

# SLOVAK PADEL ASSOCIATION

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## Strategic Plan of the Slovak Padel Association (SPA) for 2025–2026

The Slovak Padel Association (SPA) has been consistently dedicated to the systematic development of padel in Slovakia since 2018. In the upcoming period, SPA is determined to significantly expand its activities and deepen its impact. The core strategic goals remain the construction of quality infrastructure, the development of a strong player base – with a special emphasis on youth – and the strengthening of Slovakia’s international presence within the global padel community.

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### Key Strategic Priorities

#### 1. Youth Engagement and Padel Academies

SPA will place its primary focus on youth development, recognizing young players as the foundation for long-term success. In 2025-2026, SPA will launch recruitment campaigns in cooperation with schools, local clubs, and communities. Regional padel academies will be established, offering free training sessions, weekly interest clubs, and integration of padel activities into school physical education programs. In addition, SPA will roll out grassroots programs that aim to bring padel closer to children and youth and ensure the sport is inclusive and accessible to all.

#### 2. Coach and Referee Education and Development

SPA will implement a comprehensive framework for the education and ongoing development of padel coaches and referees. This will include certified training programs developed in collaboration with international partners. The objective is to raise the professional standard of coaching and officiating, while also identifying and mentoring young, promising talents in both fields. SPA aims to build a strong and competent professional base that supports the growth of the sport nationwide.

### **3. Padel Infrastructure Development**

SPA will continue to play an active role in the expansion of the padel court network throughout Slovakia. The association will provide expert consultation, assist with the creation of project documentation, and guide the permitting process for the construction of court foundations. Furthermore, SPA will facilitate direct communication in Spanish with leading global manufacturers of padel infrastructure, streamlining the implementation of new venues and ensuring quality standards.

### **4. Sponsorship and Financial Sustainability**

Given the limited state support available in Slovakia, SPA will proactively seek out new partnerships and sponsorship opportunities to fund the growth of padel across the country. The goal is to create a sustainable and diversified financing system to support development programs, youth projects, and national events. SPA recognizes that long-term success requires strong collaboration with the private sector.

### **5. National Padel League**

In 2025, SPA plans to launch and administrate the first nationwide padel league in Slovakia, targeting both amateur and professional players. The league will offer regular competitive fixtures across different categories and will be promoted through national media channels. The introduction of the league will provide structure, visibility, and a consistent platform for player progression and community engagement.

### **6. National Representation and International Integration**

SPA will ensure comprehensive training, technical, and material support for the Slovak national padel teams, facilitating their participation in major international competitions, especially under the FIP framework. In 2025, Slovakia will compete in the FIP Euro Padel Cup with a full men's team. This initiative underscores SPA's commitment to elevating Slovakia's presence on the international padel stage.

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## **Continuation and Expansion of Ongoing Activities**

SPA will continue to:

- Provide organizational support for regular local tournaments open to the public, fostering a growing community of amateur and professional players.
- Organize annual Slovak National Championships in multiple categories, creating opportunities for the emergence of new local talent.
- Host the prestigious international Arena Padel Open tournament, once again attracting top players from surrounding European countries.

- Publish the Slovak Padel Ranking on a regular basis to monitor and recognize player performance.
  - Develop the national padel community by supporting the growth of local padel clubs.
  - Promote padel as an accessible, dynamic, and inclusive sport for people of all ages and backgrounds.
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## Conclusion

The Slovak Padel Association deeply values any and all support from the International Padel Federation (FIP). Such support is instrumental in enabling the continued growth of padel in Slovakia and its integration among the country's key sports disciplines. Over the next two years, SPA will fully invest its energy into unlocking the sport's potential, strengthening the national community, and delivering lasting value to players, fans, and partners alike. With a clear strategy, a motivated team, and proven commitment, SPA is ready to lead Slovakia into a new era of padel excellence.

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