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FIP Juniors Asian Padel Championships, Asia's NextGen shines in Bahrain

A major event for the Asian NextGen, marking the end of a year in which the popularity of padel has grown exponentially across the continent. **Bahrain** will host the **FIP Juniors Asian Padel Championships**, which will take place **from December 16 to 21** and will be reserved for three categories of young talents: Under 14, Under 16, and Under 18. The tournament will feature seven countries: in addition to the host nation, **Japan**, the **United Arab Emirates**, **Kuwait**, **Iran**, **Saudi Arabia**, and **Lebanon** will compete at the "Let's Padel" facilities.

The **first stage** of the nation competition, which will feature men's national teams, will be structured into two groups: one with four teams and the other with three. The top two teams from each group will advance to the semifinals, while the remaining teams will compete for positions 5 through 7. The group stage will take place from December 17 to 19, followed by the **semifinals** on the 20th and the **final** on December 21. In addition to the nation competition, the Juniors Asian Padel Championships will also include a national pairs tournament, divided into the Under-14, Under-16, and Under-18 categories, with a main draw of sixteen pairs per category.

For padel in Bahrain, this will be the second major event dedicated to the NextGen, following the **ISF Gymnasiade 2024** at the end of October. This event, organized by the International School Sport Federation, a reality within the IOC, saw padel included for the first time among the 26 disciplines in its program.

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