

Competition Regulations Padel

GNSK 2026

1. Team Composition and Eligibility

1. Per Umbrella Student Sports Organization (hereinafter: OSSO) / city, multiple men's and women's teams may be registered. A team consists of two players of the same gender. The first team registered per OSSO/city is always guaranteed participation. Depending on the total number of registered teams, it will be decided whether additional teams may participate. If there are too many additional teams per OSSO/city for the remaining places, participation will be determined by order of registration.
2. The registered participants of an OSSO/city may only consist of students who meet the conditions set out in the Right of participation GNSK 2026. If these rules are violated, all results of this participant will be deleted. If an unauthorized participant takes part in the GNSK, a fine of €200 will be charged to the OSSO/representative organization in the city for which that participant is competing.
3. Team line-ups must be submitted to the padel committee before the start of the first match. If an OSSO/city sends multiple participating teams, players may not be swapped or play for another team. If this does occur, Article 2 applies.
4. The winner of the GNSK 2026 padel tournament qualifies for the European Universities Championships (EUC) in 2027. See the GNSK 2026 Participation Regulations for the rules that apply to this. If a team wins that does not meet the stated requirements, the qualification will pass to the next team that does meet all requirements. If there is no interest, the qualification will pass to the number two, and so on.

2. Match Regulations

1. The preliminary rounds are played in groups. The group allocation is determined by a draw, in which teams can qualify for the finals bracket in accordance with the Implementation Regulations Placement GNSK 2026. Where possible, teams from the same OSSO or city are distributed across different groups. Prior to the draw, the padel committee determines how many teams per group qualify for the finals bracket, which is played in a knockout system.



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2. All matches are played according to the best-of-three sets system. A set is won at six games, with a minimum difference of two games. At a score of 6–6, a tiebreak is played. The padel committee may deviate from the above if it deems this necessary.
3. In the group stage, a match won 2–0 is worth 3 match points. A match won 2–1 yields 2 match points for the winning team and 1 match point for the losing team.
4. If two or more teams in a group finish with an equal number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:
 - I. Head-to-head result (only if two teams are tied);
 - II. Set difference (sets won minus sets lost);
 - III. Game difference (games won minus games lost);
 - IV. Number of sets won;
 - V. Number of games won.
5. At a score of 40–40, the no-ad system is used, whereby the next point decides the game.
6. If a team does not have enough eligible players, the match must be forfeited. The result of a forfeited match is 6–0 6–0 in favor of the other team.
7. The maximum warm-up time is 5 minutes.
8. Teams that forfeit a team match in the knockout phase are excluded from participation in the match for third place. A team match is considered forfeited if at least two matches are forfeited.
9. The players listed in the team line-up must be ready to play at the time indicated in the match schedule. If this is not the case, the players will lose the match. The result will then be 6–0 6–0 in favor of the present team.
10. For each match, pressurized padel balls are provided by the organization. These balls must be returned to the padel committee after the match.



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3. Final Provisions

1. Players must wear appropriate padel clothing and shoes suitable for playing padel. The surface is artificial grass.
2. The organization accepts no responsibility for accidents or damage to third parties before, during, or after the match. Participation is at one's own risk.
3. The organization accepts no responsibility for theft before, during, or after the competition.
4. In all cases, the padel committee reserves the right to make a binding decision that does not necessarily correspond to the above. This decision is in accordance with the documents mentioned in article 5 of the final provisions and cannot be implemented without the consent of the GNSK committee and/or SSN.
5. In all cases not covered by this regulation, the rules and provisions of the SSN Event Regulations 2026 and [regulations of the KNLTB](#) apply.



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