



European Pickleball Federation (EPF) Congratulates IPF and WPF on Historic Global Unification.

Luxembourg – June 19, 2025 –The European Pickleball Federation (EPF) warmly congratulates the International Pickleball Federation (IPF) and the World Pickleball Federation (WPF) on their historic and unanimous decision to unify, following the Special General Meetings held on 14 June 2025.

This monumental vote marks the successful culmination of a courageous and collaborative effort to bring the global pickleball community together under a single, democratic, unified governance structure—just ahead of the sport’s 60th anniversary and the highly anticipated World Pickleball Games.

EPF President Frank Arico issued the following statement:

“On behalf of the European Pickleball Federation, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to both the IPF and WPF for reaching this momentous milestone. This unification is not only a bold and commendable act of leadership—it is a gift to the global pickleball community.

By putting unity above division and embracing a shared vision, both federations have demonstrated what is possible when collaboration triumphs over competition. This is a new chapter for pickleball—one defined by inclusion, cooperation, and a truly global outlook.”

The EPF has long supported efforts toward greater international cohesion in the governance of the sport. Today’s unification reinforces a shared commitment to growing pickleball worldwide with integrity, transparency, and unity of purpose.

As the world prepares to celebrate pickleball’s 60th anniversary, the EPF looks forward to working with the newly unified international federation to support development, competition, and community engagement across all continents. We also remain hopeful that, in the spirit of collaboration and shared purpose, all international stakeholders will ultimately come together under a single global democratic framework. True unity will strengthen our sport at every level, and the EPF remains committed to fostering dialogue and mutual understanding in pursuit of that goal.

About the European Pickleball Federation: - EPF is a not-for profit federation established in Luxembourg and created on 31st of May 2023 now comprising 38 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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