

Fut Tennis Tournament

World Cup Weekend at UPC | Format, rules, structure and tentative schedule

Event Overview

The Fut Tennis Tournament converts padel courts into soccer volleyball courts. Think volleyball with a soccer ball, no hands, and the padel walls in play only after the ball legally bounces. Teams of 2 represent countries and compete through group stage and knockout rounds.

Core Format

- Capacity: 16 teams.
- Team size: 2 players per team.
- Group structure: 4 groups of 4 teams.
- Group stage: round robin within each group.
- Scoring: win = 3 points, tie = 1 point, loss = 0 points.
- Top 2 teams in each group qualify to the quarterfinals.
- Matches are played first to 21 points.
- The winning team of each point serves the next point.

Rules

- Allowed Body Parts: You can touch the ball with your head, chest, thighs, and feet. Hands and arms are completely off-limits and will result in a point lost.
- Touches & Bounces: Each player is allowed a maximum of 2 touches per possession. The ball is allowed to bounce once on the ground between these touches. Teams are allowed a maximum of 3 touches before returning the ball.
- Passing: Teammates can pass the ball to each other, but the ball must not touch the ground during the pass.
- Serve: The team that wins the point gets to serve next. The serve is taken from behind the baseline and must be hit with a foot (punted or kicked off a bounce). The serve must clear the net and land cleanly in the opponent's court boundaries. If the ball hits the net on a serve, local rules determine if a "let" is played (re-serve) or if it is an immediate fault.
- Direct wall or fence: If the ball hits the wall or fence directly before bouncing on the opponent's side, it is out.
- Net contact: If a player touches the net or crosses into the opponent's side, the point is lost.
- Disputes: Court monitor or Union staff has final decision on scoring and rules.

Scoring and Match Structure

Matches are first to 21 points, win by 2 points, with a hard cap at 2. At 24 to 24, the next point wins.

Round	Structure
Group Stage	4 groups of 4 teams. Each team plays 3 matches. Top 2 advance.
Quarterfinals	8 teams. Single elimination.
Semifinals	4 teams. Single elimination.
Final	2 teams. Winner takes the tournament.

Tentative Schedule

Day	Round	Tentative Time
Saturday	Group Stage	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Sunday	Knockout Rounds	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Important Notes

- Teams should arrive at least 20 minutes before their first scheduled match.
- Final schedules and court assignments will be shared before the event.
- Union may adjust timing, rules or match format if needed based on registration volume and operational flow.
- All players must complete required waivers before participating.