6. FAQ

- **Can I sub?** No subs for one match. Only a permanent sub for remainder of league is allowed due to long-term injury, or emergency situations (eg someone being forced to leave country for considerable time).
- **Timeout?** Watch the clock; golden point if short. After 90 min → team with more sets/games wins.
- **Perks?** Free drink post-match, ice bath & sauna, pro-shop discounts, new balls/towels, sponsor perks.