



Philippine Padel Association (PPA) Annual Activity Report for 2023

Introduction:

The year 2023 marked significant milestones for the Philippine Padel Association (PPA) as we continued to grow the sport of padel across the country. With a focus on youth development, national competitions, international engagement, and grassroots initiatives, the PPA has made substantial progress in promoting padel as a leading sport in the Philippines.

1. Infrastructure and Growth

- **Number of Courts:** As of the end of 2023, the Philippines has a total of **22 padel courts** spread across various regions. These courts provide access to players of all levels, from beginners to competitive athletes.
- **Number of Players:** The PPA has registered a total of **12,000 players** nationwide. This number reflects the growing popularity of the sport, with more players participating in both recreational and competitive levels.
- **Number of Clubs:** There are **6 padel clubs** in the Philippines. These clubs are essential in fostering a community of players and organizing tournaments and training sessions.

2. National Tournaments and Competitions

- **Monthly Club Tournaments:** Since 2021, clubs have organized **monthly local tournaments**, providing a competitive platform for players of various skill levels. These events help players improve their rankings and prepare for national and international competitions.
- **National Padel Tournaments:**
 - In 2023, PPA successfully hosted **three national tournaments**:
 - **2nd National Padel Tournament (March 4-5, 2023):** This tournament saw Paula Alba (Spain) and Jessica Agra (Philippines) win the Women's Open, while Francis Casey "Niño" Alcantara (Philippines) and Hugo Jay (France) won the Men's Open.
 - **3rd National Padel Tournament (June 1-2, 2023):** The tournament featured equal cash prizes of ₱150,000 for both men's and women's champions, with Khim Iglupas and Joanna Tan (Philippines) winning the Women's Open, and Jose Luis Soto and Guillermo Olaso (Spain) taking the Men's Open.
 - **4th National Padel Tournament (November 11-12, 2023):** Joanna Tan and Marian Capadoccia (Philippines) triumphed in the Women's Open, with Martin Noschese and Julian Lacamoire (Argentina) securing the Men's Open title.
- **Impact:** These tournaments saw growing participation from both local and international players, helping raise the competitive level of padel in the Philippines.

3. Youth Development Initiatives

- **Junior Training Program:** In 2023, PPA launched a **junior training program** in collaboration with the **British School of Manila**, integrating padel into their physical education curriculum. The program is designed to introduce padel to young players and develop future athletes.
- **Impact:** Over **100 students** participated in the program during its first year, with plans for further expansion into other schools in 2024.

4. Coaching and Certification



- **Coach Certification Program:** PPA hosted two **coach certification programs** in 2023. These programs provided certification to **20 aspiring coaches**, ensuring they meet international standards and are capable of training future players across the country.
- **Impact:** These certifications have raised the standard of coaching within the padel community and contributed to the sport's overall development.

5. International Engagement

- **Participation in Asia-Africa Qualifiers:** 2023 saw the formation of the Philippine national teams (both men's and women's), which competed in the **Asia-Africa Qualifiers** for the World Padel Championships in September. This marked the first time the Philippines participated in an official **FIP**-sanctioned international event, reflecting the rapid progress of the sport at the national level.
- **UAE Tournaments for OFWs:** In partnership with the **Pinoy Padelistas** community, PPA hosted a tournament in the UAE in **December 2023**, engaging over **50 players**. This initiative aims to foster engagement with the Filipino community abroad and promote the sport internationally.

6. Grassroots Initiatives

- **Padel Days:** PPA partnered with local organizations units to host **Introduction to Padel**, free community events that provide access to courts and introductory clinics. These events target underserved communities and aim to introduce padel to a wider audience.
- **Impact:** Over **500 new players** participated in grassroots events in 2023, contributing to the growth of the sport at the community level.

7. Key Statistics for 2023

- **Courts:** 22 courts nationwide
- **Players:** 12,000 players
- **Clubs:** 6 clubs
- **National Tournaments:** 3 major tournaments held
- **Local Tournaments:** Monthly club tournaments since 2021
- **Coaches Certified:** 20 new coaches certified

8. Future Plans (2024 and Beyond)

- **Infrastructure Expansion:** PPA plans to further expand access to padel across the country.
- **Junior Program Expansion:** The junior training program will be introduced in **Domuscola International School** and the **International School of Manila** in 2024, with plans for further school integrations in the coming years.
- **First FIP Tournament:** PPA will host the **first-ever FIP tournament** in the Philippines in **November 2024**, allowing local players to compete for international ranking points.
- **Grassroots Growth:** PPA will continue to expand grassroots initiatives, aiming to engage 1,000 new players by 2026.

Conclusion:

The year 2023 was a year of substantial growth for padel in the Philippines, with notable achievements in infrastructure, player participation, coaching development, and international representation. The Philippine Padel Association remains committed to the continued expansion of the sport, with plans to further enhance access, development programs, and competitive opportunities in the coming years.