



LADIES OPEN C TOURNAMENT

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RULES AND REGULATIONS



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2:30 PM – 8:00 PM



PADEL KINGDOM DUBAI



PRIVATE WOMEN-ONLY EVENT

OPEN TO TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE GCC

Welcome from the Founders

Welcome to the **HER Padel Series — Ladies Open C Tournament**.

HER Padel Series began with a shared ambition: to create a welcoming community where women can compete, connect and grow through padel. That community remains at the heart of everything we do.

As part of the wider **HER Series**, we are also committed to growing women's participation and progression in sport. Alongside our community events, we will host category-specific tournaments, giving players opportunities to challenge themselves, develop their skills and compete against others at a comparable level.

Through our experience in the UAE sports industry, we have seen the value of professionally organised events that bring women together. Our aim is to create opportunities for both those discovering competition and those ready to take their game further.

This **Ladies Open C Tournament** is part of that commitment. It brings together eligible players from across the GCC for a focused day of competition, while retaining the connection and camaraderie that define **HER Padel Series**.

A special thank you to **Padel Kingdom** for believing in our vision and building this tournament with us. Your support helps us create more opportunities for women to compete, develop their game and connect through padel. We are proud to take this next step together.

Every event is designed to deliver a positive player experience, supported by clear rules, fair competition and professional organisation. We ask every participant to uphold the same standards of respect, sportsmanship and integrity on and off the court.

This handbook explains the tournament structure, eligibility requirements, match rules and standards expected from everyone involved. Please read it carefully so that we can create a fair and enjoyable experience together.

Thank you for being part of the **HER Padel Series** and helping us build more opportunities for women in sport. We look forward to welcoming you onto the court.

Compete. Connect. Empower.

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1 Event Ownership Governance and Competition Authority

Ownership

The HER PADEL SERIES is co-created, jointly owned and operated by Hopatec Sports Services LLC and Sports Mania. All tournament formats, branding, commercial concepts, operational systems, visual identity and associated intellectual property remain the exclusive property of the owners. These regulations govern the standalone Ladies Open C Tournament on 21 November 2026.

Competition Governance

The competition is governed by the Tournament Director and Event Directors, together with any appointed technical official. Padel Kingdom is the presenting partner and venue for this event.

Technical Oversight

The appointed technical official will monitor competition integrity and player eligibility before and during the tournament. Where a UAE Padel Association (UAEPA) Technical Director is appointed for this event, that official will support these duties. Any confirmed UAEPA involvement will be communicated to participants.

Player Level Verification

This tournament is strictly for Category C players. The Tournament Director and appointed technical official may review a player or team before or during the event. Players competing above Category C may be disqualified, with results amended where necessary. Teams must provide accurate information about playing level, competition history and coaching status when requested. Eligibility decisions rest with the competition officials.

2 Purpose of the Tournament

To provide a professionally managed women-only padel competition that encourages women to compete, connect and empower one another through sport. Category C teams from across the GCC are welcome.

3 Event Details and Tournament Structure

This is a one-day standalone tournament at **Padel Kingdom Dubai** on **Saturday 21 November 2026**, using all six courts. Competition runs from 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Check-in and briefing must be completed before the 2:30 pm start; the reporting time will be communicated with the final schedule. There are no city qualifiers or qualification places for a later UAE Grand Final.

The event is **private and women-only**, with no male spectators or accompanying guests admitted to the event area. Event access and privacy arrangements will be communicated before the tournament.

4 Tournament Format and Schedule Changes

The planned format accommodates **24 teams in eight groups of three**, followed by a **16-team main knockout**. This structure depends on final entries and court availability.

The Event Directors and Tournament Director may amend group numbers, group sizes, progression, scoring arrangements and the order of play where required by entries, delays or operational circumstances. Any changes must be communicated clearly to affected teams before the relevant stage begins. The official draw and match schedule will be issued after entries close.

Group matches are allocated approximately 25 minutes each, including changeover. Knockout matches are allocated approximately 40 minutes each, including warm-up and changeover. These are planning allowances, not automatic match time limits. The schedule allows approximately five hours of play and 30 minutes for delays and prize-giving. Teams must remain available when called.

5 Team Eligibility and Fixed Rosters

Women only, aged 18 years or older on the event date. Teams from across the GCC may enter. Each team consists of exactly two named players. Both players must meet **Category C eligibility**.

No substitutes or player replacements are permitted. The two players registered form the fixed roster for the tournament. Each player may compete for one team only. If either player cannot participate or continue, the team must withdraw or forfeit its remaining matches as directed by the Tournament Director.

6 Player Classification and Coaches

Category C only. Players above Category C, including higher-level professional or ranked players, are ineligible. A different grading label in another GCC country does not automatically establish Category C eligibility; officials may request supporting playing history or an assessment.

A maximum of **one female coach** may enter each team as a playing teammate. The coach must be at the same **eligible Category C level** as the competition and must be declared as a coach at registration. Coaching status does not exempt any player from level assessment. Two coaches may not enter as one team. This allowance concerns participation as a teammate and does not create an entitlement to courtside coaching.

7 Registration and Entry Fees

The entry fee is AED 500 per team of two players. Registration is administered through Hopasports at www.hopasports.com. Both players must be named and their details completed, together with any required waivers and declarations. Entry is subject to payment, eligibility checks and confirmation by the organisers.

8 Group Stage and Main Knockout

The planned draw consists of **24 teams in eight groups of three**, labelled A to H. Each team plays both other teams in its group, providing two scheduled group matches. This produces 24 group matches. The **top two teams** in each group advance to the **Round of 16**. Third-placed teams are eliminated.

The main knockout consists of the Round of 16 (eight matches), quarterfinals (four matches), semifinals (two matches) and final (one match). There are 15 knockout matches and 39 matches overall. There is no third-place playoff. Walkovers or withdrawals may reduce the number of matches actually played.

Group standings are determined by matches won. If two teams are tied, their head-to-head result applies. If all three teams are tied, rank them by games won minus games lost, then games won. If this reduces the tie to two teams, apply their head-to-head result. An unresolved tie will be decided by a supervised draw. A tiebreak counts as one game in the set score.

The **Round of 16 draw pairs** A1 with B2, C1 with D2, E1 with F2, G1 with H2, B1 with A2, D1 with C2, F1 with E2, and H1 with G2, in that bracket order. Winners

progress through adjacent bracket positions. Any revised draw will be published before play.

9 Match Rules and Scoring

Official FIP Rules apply except where amended by these event regulations or a published event-specific instruction.

Group stage: one fast set to four games, with Golden Point at deuce. At 3–3, play a tiebreak to seven points, with a two-point winning margin. The set is recorded as 4–3 to the tiebreak winner.

Main knockout, including the final: one set to six games, with Golden Point at deuce. At 5–5, play continues; at 6–6, play a tiebreak to seven points, with a two-point winning margin.

Golden Point means one deciding point at deuce. Warm-up is limited to three minutes for group matches and five minutes for knockout matches, within the scheduled match allowance. Teams must report promptly to their assigned court and record or confirm results through the official scoring process.

Teams not ready within five minutes of being called may forfeit at the Tournament Director's discretion. Match allocations are not hard time caps. Officials will announce any necessary timing or scoring amendment before the affected match.

A walkover is recorded as 4–0 in the group stage or 6–0 in the knockout. If a team withdraws before completing its group matches, its group results are excluded from standings so the remaining teams are compared on their head-to-head match. A retirement ends that match; completed games remain recorded. Where a retirement or withdrawal affects progression, the Tournament Director will confirm the applicable standings before the next stage.

10 Medical and Injury Rules

Players compete at their own risk and must be fit to participate. They must notify officials promptly of injury or illness and follow any instruction to stop play. Medical assistance will be available where provided by the organiser. Medical stoppages and decisions about continuation are managed by the Tournament Director with available medical personnel. No injury, illness or emergency permits a substitute or replacement player.

Participation in the competition is entirely at the player's own risk. By completing the online registration through www.hopasports.com, all participants acknowledge and accept the Event Waiver, Release of Liability and these Competition Regulations.

11 Code of Conduct

Respect officials, opponents, volunteers and facilities. Unsporting behaviour, abuse, discrimination or dangerous conduct may result in penalties up to disqualification.

12 Spectator Behaviour and Event Access

Spectators and accompanying guests **must be women** and must comply with the private event access arrangements. Spectators must not interfere with matches or officials and may be removed for inappropriate conduct. Participants and guests must respect the privacy of others when taking photographs or videos.

13 Dress Code

Appropriate sportswear and non-marking court shoes are mandatory. Modest sportswear and sports hijabs are permitted, provided they allow safe movement and play.

14 Media and Commercial Rights

Participation constitutes consent for photography, filming and promotional use by the organisers and event partners, subject to applicable registration consents. Because this is a private women-only event, participants must follow the announced photography and filming arrangements. Any privacy concerns should be raised with the organisers before the event.

15 Liability and Force Majeure

Participants accept the inherent risks of sport. The organisers are not liable for delays or cancellations caused by circumstances beyond their reasonable control.

16 Final Authority

The Tournament Director, Organising Committee and the appointed Technical Director shall have full authority over the administration and operation of the **HER PADEL SERIES**.

This authority includes, but is not limited to:

- Tournament scheduling and court allocations.
- Match assignments and order of play.
- Interpretation and application of these Competition Regulations.
- Player eligibility and classification.
- Competition format adjustments where required.
- Venue operations and event management.
- Health and safety matters.
- Disciplinary actions and Code of Conduct enforcement.
- Any matter not specifically addressed within these Regulations.

Where circumstances arise that are not covered by these Competition Regulations, the Organiser reserves the right to make any decision considered necessary to ensure the fair, safe and efficient conduct of the competition.

All decisions made by the Tournament Director, the Organising Committee and the appointed Technical Director shall be final and binding, and no correspondence or appeals will be entered into unless otherwise determined by the Organiser.

17 Contact Information

Thank you for being part of the **HER PADEL SERIES | OPEN C Tournament**.

We look forward to welcoming you to a community built around competition, connection and the growth of women's padel.

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www.herpadelseries.com

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