

GB National Teams Selection Policy – Padel

1. Purpose

The LTA will select players to represent Great Britain in national padel teams across all competition categories (Men's, Women's, Juniors, and Seniors) for FIP-sanctioned international events. The primary objective is:

- To achieve the highest possible finishing position at FIP-sanctioned team competitions (e.g. European and World Championships) within each eligible age group and gender in any given year.

2. Eligibility

Players will be considered for selection if they meet the following criteria:

2.1. Are eligible to represent Great Britain in FIP-approved competitions and hold a valid British passport.

2.2. Meet the age eligibility requirements for the relevant team category during the calendar year of the competition. Subject to FIP confirmation, categories may include:

- **Juniors:** U12, U14, U16, U18
- **Open:** No age restriction
- **Seniors:** 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+

2.3. Have not represented another country in a FIP event within the past three years.

2.4. Hold a current LTA Advantage membership (Play, Play+ or

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2.5. Are not currently disqualified or suspended under the rules of the LTA, FIP, or any other recognised federation.

2.6. Have submitted a signed declaration confirming their intention to be considered for selection by the published deadline.

2.7. Are not serving a sanction under anti-corruption or anti-doping rules.

2.8. Agree to comply with the LTA Code of Conduct ([link](#)) and, if selected, commit to:

- Adhering to LTA travel and event arrangements;
- Wearing official team kit;
- Respecting all LTA protocols and partner/sponsor guidelines.

3. Team Composition

Team composition will vary depending on the age group and in line with FIP regulations.

For clarity, **each team is selected per gender** (i.e. separate teams for males and females, including boys, girls, men and women, as appropriate to the age category).

- **Seniors Teams:** For each age category (e.g. 40+, 45+, etc.), teams will consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of four players per gender.
- **Junior Teams:** For each age group (e.g. U12, U14, U16, U18), teams will consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of four players per gender.
- **Open Teams:** Teams will typically consist of six selected players per gender, with up to two additional reserve players.

All final decisions on pairings, the use of reserves, and competition line-ups will be made at the discretion of the LTA and the appointed team captain or coach.

4. Selection Criteria

Selections will be made in accordance with the purpose outlined in Section 1. All decisions will be evidence-based, free from bias, and reflect fair consideration of all eligible players.

Only results and relevant information from the 12-month period preceding the application deadline will be considered.

4.1 Competition Profile

Performance in the following events may be assessed:

- FIP World Ranking
- LTA Padel Ranking
- Previous FIP European/World Championship results
- FIP-sanctioned tournament performances
- LTA British Tour results (including Juniors, Open, and Seniors)
- Other domestic or international events deemed relevant

4.2 Key Performance Factors

The panel may also consider:

- Current form and consistency
- Commitment, professionalism, and preparation
- Compatibility and contribution to team dynamics
- Physical condition and match fitness
- Conduct during previous GB or home nation representation
- Any other factor relevant to the team's success

5. Application Process & Deadlines

Players must complete and return the official declaration of intent by the deadline published by the LTA. All relevant documentation and timelines will be communicated in advance of each selection cycle.

6. Selection Process

6.1 Pre-Competition

The LTA, as the National Governing Body for padel in Britain, will make all final selection decisions. The panel may consult with relevant coaches or performance staff to inform their assessment.

6.2 In-Competition

The LTA will appoint a team captain or coach to manage daily decisions during competition. This individual may be a player (typically in Seniors) or a non-playing team lead. They will be responsible for final decisions on pairings, line-ups, and reserve involvement.

7. De-Selection

A player may be removed from a selected team in the following circumstances:

- 7.1. They are no longer eligible (see Section 2);
- 7.2. They breach the LTA Code of Conduct;

- 7.3. Their condition or performance is no longer consistent with selection standards;
- 7.4. They fail to disclose an injury, illness, or fitness concern.

Any decision to de-select a player will be communicated directly and clearly by the LTA.

8. Appeals

There is no formal appeals process. However, players may request feedback from the National Coach or Team Manager to support future development.

9. Kit & Funding

All selected players will be notified of kit, costs, and logistical arrangements in writing.

- **Junior and Open teams:** The LTA will cover all essential costs relating to participation, including travel, accommodation, entry fees, and team kit.
- **Seniors' teams:** While the LTA will aim to provide support where possible, players may be required to contribute towards costs depending on the level of funding available.

The LTA's ability to fund is subject to annual budget and strategic priorities.

10. Injury, Illness or Fitness Declaration

Players must notify the LTA immediately if they experience an injury, illness, or condition that could impact their ability to prepare for or compete at the event.

11. Parent & Guardian Guidance (Junior Teams Only)

The LTA welcomes the support of parents and guardians and seeks to ensure that their involvement enhances, rather than disrupts, the team experience. Parents/guardians are encouraged to:

- Act in accordance with the LTA Code of Conduct
- To abide and uphold the conditions of LTA safeguarding policies
- Promote responsibility and independence in their child
- Support the authority of coaches and staff
- Avoid giving instructions or feedback during matches
- Demonstrate respectful behaviour on and off court
- Trust LTA-appointed personnel to make decisions in the best interests of all players

Where parental conduct is deemed to compromise the team environment or player wellbeing, the LTA reserves the right to take appropriate action, including access restrictions or eligibility review.

12. Acknowledgement

Each player is required to confirm they have read, understood, and accepted the terms of this selection policy by signing the separate Acknowledgement Page, which must be returned to the LTA by the closing date stated in the accompanying cover letter or as published on the LTA Padel website.

Only the signed Acknowledgement Page must be returned – please do not send back the full policy document.

Players who wish to have additional competition results considered under Section 4.1(f) must submit a concise summary of these results alongside their signed acknowledgement.

GB National Teams Selection Policy – Acknowledgement Form

By signing below, I confirm that:

- I have read and accept the GB National Teams Selection Policy – Padel.
- I agree to comply with the eligibility, conduct, and selection requirements.
- I understand that only this page is to be returned to the LTA.
- I will include any additional results for consideration (Section 4.1(f)) with this form.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date of Application: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Guardian Acknowledgement (if player is under 18 years of age):

Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Relationship: _____

Playing category, you are eligible for (please circle or tick)

Juniors	Open	Seniors	Male	Female
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Age categories, you are eligible for (please circle or tick)

Open	N/A					
Juniors	U12	U14	U16	U18		
Seniors	35+	40+	45+	50+	55+	60+

Upon being selected, select your preferred kit sizing (please circle or tick)

Upper (t-shirts/top/jacket):	XS	S	M	L	XL
Lower (shorts/skorts/trousers):	XS	S	M	L	XL

Email: padel@lta.org.uk

Subject: GB Selection – [Team Category] Padel [Year]

e.g. "GB Selection – Seniors Padel 2025"



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