

VALUES CHARTER

PREAMBLE

The Asociación Europea de Pádel para Sordos (European Deaf Padel, EDP) was founded on the conviction that sport transcends the barriers of communication. This Charter builds on the principles set out in Article 5 of our Statutes (Equality, Solidarity, Companionship, Integration and Accessibility) and sets out the values that guide our activity and the way we work.

1. PARTICIPATION

"Every deaf person, whatever their way of communicating and their level, has a place on the court."

Our circuit is open to deaf athletes and athletes with significant hearing loss, from any country, in accordance with our Competition Regulations. Its categories, organised by level, are equally open to men and women.

2. SPORTING EXCELLENCE

"Compete well, and a little better every season."

We run our competitions under the FIP rules of play, with a referee at every event and a ranking that records the results of the season. Through EDP Academy and Women & Padel we offer training and learning opportunities to keep improving.

3. RESPECT

"In every interaction, we recognise the dignity of each person."

Respect among athletes, referees, organisers and spectators is one of the principles of our competitions, as is respect for the different ways of living deafness and of communicating. Anyone may bring to the attention of EDP any situation contrary to this principle.

4. INTEGRITY

"We act with honesty, even when no one is watching."

We apply the same rules to all participants and rely on the good faith of each athlete, who declares that they meet the requirements to compete.

5. ACCESSIBILITY

"Accessibility is not an add-on: it is the way we communicate."

We adapt the way we communicate to each person, using written, visual or oral communication or sign language, as appropriate. The essential documents of the circuit are published at least in English and Spanish.

6. COMMUNITY

"Padel brings us together across borders."

The circuit brings together athletes from different countries, who share the competition and the life of each event and can form international pairs. Companionship is part of our identity, and solidarity also takes shape in the support for athletes provided for in our General Regulations on Grants and Support.

7. EQUALITY

| *"Same sport, same opportunities."*

We apply equal opportunities and non-discrimination in our competitions. We promote the participation of women in the circuit, through Women & Padel, and on the Board of Directors, as established in our Statutes.

8. FAIR PLAY

| *"Competing with honour is worth more than any victory."*

Fair play is the foundation of our competition: playing by the rules, respecting referees' decisions and winning or losing with sportsmanship. Result manipulation has no place in the circuit.

9. TRANSPARENCY

| *"Trust is built on clear information."*

We publish the rules we apply, such as the Competition Regulations and the General Regulations on Grants and Support, and in each call for entries we state whether there are prizes and their amount. Step by step, we are adding information about our organisation and activity to our website.

10. SUSTAINABILITY

| *"Building a circuit that lasts."*

We manage limited resources prudently and plan each season well in advance, to ensure the continuity of the circuit and of our projects.

OUR COMMITMENT

These values describe how we work today. We invite athletes, organisers and partners to share them and to help us live up to them.