

THE PADEL RACKET

1. The game is played with a racket manufactured in according with the following regulations.
2. The racket is made up of two parts: Head and handle.
3. Handle: maximum length: 20 cm, wide maximum (of throat, not considering the free space in between): 50 mm, maximum thickness: 50 mm.
4. Head: variable length. The length of the head plus the length of the handle may not exceed 45.5 cm, maximum width: 26 cm, maximum thickness: 38 mm.
5. The total length of the padel racket, head plus handle, may not exceed 45.5 centimeters.
6. When conducting a control of racket measurements, a tolerance of 2.5% in the thickness will be allowed.
7. The hitting surface of the racket is perforated by an unlimited number of cylindrical holes each measuring between 9 and 13 mm in the center area. Around the edge in an area of no more than 4 cm (measured from the edge of the racket) the holes may have a larger diameter or a different shape with a variable length and width while this does not affect the essence of the game.
8. Both sides of the racket must be flat but may be smooth or rough.
9. The racket must be free of any objects or devices adhered to it that are not specifically used to limit or prevent deterioration, vibration and to distribute the weight. As such they must be reasonable in size and positioning. The racket could be not represent a sort of confusion or disturb all the other players, then could not have any reflecting surface or sound elements that could in any way modify the normal development of the game.
10. The racket must have a non-elastic cord of a maximum length of 35 cm fixed into the handle which must be put around the wrist as protection against accidents. Its use is obligatory.
11. The racket may not have any visible or audible device which could communicate, warn or give instructions to the player, during the course of a game.

CASE 1

During the game, a player accidentally breaks their racket. Can play continue under these circumstances?

Decision: YES, unless the safety wrist cord has broken or the Padel racket has become dangerous.

CASE 2

Is the player allowed to use more than one rackets during a game?

Decision: YES, but not during a point.

CASE 3

Can a battery that affects the playing characteristics be incorporated into the racket?

Decision: NO. A battery is prohibited. Like a solar cell or other similar accessories, they are considered a power source.

