

## IMPORTANT PLAYER UPDATES – PLEASE READ

### STAR POINT SCORING (EFFECTIVE JAN 2026)

All USA Padel-sanctioned tournaments now use the Star Point scoring system. Star Point is best explained as playing two deuces and advantages; on the third deuce, a deciding point is played. At the deciding point, the receiving team chooses the service side.

THE WINNING TEAM SHOULD REPORT THE SCORE AND RETURN THE BALLS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MATCH FINISHES.

PLAYERS SHOULD ARRIVE 30 MINUTES AHEAD OF THEIR SCHEDULED MATCH TIME, AS THE TOURNAMENT MAY BE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. BOTH PLAYERS MUST BE ON THE COURT IN THE WARMUP, NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES AFTER THE MATCH IS CALLED.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT TOWARD OPPONENTS, OFFICIALS, COACHES, OR STAFF IS NOT TOLERATED, AND THE USA PADEL USES THE FIP TABLE OF PENALTIES. Player Violations

- a) First infraction: Warning
- b) Second infraction: Warning with point loss.
- c) Third infraction: Warning with disqualification

Coach Violations:

- a) First infraction: Warning
- b) Second infraction: Expulsion from the match.

ALL MATCH FORMATS AND RULES ARE GOVERNED BY THE USA PADEL RULES & REGULATIONS

FOR FULL DETAILS, PLEASE REFER TO THE USA PADEL RULES & REGULATIONS.

### COACHING RULES & CONDUCT

Coaching is permitted only during changeovers and must follow these rules:

- One coach per team only
- Coaches must remain seated in the designated bench area near the doors
- Coaches may not stand, lean against glass, sit behind courts, move between courts, or come and go frequently
- Coaches may not communicate with opponents
- Coaches may not call scores, lines, or act as a referee
- Coaches may not coach during points or between points

Failure to follow coaching rules may result in warnings, penalties, or removal of the coach.

### BACK DRAW WITHDRAWALS

If a player or team chooses not to play a back draw (consolation) match, they must notify the Tournament Director as soon as possible.