



Development Programs Implemented by the Philippine Padel Association

The Philippine Padel Association (PPA) has launched a variety of development programs aimed at promoting the sport, training coaches and judges, and fostering engagement across all age groups. These initiatives ensure the sustainable growth of padel in the country and provide opportunities for all skill levels.

1. Coach Certification Program

- **Objective:** To elevate the quality of padel coaching in the Philippines and ensure international standards are met.
- **Details:**
 - PPA hosts **bi-annual coach certification programs**.
 - These programs are designed for aspiring coaches, providing them with the necessary training and certification to become **FIP-certified international padel coaches**.
 - **Focus:** Both technical and tactical aspects of coaching are covered, alongside mentorship on player development, rules, and tournament management.
 - **Impact:** Over 50 coaches (local and foreign) have been certified since 2022, raising the overall level of coaching across padel clubs in the Philippines.

2. Junior Training Program

- **Objective:** To introduce padel to young players and develop future talent.
- **Details:**
 - PPA developed a **junior training program** that has been integrated into school curriculums, starting with the **British School of Manila** in 2023.
 - In 2024, the program expanded to **Domuschola International School** and the **International School of Manila**.
 - **Focus:** The program includes physical education components tailored to padel, helping children develop fundamental racket skills, fitness, and sportsmanship.
 - **Impact:** This program engages over 100 students annually, with plans to expand to 10 more schools by 2026, introducing hundreds of new players to the sport.

3. Scholarship Program for Underprivileged Youth

- **Objective:** To provide access to padel training for underprivileged children and support their development as future players or coaches.
- **Details:**
 - Launched in 2024, the **scholarship program** offers full sponsorship for young players from disadvantaged backgrounds to train at padel clubs and with certified coaches.
 - **Focus:** The scholarship covers training, equipment, and mentorship, ensuring participants have the opportunity to become professional players or certified coaches.
 - **Impact:** 10 scholarships were awarded in the program's first year, with plans to increase this number to 50 by 2026.

4. Tournaments and Competitions

- **Objective:** To provide platforms for both youth and adult players to develop their competitive skills.
- **Details:**



- PPA has hosted **six national padel tournaments** between 2022 and 2024, allowing players to compete in structured environments.
- In May 2024, a **point system** was introduced, allowing players to accumulate ranking points across tournaments.
- **Focus:** Tournaments cater to all levels (Beginner, Intermediate, Open) and include male, female, and mixed categories. This creates opportunities for both aspiring and experienced players to compete and improve.
- **Impact:** Participation has grown significantly, with over 150 players competing in the latest tournament. These events serve as a scouting platform for the national teams.

5. Grassroots Initiatives

- **Objective:** To increase public awareness and participation in padel across different regions in the Philippines.
- **Details:**
 - PPA has partnered with local government units and community organizations to host "Padel Days," offering free clinics and access to padel courts.
 - **Focus:** These events target new players, with introductory sessions and basic skill training for all age groups.
 - **Impact:** Grassroots events have been held in Metro Manila, Cebu, and Davao, engaging over 500 participants since 2022. The aim is to expand to more regions by 2026.

6. UAE Tournaments for Overseas Filipino Workers

- **Objective:** To engage the overseas Filipino community in padel and promote the sport internationally.
- **Details:**
 - In partnership with the **Pinoy Padelistas** community, PPA hosted two tournaments in the UAE, one in December 2023 (with over 50 players) and another in September 2024 (with nearly 100 players).
 - **Focus:** These tournaments provided a platform for Filipino expatriates to stay connected to the sport while abroad, fostering international participation.
 - **Impact:** These events strengthened ties within the global Filipino padel community, with plans to host additional tournaments for overseas workers in other regions.

7. Senior Padel Player Program

- **Objective:** To engage senior players (ages 50 and above) in the sport of padel by offering specialized training and competitive opportunities through a partnership with **Philippine Masters** and the **International Senior Padel Tour**.
- **Details:**
 - **Training:** The program includes **dedicated training clinics** designed for senior players, focusing on developing skills, fitness, and techniques suited to older athletes. Sessions are led by both local and international coaches who specialize in training senior athletes, emphasizing injury prevention, strength, and mobility.
 - **Competitions:** Senior players participate in **Philippine Masters competitions**, as well as select international events through the **International Senior Padel Tour**, giving them the opportunity to compete both locally and internationally.



- **Impact:** The program aims to engage **100 senior players** by 2026, providing regular training and competitive opportunities.

Future Development Plans (2024-2028)

- **Expansion of Junior Programs:** PPA aims to integrate padel into the curriculum of 10 more schools by 2026, increasing youth participation.
- **Enhanced Scholarship Programs:** By 2026, 50 underprivileged children will have received full sponsorship for training and career development in padel.
- **Grassroots Expansion:** PPA will extend grassroots initiatives to more regions, with a target of engaging 1,000 new players by 2028.
- **Senior Player Engagement:** Increase the number of senior participants to 100 by 2026 through training and competitive events.
- **National and International Competitions:** PPA will continue to host **FIP-sanctioned tournaments**, starting with the **first-ever FIP tournament in the Philippines** in November 2024, with plans for additional international events in the future.

These programs highlight the PPA's commitment to developing padel in the Philippines through accessible training, professional development, and community outreach across all age groups.