

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Padel West State Series is to provide more frequent tournament play for WA padel players who have reached the standard of 3+ and above. The Padel West State Series aims to provide these players an equal opportunity to play against other players of a similar ability to enhance their padel experience and foster friendly rivalry, as a means of promoting & improving playing standards.

ENTRY DETAILS

1. Teams must NOMINATE online. Please note ONLINE NOMINATIONS ONLY will be accepted.
2. Padel West designates the minimum number of teams that must be nominated for the tournament.
3. Players must be a minimum 3+ level. Levels are determined by Padel West.
4. Partners must be either the same level, or one level above/below each other to compete as a pair. Padel West has discretion if there are any exceptions to this rule.
5. Mixed gender teams are eligible.
6. Entries are to be confirmed by no later than **7 days** prior to the date of commencement of the tournament (State Series).
7. The entry fee for the first two tournaments will be \$60 per player to be paid when teams are confirmed by Padel West.

ENTRY ACCEPTANCE

1. Pairs will be accepted based on level at the discretion of Padel West for the first two tournaments.
2. Seedings will be allocated at the discretion of Padel West for the first two (2) consecutive State Series tournaments.
3. After two (2) tournaments (State Series), an assessment will be made on whether acceptance and seedings will be based on accumulated points gained in the previous two (2) tournaments (State Series) or whether another State Series tournament based on Padel West's discretion needs to be played.
4. Pairs will be accepted and seeded according to the combined points totals of the players in the pair.
5. One wildcard per division may be allocated to players/pairs without points or less points than another pair and they will be seeded at the discretion of Padel West.

DRAW

1. The top seeded pair will be placed in Group A and the second seeded team will be placed in Group B. Pairs seeded 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, are then drawn at random, with the first drawn pair placed in Group A.

FORMAT

1. The tournament will be played over a weekend (2 days). Each pair's Day 1 matches will be played in a 2 hour time period and Day 2 matches over a 3/4 hour time period.
2. All matches including Playoff & Grand Final matches will be two tie break sets, with a Match Tie Break (10 points), if one set all.
3. Division 1 and 2 will each have have two groups, Group A and Group B with 4 pairs in each group.
4. Pairs in each group will play 3 Round Robin matches and a playoff match; four matches total (two on day 1 and two on day 2).
5. The top finishing pairs in Group A and Group B will play in the Grand Final for 1st and 2nd place.
6. The teams finishing 2nd, 3rd, 4th in Group A & Group B will play off for 3rd to 8th positions.
7. If inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstance affects the schedule after the tournament has commenced, and the tournament is determined to be completed, formats may be shortened at the discretion of Padel West.

POINTS ALLOCATION

See attached appendix for details

1. Points will be accrued over a two year period dated from a player's first tournament (State Series).
2. Points will come off a player's total, two years after the tournament was played.
3. In the event that two or more teams finish with the same match win/loss (W/L) ratio:-
 - For two pairs on the same match W/L ratio; the head to head winner will be higher in the group standings.
 - For three pairs on the same match W/L ratio; the pair with the higher sets won/total percentage will be higher in the group standings. A Match Tie Break (MTB) will be counted as a set.
 - If the sets won/total percentage is equal, then the pair with the higher games won/total percentage will be higher in the group standings.

WITHDRAWALS & INJURIES

1. Refunds will not be issued if a player/pair withdraws less than 3 days prior to commencement of the tournament unless they find a suitable substitute player/pair or a medical certificate is submitted. In the case of an unforeseen circumstance/emergency Padel West will use discretion whether to refund the player/pair.
2. Substitute players must be of similar standard to the player(s) that they will be replacing. Approval must be determined by Padel West.
3. If a player is injured and withdraws once the tournament has commenced, during a match or otherwise, that pair will not be permitted to take part in any further matches for the duration of the tournament.
4. Substitutes will be allowed once the tournament has commenced, however any matches played with a substitute will not count towards that pair's final group standing/placing.

5. Points will be allocated at Padel West's discretion for any pair that withdraws at any stage of the tournament.
6. In the case of a pair withdrawing after the tournament has commenced, but before the commencement of their 3rd group match, for any match they have played or scheduled matches due to be played, their (and their opponents') matches won/lost WILL count towards the final group standing. However their (and their opponents') sets & games won/total percentage WILL NOT count towards either's total for those matches played and scheduled matches to be played between a withdrawing pair and their opponents.
7. If a pair withdraws during their 3rd group match, for example: losing 6-4 3-2, then that match's sets and games won WILL count towards the winning and losing pairs' sets and games/total percentage. (2-0 in sets and 6-4 6-2 in games).
8. If there is a tie in the group standings between the withdrawing pair and any other pair, the withdrawing pair automatically goes below the other pair/pairs in every scenario.
9. If, for example, the withdrawing pair end up finishing 3rd in the group they will forfeit the 5th/6th playoff match and they will finish 6th. A substitute can play, but the match will be a friendly. The pair that finishes 4th in the group will play the 7th/8th playoff match as normal.

DEFAULTS

1. Unless otherwise agreed/communicated to Padel West, if a player/pair fails to appear for a scheduled match between 15 & 30 minutes after the scheduled commencement time, the offending pair will forfeit the first set (6-0). If a player/pair fails to appear more than 30 mins after the scheduled match time, that pair will be defaulted from the match.
2. The match will be recorded as a 6-0, 6-0 win to the pair not in default. The match, sets and games won and lost WILL count towards both pair's totals at the completion of the group stage.
3. The defaulted team may continue to play the following scheduled matches.

SCHEDULING

1. Padel West may reschedule a tournament due to forecasted inclement weather/courts deemed unplayable prior to the commencement of the tournament. If a new date is set, and a player/pair are not available, the draw may be fully or partially adjusted with refunds offered to those players that are not available.
2. If the tournament has commenced & wet weather disrupts play, players must wait a for period of one (1) consecutive hour, before a decision is made to abandon play. Padel West will determine if the tournament is rescheduled or abandoned based on how many matches have been completed on the day.
3. In the event that the remaining matches are abandoned/not rescheduled, points will be allocated based on completed matches.

DISPUTES

1. Padel West has absolute discretion when determining disputes.

MATCH BALLS

1. Slazenger Padel balls will be used exclusively for all State Series Tournaments.