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SUBJECT: Introducing EPF × IPTPA Level I — the world's leading pickleball coaching certification, now in Europe

EPF × IPTPA Level I

A globally recognised coaching certification, delivered for Europe

Dear [Member Federation / Coach],

The **European Pickleball Federation (EPF)** is proud to announce a partnership with the **International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA)** — the world's leading authority in pickleball coaching certification — to bring its globally recognised **Level I** credential to coaches across Europe.

IPTPA operates the most widely recognised coaching certification system in the sport: its credential is **recognised in more than 90 countries** and trusted as the international standard for pickleball coach education, delivered through IPTPA's established certification framework and learning platform. Building on that world-class foundation, EPF has contributed its academic and scientific expertise — in **sport science, coaching methodology, and structured coach education** — to enhance the IPTPA Level I programme for Europe. The result is a co-branded certification, **EPF × IPTPA Level I**, that pairs IPTPA's internationally trusted certification with European academic rigour.

IPTPA administers, delivers, and issues the certification globally, maintaining its rigorous standards; as the continental body representing Europe's national federations, EPF serves as the primary institutional partner supporting the programme across the region.

Why IPTPA Level I

- **A globally recognised credential** — the IPTPA Level I certification, recognised in **more than 90 countries** and issued under IPTPA's established, rigorous certification framework.
- **World-class certification standards** — IPTPA's proven teaching methodology (including its I.D.E.A.S. framework), quality assurance, and professional standards, trusted by coaches worldwide.
- **Academic depth** — EPF's expert coaching-science content (physical fitness, coaching skills, motivation & goal-setting, safeguarding, and the fundamentals of coaching) integrated into that framework.
- **University accreditation** — the inaugural course, run with Universidad Europea de Madrid, awards **2 ECTS credits (20 hours)**.
- **One certificate, two federations** — every graduate receives a certificate issued by IPTPA and bearing both the IPTPA and EPF logos.
- **Flexible, blended delivery** — self-paced online modules, an in-person on-court workshop, and a final assessment.

The certification pathway

EPF × IPTPA Level I is the entry point for anyone teaching pickleball — from newcomers to experienced coaches. Candidates:

1. Complete the **online coaching-science modules**;
2. Attend an **on-court workshop and practical evaluation** led by an IPTPA-certified trainer; and
3. Pass the **final assessment** to earn the internationally recognised, co-branded IPTPA Level I credential.

Two ways to earn EPF × IPTPA Level I: the special **university-accredited course in Madrid** (below), or a **standard Level I workshop** hosted by your club or federation. The two formats have different group sizes, explained in each section.

★ The inaugural course — Universidad Europea de Madrid (university-accredited)

A special one-off edition delivered by IPTPA in collaboration with **Universidad Europea de Madrid** and the **Asociación Española de Pickleball**, carrying university credit:

- **Academic credit:** 2 ECTS (20 hours) — official IPTPA certification recognised in 90+ countries.
- **Format:** online course opens **18 September**; **in-person practical exam on 17 October** at the Facultad de Medicina, Salud y Deporte, Campus Villaviciosa de Odón, Madrid.
- **Programme:** four modules — instructor fundamentals, technical & tactical elements, session planning & safety, and a practical on-court evaluation.
- **For:** university and Sport Science / Physical Education students and graduates, coaches, and athletes moving into instruction.
- **Fee:** \$320 — includes course access, materials, and exam eligibility.
- **Group size (this university course):** limited to **30 participants**, with a **minimum of 20** required to run this accredited cohort.

How to register for the Madrid course

1. **Review the full details** at iptpa.com/university-course.html.
2. **Register through the IPTPA course portal** before the deadline — registration closes **17 September**.
3. **Complete payment** (\$320) through IPTPA to confirm your place.
4. **Begin the online modules** when the course opens on **18 September**.
5. **Attend the on-court practical exam** in Madrid on **17 October** to complete your certification.

→ **Register with IPTPA:** iptpa.com/university-course.html

Hosting a standard Level I workshop at your club or federation

Beyond the Madrid university course, your club or federation can host a **standard Level I workshop**. All Level I courses are organised, delivered, and certified by **IPTPA**, and all registrations and payments are handled

through IPTPA's official system. A standard workshop runs with a **minimum of 10 participants** (the Madrid course above is a special university-accredited edition, which is why it runs at 20–30). To bring a standard workshop to your region, submit your request **directly to IPTPA**:

- 1. Submit your request to IPTPA** at info@iptpa.com (or via iptpa.com), with your club or federation name, country, preferred dates, expected number of participants, and delivery language.
- 2. IPTPA confirms the group** — a standard Level I workshop runs with a **minimum of 10 participants**; IPTPA's team will help you reach the number where needed.
- 3. IPTPA assigns a certified trainer (MTP)** and confirms your dates and venue requirements (indoor courts, or outdoor courts with a confirmed indoor back-up).
- 4. Participants register and pay through IPTPA**, then complete the online modules in advance and attend the on-court workshop and exam.
- 5. Certification** — every successful candidate earns the co-branded EPF × IPTPA Level I credential, issued by IPTPA.

→ **Request a workshop through IPTPA:** info@iptpa.com · iptpa.com

For all course details, registration, and requests, please contact **IPTPA** at info@iptpa.com or visit iptpa.com.

Together, EPF and IPTPA are raising the standard of pickleball coaching across Europe. We look forward to welcoming you to the first cohort in Madrid.

Warm regards,

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