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President
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Re: Update on FIP's admission to AIMS considering Swiss Olympic Sport Parliament on 14 November 2025

Dear President,

On behalf of the International Padel Federation (FIP), we wish to extend our appreciation for the continuous efforts of **Swiss Padel** in promoting and developing the sport across Switzerland for the last 18 years in alignment with international standards and values. Swiss Padel was founded in 2006, has been a member of FIP since 2007, and is a founding member of Padel Europe.

As requested, FIP is pleased to give an update regarding the state-of-the-art of its pathway for Olympic recognition.

As you are aware, the process of FIP's admission to AIMS (Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sport) has been ongoing for nearly two years. The evaluation process of the application to AIMS is currently being assessed by Sport Accord and we are pleased to confirm that the admission process has reached its final stages. Due to the cancellation of the SportAccord Congress in Istanbul last year, the next opportunity for a formal and official ratification of FIP's full membership within AIMS is scheduled to take place during the upcoming SportAccord Congress and AIMS General Assembly in Baku, Azerbaijan, in May 2026.

This process represents an important step toward a stronger positioning of Padel within the Olympic Movement. FIP has been working previously with the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), and currently with Sport Accord, AIMS, and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to ensure that the sport of Padel continues to grow in an organised, transparent, and internationally governed structure.

Just today, FIP released important news about its progress on this process. **The International Padel Federation (FIP) has been officially recognised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)**, and Padel will be included as an official sport on the programme of the upcoming editions of the **Asian Games**.

Following Padel's recent inclusions in the **European Games 2023** (organised by the European Olympic Committees – EOC); the **South American Games 2022** organised by the (Organización Deportiva Suramericana – ODESUR); and the upcoming **Mediterranean Games 2026**, the OCA's recognition marks another significant step forward on Padel's Olympic pathway. You can read more [here](#).

In view of the upcoming Swiss Olympic Sport Parliament on 14 November 2025, we would like to summarise the current context as outlined in the official agenda of the Sport Parliament:

Swiss Padel
Founded: 2006

Purpose:

The Swiss Padel Association, as the national governing body for padel in Switzerland, aims to promote and develop the sport of padel across the country. Its responsibilities include:

- Safeguarding the nationwide interests of its members, including affiliated regional associations, padel clubs, and padel centres.
- Ensuring compliance with the official padel rules and regulations of the International Padel Federation.
- Coordinating and promoting the education and training of all padel players and instructors.
- Issuing directives and recommendations to support the orderly and sustainable development of the sport.

Executive Council Recommendation to the Sport Parliament:

1. Admission of the Swiss Padel Association is recommended under the condition that the International Padel Federation (FIP) obtains the pending indirect IOC recognition through AIMS prior to the Sport Parliament.
2. If such recognition has not yet been formalised by that date, the Executive Council recommends that the Swiss Padel Association withdraw its membership application.
3. If the recognition has not yet been obtained and the Swiss Padel Association maintains its application, the Executive Council recommends not admitting Swiss Padel as a new national sports federation.

Being **the first and only governing body for the sport of padel since 1991**, FIP manages the only official international calendar that includes its two professional circuits (Premier Padel and Cupra FIP Tour), a circuit fully dedicated to the younger generations (FIP Promises), as well as team competitions (World Cup and continental events) for young and senior players.

FIP meets all the requirements and has respected all the deadlines set by SportAccord. FIP is now undergoing a review phase and is awaiting the completion of procedural formalities.

As a Member of FIP, **Swiss Padel** has been one of the over 60 National Federations to undergo the SportAccord assessment in terms of organization, activities, and governance, and **has been validated by SportAccord**. In this context, FIP acknowledges Swiss Padel as the legitimate national federation representing the sport of Padel in Switzerland and **supports the application from Swiss Padel to be recognised by Swiss Olympic**, which is consistent with the governance standards established by the FIP and recognized by AIMS.

The FIP remains at the full disposal of Swiss Olympic and Swiss Padel to provide any clarifications or formal documentation that may be required prior to the Sport Parliament on 14 November 2025.

With our best regards and continued support for the progress of padel in Switzerland,

Yours sincerely



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