



European Pickleball Federation (EPF) welcomes the merger of the International Pickleball Federation (IPF) and the World Pickleball Federation (WPF).

Luxembourg – December 3, 2024 – The European Pickleball Federation is delighted to announce its endorsement for the upcoming historic merger of the IPF and the WPF, the two long-standing and pre-eminent International Federations.

EPF President Frank Arico remarked “The decision to merge the IPF and WPF is a courageous and commendable step that reflects the highest ideals of our sport. By putting the interests of pickleball ahead of individual factions, both federations are setting a powerful example for others to follow.”

The EPF has maintained its neutrality by not affiliating to any of the three existing Pickleball International Federations. The EPF is totally committed and eager to work together with all parties towards the worthy goal of a single IOC compliant International Federation and will continue to support all efforts to achieve this.

“We call upon all stakeholders in the sport of pickleball to embrace this powerful moment of change. Let’s work together to build a sport that represents the best in our athletes and unites us all,” added Arico.

For more details, refer to the official announcements on the 15 November 2024:

World Pickleball Federation Merger Announcement
(<https://www.worldpickleballfederation.org/histo/>)

International Pickleball Federation Merger Plan
(<https://theipf.org/MergerPlanAnnouncement.html>)

About the European Pickleball Federation: - EPF is a not-for profit federation established in Luxembourg and created on 31st of May 2023 now comprising 37 member countries.

EPF’s objectives are:

- To facilitate the growth of pickleball as a world-renowned sport and to promote the sport by demonstrating its physical, mental, and social benefits to people of all ages and abilities.
- To represent the best interests of the EPF internationally and of pickleball players in Europe.

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About the International Pickleball Federation (IPF) - <https://theipf.org/>

The International Pickleball Federation (IPF) is the global governing body committed to advancing pickleball as a sport accessible to players of all ages and abilities. Established to provide structure, oversight, and support for pickleball activities worldwide, IPF collaborates with regional and national organizations to develop competitive opportunities, standardize rules, and promote inclusivity. The IPF's mission is to unify the global pickleball community and foster the sport's growth across continents.

About the World Pickleball Federation (WPF) -

<https://www.worldpickleballfederation.org/>

The World Pickleball Federation (WPF) is a dedicated international organization aiming to expand the reach of pickleball to underserved regions and elevate its global profile. With a focus on innovation, education, and community development, the WPF supports grassroots initiatives, professional tournaments, and training programs. By championing collaboration among stakeholders, the WPF strives to make pickleball a universally recognized and widely played sport, uniting players from diverse backgrounds

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