

LONDON TO HOST INAUGURAL FIP INTERCONTINENTAL CUP WITH THE WORLD'S TOP PROFESSIONAL PADEL PLAYERS PLAYING IN THE UK FOR THE FIRST TIME

- Historic moment with FIP Intercontinental Cup (Ryder/Laver Cup equivalent) held in London on 25-27 July 2025
- Americas vs Europe format brings top men's and women's players to UK in first elite tournament
- London's global appeal and growing padel fanbase set to boost professional padel's global profile
- FIP, Premier Padel and Hexagon Cup teams behind the tournament – with promoter, venue & name announced soon
- Adjustments to Qatar Airways Premier Padel Tour calendar to accommodate – including moving Spain P1 to Barcelona

London, Lausanne – 15 April, 2025 – The International Padel Federation (FIP) and Premier Padel have announced updates to the 2025 calendar, with the first edition of the hugely anticipated **FIP Intercontinental Cup** taking place from **25-27 July 2025** in **London**, one of the leading capital cities of world sport.

Featuring a unique Americas vs Europe team format, the tournament – professional padel's equivalent of the Laver and Ryder Cup – will add an exciting new dimension to the global padel calendar, offering a dynamic new competition format for players, partners and fans around the world.

The competition brings together – for the first time – the combined elite expertise of teams from **FIP, Premier Padel** and the **Hexagon Cup** to deliver a major professional event, following the three institutions' newly-formed strategic partnership.

The UK is experiencing rapid growth in padel with over 200,000 amateur players playing monthly and over 750 courts nationwide across 300 affiliated clubs, according to the latest FIP Research and Data Analysis department. The arrival of a major international professional event further reinforces London's status as a key market in the global expansion of padel.

In addition to London hosting the FIP Intercontinental Cup, the following updates have been made to the 2025 Premier Padel calendar:

- The **Spain Premier Padel P1** – scheduled for late April – will now take place on **28 July–3 August 2025** in **Barcelona**, directly following the **FIP Intercontinental Cup** in London.
- The **Scandinavia Premier Padel P2** has been moved to **Q3 2025**, with final dates and location to be announced soon.

Further details on the tournament venue in London – together with the local promoter, the name of the inaugural competition, and the dynamic and innovative sporting format – will be announced shortly.

Luigi Carraro, President of the International Padel Federation, said: *“Hosting the FIP Intercontinental Cup in London is a landmark moment for the international expansion of professional padel. Bringing the world's very best professional players to the UK for the first time – one of padel's fastest-growing markets – reinforces our vision to bring new experiences of our sport to new fans and partners all around the world. London has hosted some of the most iconic moments in sporting history – and now, professional padel will become part of that legacy as we expand globally and drive toward Olympic inclusion. We're thrilled to combine the teams from FIP, Premier Padel and the Hexagon Cup for this standout new competition in the calendar.”*

Nasser Al-Khelaifi, Chairman of Premier Padel, said: *“As the official professional padel tour worldwide, we are delighted to see elite women's and men's professional padel players compete in the U.K., one of most significant international sports markets in the world, this summer. London is a natural next step and international stage for professional padel, being one of the leading capital cities of world sport – with fantastic infrastructure and facilities, commercial opportunities and brand exposure, and brilliant fan appetite for the fastest growing sport in the world. This competition is another great step forward for the continued development of padel worldwide.”*

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About Premier Padel

Premier Padel is the leading official professional padel tour worldwide, founded by Qatar Sports Investments (QSI) together with the International Padel Federation (FIP) and the Professional Padel Association (PPA). Launched in 2022, backed by the Professional Padel Association (PPA), over 500 players from around the world competed in Premier Padel tournaments in its first year and played in some of the most iconic venues in sports history, including at Stade Roland-Garros in Paris. Over 110 leading professional female players joined Premier Padel in March 2023 through the International Padel Players Association (IPPA). In August 2023, it was announced that QSI would acquire World Padel Tour (WPT) to create a single global professional padel tour – called Premier Padel – governed by FIP. From 2025, Premier Padel includes 24 tournaments in 16 countries as the tour continues to grow the sport in new territories and in every dimension. As a global brand, Premier Padel also captures the dynamic essence and spirit of padel, with the sport embarking on an exciting new dawn on a global scale driven by the new unified global tour.

About International Padel Federation

The International Padel Federation (FIP) is the world governing body of Padel, whose mission is to: foster the growth and development of Padel at all levels and ages, from grassroots to professional; to govern the sport by affiliating national member federations and regional associations (it now counts with 87 affiliated National Federations from all five continents) and to make Padel become an Olympic sport and be part of the Olympic Games, the highest honour for any sport. FIP manages an international calendar comprising its two circuits (Premier Padel & Cupra FIP Tour), as well as its team competitions (World Championships and continental events) for young and senior players. Starting from January 2024, FIP also governs a single official unified international ranking for professional male and female players, counting the tournament points achieved in its two circuits: Premier Padel and Cupra FIP Tour.