

# UPDATED STANDARD QUALIFIER FORMAT

Abu Dhabi & Dubai Qualifiers

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|-----------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>36</b> | <b>12</b>   | <b>24</b>     | <b>6</b> |
| TEAMS     | GROUPS OF 3 | MAIN KNOCKOUT | QUALIFY  |

## Standard Competition Structure

The Abu Dhabi and Dubai City Qualifiers will each accommodate **36 teams**, divided into **12 groups of three teams**. Each team plays two round-robin group matches.

- The top two teams from each group progress to the Main Knockout, creating a Round of 24.
- The team finishing third in each group enters the Consolation Cup.
- The top six teams from each City Qualifier advance to the HER Padel Series UAE Grand Finals, unless otherwise announced under the Format Flexibility provisions.

## Main Competition Pathway

**36 Teams** ↓ **12 Groups** ↓ **Round of 24** ↓ **Top 6 Qualify**

## Match Format

| GROUP MATCHES     | SET FORMAT              | SCORING                                  | EST. DURATION |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>2 per team</b> | <b>1 set to 6 games</b> | Golden Point at deuce<br>Tiebreak at 6–6 | 30–40 minutes |

**Format Flexibility.** The Organiser reserves the right to amend group structures, qualification pathways, match schedules or knockout formats where required by registrations, venue capacity, operational requirements or other tournament circumstances. Any amendment will be communicated to participants.

# CONSOLATION CUP

## Saturday Competition Format

### Objective

The Consolation Cup gives teams finishing third in their groups an additional opportunity to compete after the group stage. It is designed to maximise playing time and maintain a strong tournament experience while being completed on Saturday without impacting the Main Knockout schedule.

### Eligibility

- The twelve (12) teams finishing third in their respective groups qualify automatically for the Consolation Cup.
- Qualification is determined by the final group standings.

### Competition Format

The Consolation Cup is a **12-team single-elimination knockout**. Because 12 teams cannot progress directly into an eight-team quarter-final bracket, the competition begins with an opening knockout round.

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| Opening Round  | 8 teams play 4 matches; 4 teams receive byes |
| Quarter-finals | 8 teams                                      |
| Semi-finals    | 4 teams                                      |
| Final          | 2 teams                                      |

**No third-place playoff will be played.**

### Match Format

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>FAST SET</b><br>1 set to 4 games | <b>DEUCE</b><br>Golden Point | <b>TIEBREAK</b><br>At 3-3<br>First to 7, win by 2 | <b>DURATION</b><br>Approx. 25-30 min |
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**Scheduling & Seeding.** Tournament Management will determine the opening-round byes and bracket placement using the published competition procedure and final group standings. The Organiser may adjust match timings, court allocations or the Consolation Cup structure where operationally necessary.

**Important:** The Consolation Cup is separate from qualification to the UAE Grand Finals. Grand Finals qualification is determined through the Main Knockout.