

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The attention of the world of sports has been caught by the growth of Padel, with special focus throughout the Olympic movement. The latter has been providing special attention to the development that our sport is having. We are now reaching a crucial stage in which we shall demonstrate to the entire world our organizational skills, allowing us to get closer to our dream of having padel included in the Olympic movement.

In this respect, we remind you that the FIP, Padel's highest authority in the entire world, is the only entity recognized by the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), - which is the association constituted by the international sports federations and the entity that recognizes the international federations responsible for the development of each sport that serves as an antechamber to the Olympic movement -, as the entity responsible for the organization of padel worldwide.

As predicted in the FIP Statutes, only the FIP is entitled to organize international padel championships or events, both at continental and world level. In other words, the FIP is today the one entitled to organize or to assign the organization of any championships that award the title of world champion or continental champion.

In this regard, it must be highlighted that any championship or event not included in the FIP calendar and not recognized by the FIP, shall be considered as a private event and any title awarded therein is not official and therefore not recognized by the different sectors of sports worldwide.

As it has been announced earlier, the official XI European Padel Championship will be played from 3 to 9 November 2019.

As such, it is a pleasure to inform you that the organization of the eleventh edition of the European Padel Championship has been assigned by the FIP's board to the Italian Federation, and will be held in Italy.

Any other padel championship scheduled or publicized for that week does not have FIP's support or recognition, having to be considered a private event without the entitlement to award any official title. The European padel federations, members of the IPF, as a consequence of its affiliation to the said organization, they have the implicit commitment to participate and respect the official competitions owned or organized by the FIP.

We are confident that the upcoming XI European Padel Championship will be a great event, organized by following the highest international sporting standards, with great diffusion throughout all media, and involving the entire international sports community.

We rely on all our member associations to the realization of a great European championship!

Finally, we call for the unity of our sport for the new and primal era that we are living, for which we are working all united, to make padel stronger, independent and "Olympic".

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