

# **DRAW GENERAL RULES**

## **2022-2023**

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- All matches will be best of 3 full sets and golden point system in the event of a tie at 40-40.
- The top players are seeded on the basis of the EPT ranking.
- To know the total points of a couple for the purposes of determining the seeds, points from both players will be added. The order of seeds will be established according to that value.
- If two couples are tied for points in the classification, the order between them will be decided by a draw.
- The player who does not appear in the classification will be considered as zero points.
- Competitions will be held through the direct elimination system.

## **TYPES OF DRAW**

The Competitions will be made up of draws of Final Rounds (Final Draw), Qualification Rounds and Pre-Qualification Rounds. The Final Draw in the men's category will consist of:

- 32 couples in the Master tournaments;
- 28 in the Open tournaments and the Challenger tournaments (in the latter, players in the first 12 positions of the EPT ranking will not be able to participate).

In the female category, the Final Draw will consist of:

- 32 couples in the Master; and
- 28 couples in Open and Challenger (in Challenger Tournaments, the players in the first 8 positions of the EPT ranking will not be able to participate).

## **Final Draw of 32 couples - 28 + 4 (Male and female Master)**

- Composition: The first 28 couples by ranking directly classified and the 4 winning couples of the quarterfinals of the Qualification round.
- Seeds: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8, also drawn among themselves and the remaining couples drawn together with the four from the Qualification round.

### **Final Draw of 28 pairs - 24 + 4 (Open and Challenger male and female)**

- Composition: The first 24 couples by ranking directly classified and the 4 winning couples of the quarterfinals of the Qualification round.
- Seeds: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8, also drawn among themselves and the remaining couples drawn together with the four from the Qualification round. Heads 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be exempt from playing the first round.

### **Qualification Round Draw 16 + 8 (Men's Tournaments)**

- Composition: 16 couples classified directly and 8 couples from the Pre-Qualification Draw.
- Seeds: For this draw, the system of double number of seeds will be established. The couples between positions 29 to 44 (in the Master category) and 25 to 40 (in the Open category and the Challenger category) by ranking will be placed in the round prior to the quarterfinal stages of the Qualifying Round. 8 of these 16 couples will be seeds and will be placed as follows: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 also drawn among themselves. A draw will determine how the rest of the couples.

### **Qualification Round Draw 12 + 4 (Women's Tournaments)**

- Composition: 12 couples classified directly and 4 couples from the Pre- Qualification Draw.
- Seeds: For this table, the system of double number of series heads will be established. The couples between positions 29 to 36 (in the Masters category) and 25 to 32 (in the Open category or the Challenger category) by ranking will be placed in the round prior to the quarterfinal stages of the Qualifying Round. These 8 couples will be series heads and will be placed as follows: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 also drawn among themselves.
- The 4 winning couples of the quarterfinals of the Qualification Round will qualify for the Final Draw.

### **Pre- Qualification Round Draw**

- Composition: Rest of couples not classified by ranking in the Final Draw or in the Qualification Round Draw, of which a maximum of four in the male and female category can be a wild card.
- Seeds: The number of seeds will come as the result of adding up the couple's ranking points of EPT tour. The highest 8 couples will be seeded from the highest to the lowest.
- The eight winning couples of the round prior to the quarterfinal stages of the Pre-qualifying round will qualify for the qualifying round.

### **WILD CARD**

In a tournament it is awarded to couple that fails to qualify in the normal way, for example by having a high ranking or winning a qualifying stage.

The wild card request (Pre-Qualification draw) must be done personally by the couple and always within a maximum period of 7 days prior to the closing of the registration at 12:00 noon, unless the closing date had been changed, and it had been published.

on the Web or APP. The players must fill in the corresponding application, which will be made available for such purposes for each Tournament, on the Official Website EPT ([www.eastpadeltour.com](http://www.eastpadeltour.com)). In order for the request to be registered, it will be necessary to fill in all the "mandatory" fields in the application taking into account that wild card request will only be considered for the pre-Qualification and final draw stages.

Once the wild cards have been granted and communicated, the player himself will be in charge of verifying that his registration has been uploaded to the list of registered participants of the corresponding tournament, and the Organization must be notified of any incident before registration closes.

In the Pre-Qualifying Round, EPT may award a maximum of four wild cards in both female and male categories. In the female category, the number of wild cards may increase if the EPT Organization understands that this may be beneficial for the development of the Competition and the Circuit itself.

## LUCKY LOSER

The notices of withdrawal must be notified urgently to EPT, by e-mail or any other means that allows to have a record of it and receive confirmation of receipt by EPT. In case of not being able to confirm the absence, the draws will not change.

In case of withdrawal, no variations in the formation of the couple will be admitted, which will be out of the competition.

### Final Draw Restructuring:

If the withdrawal is confirmed before 6:00 p.m. the day before the start of the competition (first match of the Pre-Qualification Phase), the following changes will be made in the Final Draw:

- If a couple from the Main Draw (couple 1st to 24th / 28th of the list of registered players) withdraws, the position will be occupied by a draw among the 4 qualifying couples from the Qualifying Round.
- If a couple from the Qualification Draw (couple 25th/40th to 41st/ 45th of the list of registered players) withdraws, the position will be occupied by a draw among the 4 qualifying couples from the pre-Qualifying Round.
- If a couple from the Pre-Qualification Draw withdraws, the position will be occupied by the first couple discarded from the list of registered players. In the event of a second withdrawal, the position shall be occupied by the second pair discarded and so on.

In the case of not having a Lucky Loser, a WO will be applied. If the withdrawal is confirmed after the start of the Final Draw, a W.O. will be applied as well.

Under normal circumstances, the lucky loser draw will take place immediately after the end of the respective round. In order to enter said draw, at least one member of the couple must be present.

In any special situation (inability to carry out the draw, when justified, under the conditions established; Qualification round), it will be EPT, who informs the players and establishes the conditions and procedures that must be followed (place of the draw, person in charge of it, etc).

### **MAKING THE DRAWS:**

Position of the top two seeds: number 1 will be placed on the top line of the draw and number 2 will be placed on the bottom. The rest of the seeds will be placed in the draw as follows:

- Seeds 3 and 4: their placement will be determined by a draw and they will not meet 1 and 2 until the semifinal.
- Seeds 5, 6, 7 and 8, if any: their placement will be determined by a draw and they will not face another seed until the quarterfinals, or each other until semifinals.
- A draw will determine the placement of the rest of couples.
- The four classified from the Qualification round who qualify for the Final Draw will raffle their position in the draw, and their positions must be marked by letters (A, B, C and D) in said Final Draw.

The eight couples classified from the Pre-Qualification Draw will advance to the round of 16 of the Qualification final draw and will raffle their positions in that draw. Their positions must be marked by letters (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) in the Qualification