



# NORMATIVA

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## 1.1 FORMAT, UPGRADE & DOWNGRADE

The LAPI for the 2019/2020 teams will be composed, both in male and female categories, by 3 divisions (gold, silver and bronze) which will be divided into specific groups.

In both categories there are two phases: the Regular Phase and the Qualifying Round for the title. Once all the matches are played, a global ranking of all the teams will come out, by which the final categories of each one will be assigned.

Description of the phases.

**1ª.- REGULAR PHASE:** A regular league is played, either in a one-way or two-ways format, depending on the number of teams that forms each category, the organization reserves the right not to execute a category in the area if it does not reach the minimum of 5 teams.

- The regular phase of this category will only be one-way.

-After playing the regular phase there will be a final encounter where he will play 1st against 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> against 7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> against 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> against 5<sup>th</sup> both ways.

-Once the regular phase and the last encounter are disputed, the four teams with the most points will play the semifinals and final over the weekend of the Final Four.

**2ª.- ELIMINATORY BY THE TITLE: Once the Regular Phase is over, some categories will form a single elimination table.**

Once the competition is over, the last two classified of the 1st category will downgrade (relegation) immediately to a lower category (silver or bronze) and the best two of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> category will upgrade (promotion), without having to play any match.

- The rest of the categories will secure the place through the same system, although the LAPI does not maintain restrictions on new teams and new teams can enter from 2nd category, only the 1st Male and Female will be restricted to 8 teams.

The 2019/2020 LAPI will be governed by the Paddle Game Regulations, which entered into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 ([www.padelfederacion.es](http://www.padelfederacion.es)).

**3ª.- FINAL FOUR:** the four best of each category will compete to be the champions of the 2019/2020 LAPI League. During the Final Four phase (direct elimination) teams must play two matches, same as in the Regular phase but a third game will be played in case of a tie (1-1). The third pair can be selected among all the players called for that game even if they have already played previous games.

**4.- MOBILE APPLICATION:** In February the mobile application will be sent to all captains and players in which they can consult and execute the entire development of the league.

## 1.2. ENCOUNTERS

Each match consists of two matches that will be played between couples 1 and 2 of each team. The configuration of the couples will be the one marked by the Regulations of this document (point 1.4.). All matches will be played in a maximum of 3 sets, with tie-breaks in case of draw.

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The functioning of the matches will be detailed in the following points:

- ✓ *The team that wins both matches will be the winner. 4 points are added for the victory and the loser loses 1 point. In case of a one-match tie, both teams will win two points.*  
In the event of a draw after the regular phase, will be taken into account: encounters won, then the games won, sets won and finally the matches won.
- ✓ The teams that dispute a match must be present at the host's facilities *at least 10 minutes before the time marked for the start of the first match*, with the 4 players ready to play, even if there are bad weather conditions (rain, snow, wind ...) in its facilities.
- ✓ If a team does not have the 4 players ready to play after 10 minutes of the time in which the start of the match is scheduled, the team will have lost that match. This rule is not applicable if the club does not have the tracks available for possible delays, in that case they must wait for the orders of the person in charge of the facilities.
- ✓ The Final Four of the League will be played in a single Club to be decided and the date will be marked 60 days in advance. After finishing the matches, the participants will be summoned to the awards ceremony of all divisions.

### **1.3. GAME ORDER**

LAPI will announce all the dates and the schedules at least 30 days in advance to the different SEDES clubs. The schedule can be consulted on the web and mobile application, the captains will make sure that all the members of your team are informed of the schedule. The order of the matches does not have to coincide LOCAL-VISITOR, VISITOR-LOCAL, although after the regular phase all teams must have played the same number of games (This is subject to exceptions).

### **1.4. SETUP OF THE TEAMS**

The captain or who acts as captain should present themselves at the reception and register through the app his 4 players so that the draw can take place. It will also be essential for each player to present their ID.

For an optimal operation regarding the setup of the teams, the following rules and guidelines should be taken into account:

- ✓ If any of the captains finds irregularities in any player of the rival's partners, he must let the opposing captain know within a 10-minute margin, so that the relevant corrections could be made. If the irregularity in the formation of the team is not corrected, the captain of the rival team must state it to the League Directorate so that they can decide whether a sanction should be taken.
- ✓ Once the confrontation has begun, no captain can claim on the composition of the partners of the opposing team. The Directorate of the League decides on the claims that are presented once the encounter is over. The captains are held responsible for the correct pairing of the teams.
- ✓ *No more than one player of the 10 best players of the Absolute Ranking of the province (Male-Female) nor of the 100 best WPT players may participate in the same lineup.*
- ✓ The composition of the couples in the male and female categories on the team sheet will be freely set by the captain of each team, or the person that replaces him or her instead.
- ✓ If in a match, the captain of a team aligns a player who is not on his team, he will lose the match 2 games to 0 and will be sanctioned with 2 points less in the group classification

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and, if it is a tie of the 2nd phase, he will lose it by 2 games to 0 and will be eliminated from the competition.

- ✓ In the male teams may have a woman in their ranks, this rule not being applicable to women's teams
- ✓ No player may participate in more than one team

### **1.5. NO SHOWS**

If a team is not full to play a confrontation or does not meet the 4 players, they will be announced as defeated with a score of 2 to 0 and will also be sanctioned with a loss of 2 points for the classification of the group. *Those who have notified in advance of the impossibility to play and avoid the displacement of the other team are not considered as "no show"*. In that case, they will lose the match but will not be penalized with a loss of 2 points. It is very important to notify the organization within **72 hours** if a team is not going to be able to play so that the club could dispose freely of the space available.

- ✓ It will be considered that a team has not presented itself to a confrontation when 10 minutes have passed since the start of the matches (or since the designated track is free) and the two or more of its players are not ready to play the match that corresponds to them.
- ✓ If you do not show up for a second time, you will be eliminated from the competition, canceling all previous results. Recidivism will therefore result in the expulsion of the league, and the downgrade for the following year, having to dispute the next league in a lower division

### **1.6. DEFERMENT REQUEST**

If a team wishes to request a postponement, they may do so provided that they meet the following requirements:

- ✓ The request should be made 15 days before the date on which the tournament is held
- ✓ The captain of the other team has to accept the change
- ✓ The postponed match should be disputed within the following 8 days
- ✓ If the match is not played within the following 8 days, the team that requested it will have automatically lose the match with a score of 2-0
- ✓ The LAPI organization will be in charge of mediating between both teams. They can NEVER make the changes between them without notifying the organization.
- ✓ The match must be played at the headquarters of the team that has NOT REQUESTED the postponement and therefore lose its local advantage.
- ✓ Postponements may not be requested during the qualifying rounds or at the FINAL FOUR.

### **1.7. SCHEDULE AND FACILITIES**

- ✓ The conference will be organized by the Directorate of the league, which will be available for consultation on the website and on the app
- ✓ The game hours will usually start at 4:00 p.m. / 5:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. (Open hours) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and on special occasions at 12:30 p.m.
- ✓ Game schedules will be available at all times.
- ✓ *The Organization reserves the right to vary in a maximum of 1 hour the beginning of the confrontation if necessary with respect to its local time.*
- ✓ If the FACILITIES were not available for events of the installation or for overlapping of equipment, the League Directorate may redirect the teams to another club provided that

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the installation is the same (that is, of the same type) or improves the conditions of the HEADQUARTERS CLUB. This headquarters will be marked well in advance and both teams will comply with the change of Headquarters, this change will be notified to the captains through WhatsApp and once they give the OK they will be responsible for transmitting it to their team.

- ✓ If matches overlap in the same hour, the second team that competes will be assigned to other facilities. If these were to be also occupied, the organization reserves the right to be able to derive the confrontation to another installation as long as it is the same type than the first facilities (indoor-glass for example)
- ✓ In general, the 2 simultaneous matches will be played, although it is up to the facilities to choose to play a 1 + 1, this means that some of the matches can start with a little delay with respect to the time marked. Players can check the calendar posted on the website every week if they will be simultaneous or not to plan their trips.

## **1.8. EVENTS**

The events will be organized online through the app, both captains will fill in the minutes and confirm the result of both parties. In the event of any technical incident related or not to the application, the clubs will have physical records that can be requested by the captains to exercise the confrontation by sending a photon WhatsApp to the phone of the organization.

## **2. REGISTRATION**

Available on the website <https://lapileague.com/>. See the pre-registration section.

### **2.1. CONDITIONS**

Only those who have signed the participation sheet and have a minimum of two tracks may become Club Members.

The club may register as many teams as it wishes, both male and female, assigning them letters or colors to be differentiated.

- ✓ The teams will consist of a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 8 at the time of registration, one of whom must be the captain. Each team will use 4 players to play the 2 games of each match.
- ✓ A team may incorporate a new player at any time by paying the medical insurance and enrolling it correctly in the organization, if there was a proven injury with medical leave or express medical recommendation another player may be included.
- ✓ A player may not participate in more than one category.
- ✓ The minimum age to play in the LAPI is 13 (born year 2007), without maximum age.

### **2.2. THE TEAM CAPTAIN**

The team captain is the person designated by the team that is responsible for the team's performance in the league.

The functions of the team captain are:

- ✓ Know the Rules of the game and the Regulations of the League and enforce them to the players of your team.
- ✓ Maintain contact with the Directorate of the league and always be informed of the evolution of the competition.
- ✓ Ensure punctuality and sports ethics of the players in your team.

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- ✓ When your team acts as a local, establish communication with the captain of the opposing team (both mentioned at the reception).
- ✓ Ensure the assistance of your team in the time and time set by the organization
- ✓ Fill in and sign the virtual minutes of the meeting, together with the captain of the opposing team.

If the titular captain (the one who appears as such on the team platform) does not participate in a confrontation, any player of the team can assume his functions, once the captain of the rival team is presented. When signing the minutes, the team captain in each meeting has to put his data.

The repeated unfulfillment of any of these functions by the captain of a team could cause his disqualification.

### **2.3. PLAYER SUBSTITUTION**

If properly accredited, player substitutions should be accepted only in the following cases:

- Serious medical injury (more than six months of sports leave and justified with medical part).
- Pregnancy
- Geographical transfer for work or other reasons.

Requests for player substitution ONLY will be received by email with the new data of the new player and the name of the player he replaces.

The deadline for substitutions is March 15<sup>th</sup>

### **2.4. DEADLINE**

The registration period for equipment ends on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 or after the quota of seats is completed. The list of registered teams and players and the game calendar will be published on the web platform <https://lapileague.com/> and on the app. This date can be modified.

### **2.5. WHAT DOES THE REGISTRATION INCLUDE?**

The team registration includes

**-16 matches guaranteed per team (Final Four not included)**

- Medical insurance which characteristics are described in the section "Medical Insurance".
- The tracks of the matches of the league at the chosen facilities and at the ones attended as visitors.
- New balls for each match
- Invitation to the closing ceremony where the awards of the league will be delivered.
- Water for each participant for each game.

The water and the balls will be collected by the captains at the receptions of the FACILITIES 10 minutes before the start of the matches.

## **4. CALENDAR**

The International Padel Amateur League will be played from March 2020 to June 2020.

## **5. COMPLAINT AND SANCTIONS.**

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The Directorate of the LAPI is formed by 2 technical advisors, who will be in charge of resolving the conflicts that may arise between the teams or clubs and the sports or technical claims required by the captains, based on the Technical Regulations of the Autonomous Federation.

- ✓ Club managers, team captains and participating players understand and abide by these conditions and the Rules governing this competition. Based on the Padel Game Regulations and the Technical Regulations of the Padel Federation.
- ✓ Claims can be submitted by the team captains or the legitimate representatives of the participating clubs to the Directorate of the league, by sending an email where the name and surname of the claimant and the entity (team or club) will appear at the beginning of the text which it represents.
- ✓ The deadline for claims ends the Monday following the dispute of the meeting at midnight.
- ✓ The League Directorate will study the claims received and, after consulting with the captains of the teams involved, will propose a resolution. This initial resolution can be appealed by the interested parties (the team captain or the club representative) within 48 hours of being notified to the parties involved. After this period, the resolution will become firm.
- ✓ If any team appealed the initial resolution, the League Management will study the appeal and issue the final verdict, which can no longer be appealed.
- ✓ In cases where there is a fault that is not contemplated in this Regulation, it will be the Directorate of the league that applies the sanction that it considers most fair, based on the Regulation itself.

### **6. DRAW**

In case of a tie in all the scoring criteria established by the organization to decide who is classified, each team will select a pair to play a single match. The winner of this will classify. This match will be organized by the organization in a neutral club unless they both share the same facilities.

### **7. MEDICAL INSURANCE**

All LAPI League players have medical insurance: their coverage and action protocols are described in the section "MEDICAL INSURANCE".

### **8. PRIZES**

The prizes awarded to the Champions and Runners-up in each category will be packs from sponsors and collaborators.

### **9. CONTACTS**

For more information about the LAPI LEAGUE you can contact the person in charge of the organization. You must go to the Directorate of the League. The email available to clubs and players is [javier.serrano@madisonmk.com](mailto:javier.serrano@madisonmk.com).

Everything is regulated but, in spite of it, if there is any problem during a game, it must be shown in the act, the organization will ask for explanations and will take a decision based on this regulation with right for an appeal.

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