



# **LTA PADEL JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**

## **PLAYER INFORMATION PACK**

**Thursday 29 – Friday 30 October 2026**

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## Introduction

Welcome to the player information pack for the LTA Padel Junior National Championships 2026. This document will help provide you with the information you need to enter and compete in the events.

We are delighted to be delivering the inaugural LTA Padel Junior National Championships in 2026 at **Just Padel Derby** (Derwent Parade, Derby DE24 8BW). We look forward to receiving your entry and welcoming you to the LTA Padel Junior National Championships 2026.

## Regulations

The LTA Padel Junior National Championships are staged by the LTA and will be conducted in accordance with the FIP Rules of Padel and LTA Competition Regulations, including the LTA Code of Conduct.

## Player Eligibility

To enter and compete in the LTA Padel Junior National Championships, a player must meet the following criteria:

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Competitors must meet the criteria below to compete in the LTA Padel Junior National Closed Championships:

- a) Player must hold a current valid British passport and if registered as a player with FIP, it must be registered as GBR nationality.
- b) Player must not have competed in another closed national championship in the 12 months preceding the LTA Padel Junior National Closed Championships
- c) Player must not have represented any other nation in a FIP event in the 12 months preceding the LTA Padel Junior National Closed Championships
- d) Player must be an LTA Advantage member

At the entry process players will be asked to provide proof of nationality and date of birth.

All players must be available for the full duration of the tournament.

## Tournament Dates

| Event               | Tournament Dates                                               | Tournament Code | Accepting Entries     | Entry Deadline             | Withdrawal Deadline           |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12U, 14U, 18U Boys  | <b>Main Draw:</b><br>Thursday 29 – Friday 30th<br>October 2026 | DER-26-0064     | Monday 7<br>September | Friday 16 October<br>14:00 | Monday 19<br>October<br>10:00 |
| 12U, 14U, 18U Girls | <b>Main Draw:</b><br>Thursday 29 – Friday 30th<br>October 2026 |                 | Monday 7<br>September | Friday 16 October<br>14:00 | Monday 19<br>October<br>10:00 |

## Draws, Format & Scoring

| Event       | Draw Size                                                                                                                                                             | Direct Acceptances | Wild Cards | Match Format                               | Surface |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| All Events  | 16                                                                                                                                                                    | 14                 | 2          | Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break | Indoor  |
| Consolation | Eligibility: 1 <sup>st</sup> match loser<br>Sign in closes 30 minutes after last eligible match finishes.<br>Match Format: Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break |                    |            |                                            | Indoor  |

## Entry Information

### How To Enter

- Players must enter online prior to the closing deadline, using online tournament entry:

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- A player **must** ensure that their name appears on the entry list
- Entry fee payment will be taken during the online entry process.
- Players should check their contact details are up to date on their LTA profile as these will be used to send any communication.
- If you are experiencing problems entering online, please contact the Referee (Kris Dymond) E: [k\\_dymond1@hotmail.com](mailto:k_dymond1@hotmail.com) **BEFORE** the entry deadline.  
The date and time of the email will be considered in any entry disputes.  
No action can be taken if contact is not made prior to the entry deadline.

### Late Entries

- A late entry may not be accepted if the pair would be seeded at the time of making the late entry.
- Late entries will only be accepted if the event is under-subscribed or there are places available on the reserve list.
- Late entries will join the bottom of the reserve list, in order of receipt.
- Should a late entry move to the top of the reserve list **before** the draw is made and a place becomes available, he/she can be accepted into the event, even though at that point, he/she could be seeded.
- After the draw has been made, a late entrant may not be accepted into the event if he/she moves to the top of the reserve list and would be seeded.**

## **Wild Cards**

The tournament reserves the right to issue up to 1 wild card for every 8 spaces in the draw.

- Wild cards will be awarded in accordance with the LTA Competition Regulations (3.20-3.22)
- Where possible we aim to publish wild cards within 72 hours of the withdrawal deadline
- Any wild card spaces not used will be released and the next eligible pair will move into the draw.
- Wild cards are awarded on an entirely discretionary basis, and we shall not enter any correspondence as to why a particular pair was (or was not) issued a wild card.

## Acceptances

### Acceptance Criteria

Acceptance and Seeding for Grade 1 and 2 competitions is based on the combined FIP Ranking\* of each pair, followed by the combined LTA Padel Ranking of each pair. Doubles acceptance and seeding will be based on the following priority order:

\*The FIP ranking needs to be current and not a default ranking of 3000+ from an event played over 12 months ago

| Priority | PLAYER 1    | PLAYER 2    |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>A</b> | FIP Ranking | FIP Ranking |
| <b>B</b> | FIP Ranking | LTA Ranking |
| <b>C</b> | LTA Ranking | LTA Ranking |
| <b>D</b> | FIP Ranking | Unranked    |
| <b>E</b> | LTA Ranking | Unranked    |
| <b>F</b> | Unranked    | Unranked    |

### Publication of Acceptance Lists

We will aim to publish the acceptance lists as soon as possible after the entry deadline.

### Reserves

- It is the responsibility of reserves to check the website to track their reserve status and acceptance. Prior to the withdrawal deadline reserves will not be contacted by the Referee if a space becomes available.
- Reserve's will only be personally contacted by the Referee after the withdrawal deadline has passed if a space becomes available.
- If a pair on the acceptance list, withdraws after the withdrawal deadline, they will incur withdrawal points, and the entry fee will be retained.
- Players on the reserve list may at any time, prior to the referee contacting the player/parent to confirm their place in the draw, withdraw without penalty. Also, a pair on the reserve list may decline to play if called upon 24 hours prior to the start of the relevant event, and will not incur withdrawal points, and their entry fee will be refunded.

## Seedings

### Seeding criteria

- Seeding shall be based on the pairs relevant information on the date the draw was made.

## Proposed Order of Play

| Proposed Order of Play |                                                                        |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                   | Event                                                                  |
| Thursday 29 October    | <b>All events.</b> Rounds 1, 2, & consolation first round              |
| Friday 30 October      | <b>All events.</b> Semi-finals, finals, & consolation semis and finals |

## Hotel Information

TBC

## Contact

If you have any further questions, please contact Tournament Director Paul Midgley:  
[paul.midgley@lta.org.uk](mailto:paul.midgley@lta.org.uk)

Or

Tournament Referee: Kris Dymond E: [k\\_dymond1@hotmail.com](mailto:k_dymond1@hotmail.com) T: 07747 082548

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FIRST LTA PADEL JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**