



2023 Competition Structure

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Competition Format

USPA Major Circuit

- USPA Master Final (1)
 - The Master Final rotates regions yearly.
- Major Championships (3)
 - Each region allocated one Major.

Competition Format

USPA Open Circuit

- USPA 1000 (3)
 - Each region allocated one USPA 1000.
- USPA 500 (no more than 10)
 - Will not have regional allocations.
- USPA 250
 - Designed for smaller facilities with a relatively smaller number of participants.
- USPA 100
 - Facilities looking to host a second or third tournament in 2023 will host a USPA 100.

Competition Format

USPA Senior and Junior Circuits

- Senior circuit tournaments (up to 9) and a Master Final
 - Each region to host one Major tournament.
 - Master Final will rotate regions on a yearly basis.
- Junior circuit tournaments (up to 9) and a Master Final
 - Each region to host one Major tournament.
 - Master Final will rotate regions on a yearly basis.

Categories of Play

Major Circuit

- Men's & Women's Open

Open Circuit

- Categories of play will be determined by number of registrations and USPA ranking.
- *No longer will players be able to sign up for specific divisions unless they are age-specific.*

Senior and Junior Circuits

- Seniors: Men's (35+, 45+, 55+) & Women's (30+, 40+, 50+).
- Juniors: both Boys and Girls (12-under, 14-under, 16-under, and 18-under).

Entry Requirements

Master Final

- Top 8 teams according to combined point total from the USPA rankings.
- Waitlist will be maintained according to combined point total of the USPA rankings (8 max teams).

Major Championships

- Top 56 teams according to combined point total from the USPA rankings.
 - Optional: 8 wildcard teams at tournament director's discretion, if desired.
- Waitlist will be maintained according to combined point total of the USPA rankings (64 max teams).

Open Circuit

- Top 14 teams according to combined point total from the USPA rankings will compete in the first draw.
 - Optional: 2 wildcard teams for each draw at tournament director's discretion, if desired.
- A new draw will be created after a 16-team draw has been filled.
 - *Example: 40 female teams sign up for a tournament. The top 16 ranked teams will compete in the top draw, the next 16 will compete in the second draw and the final 8 teams will compete in the third draw.*

Entry Requirements

Senior and Junior Circuits

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 - Optional: 2 wildcard teams for each draw at tournament director's discretion, if desired.
- A new draw will be created after a 16-team draw has been filled.

Master Final

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- Waitlist will be maintained according to combined point total of rankings (8 max teams).

Draw Regulations

Seeding

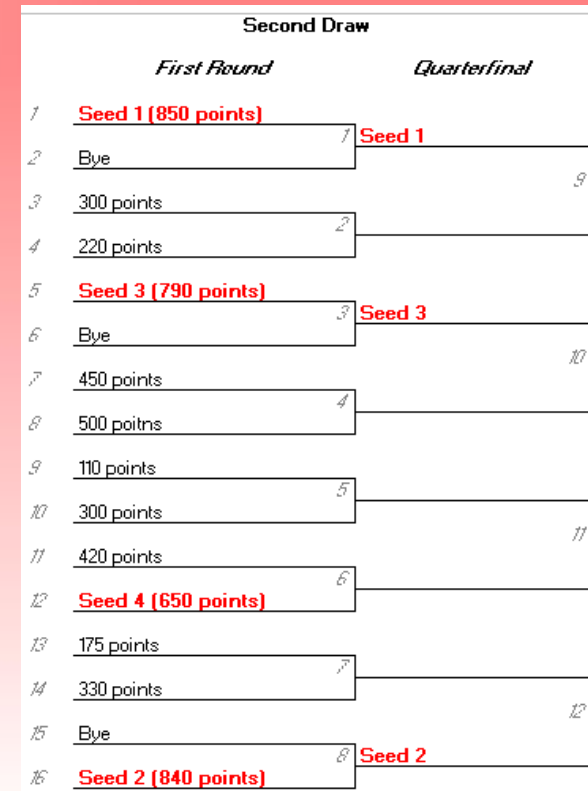
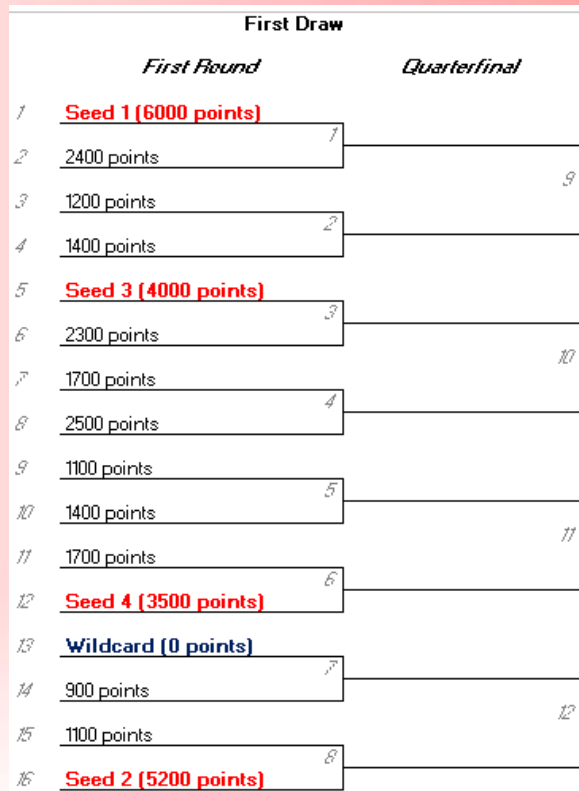
- All events shall seed according to the following criteria:
 - A team's combined USPA point total from the USPA rankings at the close of registration.

Draws

- Byes are to be placed in the draw after the seeds.
 - Any non-seeded team awarded a Bye shall be done so at random, not by placement.
- All non-seeded teams are to be drawn into their positions in the bracket.
 - The act of placing non-seeded teams in the bracket other than by random draw is prohibited.
- The highest ranked non-seeded team and the lowest ranked non-seeded team are managed the exact same for draw purposes: as non-seeded.
 - *Note: The 'best' team may also be a non-seeded team. If this happens to be the case and they are drawn to play the number one seed first round, then they play the number one seed first round. The players may not like this, but draws are meant to maintain some level of randomness. Seeded teams are not entitled to a 'good draw' every tournament, but they are entitled to not play other seeded teams until later in the tournament. The draw regulations are consistent with FIP, WPT, ATP and USTA.*
- Further instructions on how to place seeds, Byes and non-seeded teams in the draw are outlined in the 2023 USPA Handbook.

Draw Regulations

- Examples of first draw and second draw construction according to point totals.
- No team in the second draw has a higher point total than any team in the first draw with exception of the wildcard.



Tournament Organization

Pre-Tournament Organization		
	Major Circuit	Open, Junior and Senior Circuits
Registration management	USPA Website	USPA Website
Membership collection	USPA Website	USPA Website
Competition formats	USPA and Tournament CRM	Tournament director and Tournament CRM
Scoring formats	USPA	Tournament director*
Scheduling	Tournament director and Tournament CRM	Tournament director and Tournament CRM
Draw formatting	Tournament director and Tournament CRM	Tournament director and Tournament CRM
Seeding	Tournament CRM	Tournament CRM
Changes to the draw	USPA	Tournament director*

* USPA can assist clubs in all pre-tournament aspects if needed. Tournament director must adhere to USPA sanctioning guidelines in all aspects.

Tournament Organization

Conducting the Tournament		
	Major Circuit	Open, Junior and Senior Circuits
Collects fees	USPA Website	USPA Website
Maintains schedule	Tournament director	Tournament director
Documents results	Tournament director	Tournament director
Supervises all aspects of play	Tournament director*	Tournament director*
Provides supplies, first aid, etc.	Tournament director	Tournament director

* Tournament director runs all sanctioned tournaments. USPA is available to provide limited support as needed.

- Clubs will receive proceeds from entry fees net of CRM fees collected by the USPA.
- Proceeds from entry fees will be disbursed to the club no later than 5 days following the close of registration.

2023 Point Allocations

Details

- The practice of allocating points based on draw size is being eliminated.
- Allocation of points based on draw hierarchy will remain consistent:
 - First draw: 100% points allocation
 - Second draw: 20% points allocation
 - Third draw: 4% points allocation
 - Fourth draw: 0.08% points allocation
- Teams must win a match in the front draw in order to earn front draw points. If a team receives a bye and/or loses their first match, they will receive back draw points.
- Senior and Junior circuits will maintain a separate point allocation and ranking for each category. These tournaments will not allocate points to the open circuit ranking and points earned from the open circuit will not count towards the Senior and Junior circuits.

Best Of Seven and Best of Three

- In the Open Circuit, a player's best seven tournaments will count towards their ranking.
- In the Senior and Junior Circuit, a player's best three tournaments will count towards their ranking.

The Rankings

Best of Seven Example: Season results for a player in different age groups

	USPA 500	USPA 1000	Major	USPA 1000	Senior Major	Major	USPA 100	USPA 250	Junior Major	Open Master	Junior Master	Open Point Total	Senior Point Total	Junior Point Total
Player A 27 y. old	300	1000	200	360		720	100	150		540		3250		
Player B 56 y. old	35		20	180	200	20	13	40				308	200	
Player C 14 y. old	180	180	40	70		80	36	2	2000		780	588		2780

The Rankings

Purpose

- To encourage participation.
- To create an objective, mathematical-based system that rewards the players with the *best* results.
- To determine the qualification for entry into various tournaments.
- To determine seeding in all tournaments.
- To determine selections for all Team USA tryouts.

Team USA

Selection Criteria for Absolute, Senior and Junior Teams

- 75% of the players for each national team will be automatically selected via ranking. The highest ranked eligible player will have top priority, followed by the second highest, etc.
 - In a scenario where the number of required players is not divisible by 75%, the USPA will round down.
 - *Example: 22 players are required for an event. $22 \times 75\% = 16.5$; 16 players will be chosen by ranking and the remaining six at large.*
- The remaining 25% of players will be chosen by the Team USA National Coach and Assistants.

Selection Dates and deadlines

- All information will be published on the USPA's website (www.padelusa.org).
- Applicants will be selected according to the rankings as of the deadline date for applications.

Tournament Corporate Guidelines

The USPA is working hard to provide value for facilities and to create a standardized delivery for all sanctioned tournaments. To support the proper growth of padel and preserve the interest of our sponsors, we carefully ask everyone to follow the guidelines below:

Tournament Flyer

- Please include USPA sponsor logos as shown in examples in the following slides.

Onsite Branding

- We encourage tournament directors to display banners provided by the USPA. This will help to create a professional appearance at all USPA tournaments.

Other Details

- The USPA recommends tournament directors work with the brands they stock in their pro shops to provide balls, and or prizes to enhance the player experience. If the USPA receives a national product sponsor, these products will be passed onto clubs that host tournaments to help reduce costs
- The USPA really appreciates your efforts and will continue working hard to bring increased value to the players.
- By growing participation, we all win.

Let's grow Padel in the USA together!



NAME OF TOURNAMENT

1000 TIER 1 EVENT

CATEGORIES

DATES

ENTRY DEADLINE

Date/time of start first game

Tournament Director and details

Scoring system main and back draw

Entry fee

Location

Sign up details

Prizes

Other details

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Required USPA license

www.padelusa.org





MADRID PADEL OPEN

MARCH 15-17

1000 TIER 1 EVENT

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 9, 3 PM
First match: Friday March 15 9AM

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:
Peter Owens peter@owens.com
(785) 234 5555

ENTRY FEE: \$75
Venmo: @peterowens

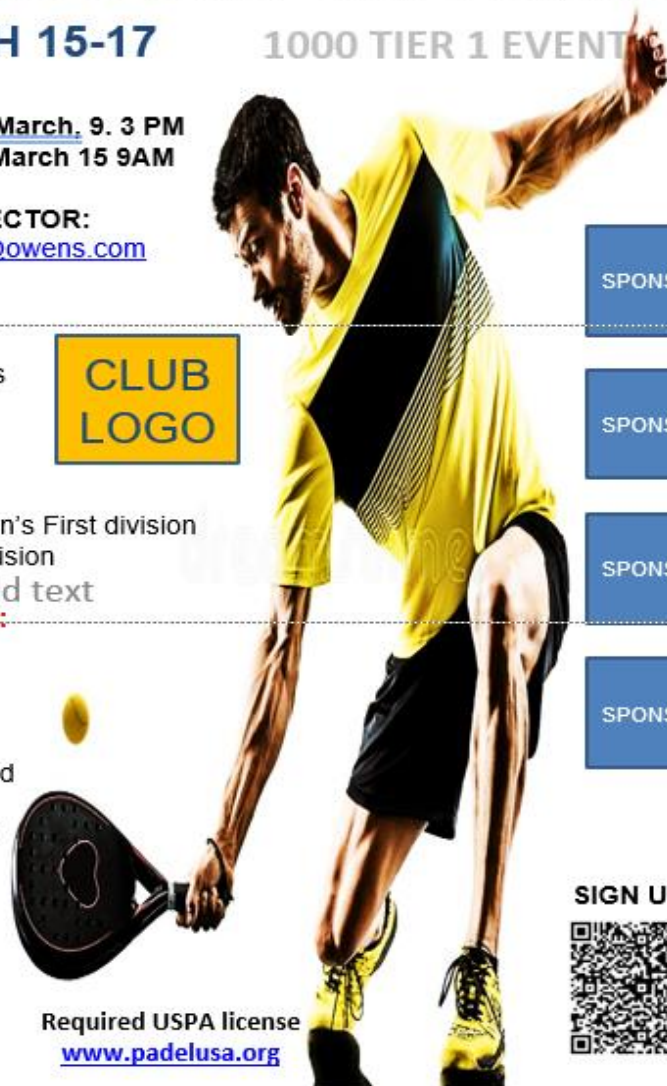


- CATEGORIES:**
- Men's Open
 - Women's Open
 - Men's and Women's First division
 - Men's second division

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