



Junior Age Category Eligibility Criteria & Event Schedule

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Statement

This document sets out the age categories, events, and eligibility criteria for the junior competition at the 2026 European Pickleball Open powered by APP. There are two age groups. Following the ITF overlapping participation model, players aged 13–14 may choose to enter either group, but may only enter one. Players aged 16–17 may additionally choose to compete in the senior (open) categories with written parental consent. Eligibility is determined by the player's age on 31 December 2026.

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Age Groups at a Glance

Age Group	Eligible Ages on 31 Dec 2026	Born on or after	Born on or before
10–14 Years	10, 11, 12, 13 or 14	1 January 2012	31 December 2016
15–17 Years	13, 14, 15, 16 or 17	1 January 2009	31 December 2013

Overlap zone: players aged 13 or 14 on 31 December 2026 (born 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2013) may choose to enter either the 10–14 or the 15–17 group. They may only enter one group. Senior entry: players aged 16 or 17 on 31 December 2026 (born 1 January 2009 – 31 December 2010) may additionally choose to compete in senior (open) categories, subject to written parental consent submitted before the entry deadline.

Group 1: Junior Competition 10–14 Years

Open to players aged 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 on 31 December 2026. Born: 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2016. Players aged 13–14 may alternatively choose to enter the 15–17 group instead.

Discipline	Events	Age Group
Singles	Boys Singles · Girls Singles	10–14 Years
Doubles	Boys Doubles · Girls Doubles · Mixed Doubles	10–14 Years

Group 2: Junior Competition 15–17 Years

Open to players aged 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 on 31 December 2026. Born: 1 January 2009 – 31 December 2013. Players aged 13–14 may choose this group instead of the 10–14 group. Players aged 16–17 may additionally enter senior categories with written parental consent.

Discipline	Events	Age Group
Singles	Boys Singles · Girls Singles	15–17 Years
Doubles	Boys Doubles · Girls Doubles · Mixed Doubles	15–17 Years

Eligibility Rules

- Eligibility is determined by the player's age on 31 December 2026, using the standard end-of-year reference date applied in international junior competition.
- Each player may enter one age group only. No double entry across groups in all categories.
- Minimum age to compete is 10 years on 31 December 2026 (born on or before 31 December 2016).
- Players aged 10, 11 or 12 on 31 December 2026 (born 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2016) may only enter the 10–14 group.
- Players aged 13 or 14 on 31 December 2026 (born 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2013) may choose to enter either the 10–14 group or the 15–17 group. They must enter one junior group only.
- Players aged 15 on 31 December 2026 (born 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2011) may only enter the 15–17 group.
- Players aged 16 or 17 on 31 December 2026 (born 1 January 2009 – 31 December 2010) may enter the 15–17 group and may additionally choose to compete in senior (open) categories, subject to written parental consent submitted before the entry deadline.
- Players who turn 18 on or before 31 December 2026 (born on or before 31 December 2008) are not eligible for the junior competition and must enter senior categories.
- The EPF Tournament Director's decision on eligibility disputes is final.

EPF reserves the right to expand, merge or restructure age groups based on final registration numbers. Any such adjustment will be made solely in the interests of player welfare and fair competition, and all affected participants will be notified in advance.

Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Eligibility reference date	31 December 2026 (end-of-year standard)
Oldest eligible player (15–17 group)	Born 1 January 2009
Youngest eligible player (10–14 group)	Born 31 December 2016
Overlap zone (choice of either group)	Born 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2013 (ages 13–14)
16–17 senior entry permitted	With written parental consent, born 1 Jan 2009 – 31 Dec 2010
Players 18+ (born on or before 31 Dec 2008)	Not eligible, must enter senior categories
Tournament dates	3–8 November 2026

Questions regarding age category eligibility should be directed to the EPF Tournament Director: Fatih Dervent: Fatih@Epfpb.org or to the EPF Safeguarding Officer Sheena Maclean Bell: safeguarding@epfpb.org