



LTA PADEL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

PLAYER INFORMATION PACK

Thursday 1 – Sunday 4 October 2026

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Introduction

Welcome to the player information pack for the LTA Padel 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 second edition of the LTA Padel National Championships in 2026 at Rocket Padel Bristol, and we look forward to receiving your entry and hopefully welcoming you to the LTA Padel National Championships 2026.

Regulations

The LTA Padel 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 National Championships a player must meet the following criteria:

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

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

At the entry process players will be asked to provide proof of nationality and date of birth, unless they have previously provided this information for the 2025 event.

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
Open Men's & Women's	Qualifying: Thursday 1 October 2026 Main Draw: Friday 2 – Sunday 4 October 2026	AVO-26-0123	Monday 3 August	Monday 21 September 14:00	Wednesday 23 September 10:00
Over 40 Men's & Women's	Saturday 3 – Sunday 4 October 2026		Monday 3 August	Monday 21 September 14:00	Wednesday 23 September 10:00
Over 50 Men's & Women's	Friday 2 – Saturday 3 October 2026	AVO-26-0123	Monday 3 August	Monday 21 September 14:00	Wednesday 23 September 10:00
Over 60 Men's & Women's	Thursday 1 - Friday 2 October 2026		Monday 3 August	Monday 21 September 14:00	Wednesday 23 September 10:00

Draws, Format & Scoring

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface
Open Qualifying	16	14	2	-	Elimination 16 to 4	Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break. Star point in operation	Indoor
Open Main	32	24	4	4	Elimination	Best of 3 tie-break sets Star point in operation	Indoor
Over 40 Over 50 Over 60	16	14	2	-	Elimination	Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break Star point in operation	Indoor
Consolation	Eligibility: 1 st match loser (extra matches will also be staged for the Open Qualifying event) Sign in closes 30 minutes after last eligible match finishes. Match Format: Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break. Star point in operation						Indoor

Prize Money

	Winner (per pair)	Runner Up (per pair)	Semi-Finalist (per pair)	Quarter-Finalist (per pair)
Mens Open	1500	750	400	200
Womens Open	1500	750	400	200
40s Mens	300	150		
40s Women	300	150		
50s Mens	300	150		
50s Women	300	150		
60s Mens	300	150		
60s Women	300	150		

Prize money payment will be made by LTA bank transfer.
 Player's must speak with the Tournament Director before leaving site to confirm their bank details

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 or T: 07747 082548 **BEFORE** the entry deadline.
The date and time of the email / telephone call 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 Open Ranking* of each pair, followed by the combined LTA Padel Age** Ranking of each pair. Doubles acceptance and seeding will be based on the following priority order:

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

**LTA Padel Ranking for the age group entering is applied

Priority	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2
A	FIP Open Ranking	FIP Open Ranking
B	FIP Open Ranking	LTA Age Ranking
C	LTA Ranking	LTA Age Ranking
D	FIP Open Ranking	Unranked
E	LTA Age Ranking	Unranked
F	Unranked	Unranked

Publication of Acceptance Lists

We will aim to publish the acceptance list's 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

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Date	Event
Thursday 1 October	Open Qualifying. Rounds 1, 2, & qualifying consolation Over 60. Round 1, Quarter-Final & consolation
Friday 2 October	Open Main. Round 1 Over 60. Semi-Final, Final & consolation Over 50. Round 1, Quarter-Final & consolation
Saturday 3 October	Open Main. Round 2, Quarter-Final & consolation Over 50. Semi-Final & Final & consolation Over 40. Rounds 1,2, & consolation
Sunday 4 October	Open Main. Semi-Final, Final & consolation Over 40. Semi-Final, Final & consolation

New for 2026

- Under certain conditions courtside coaching will be permitted at the LTA Padel National Championships but only with the approval of the referee and by registering with the referee. Please contact the referee in advance for the conditions which apply for this.

Hotel Information

A Tournament Rate has been secured at **Arnos Manor, 470 Bath Road, Arnos Vale, Bristol. BS4 3HQ**

- Monday – Friday & Sunday rooms - £95.00: Double for sole – Bed & Breakfast (including parking)
- Saturday rooms - £110.00: Double for sole – Bed & Breakfast (including parking)
- Monday – Friday & Sunday rooms - £105.00: Double / Twin – Bed & Breakfast (including parking)
- Saturday rooms - £120.00: Double / Twin – Bed & Breakfast (including parking)
- There is a cancellation policy of up to 16:00 before day of arrival

A Tournament rate has also been secured at **Premier Inn Bristol South, Hengrove Leisure Park, Hengrove Way, Bristol, BS14 0HR**

- £125.00: Double for sole/Twin – Room only (including parking)
- £136.99: Double for sole – Bed & Breakfast (including parking)
- £148.99: Double/Twin – Bed & Breakfast (including parking)
- There is a cancellation policy of up to 13:00 day of arrival

Early booking is strongly advised, as there are a defined number of rooms available at this rate, with rooms available on a 'first come first served basis', and to book on the tournament rate contact rory@accommodationsuk.co.uk. When requesting a room(s), please ensure the following information is provided:

- Preferred Hotel
- Check in date
- Check out date
- Full guest name(s)
- Card details (for room guarantee purposes only). You would need to send the long card number and expiry date only. Payment to be made at the hotel on departure.
- Full postal address including postcode
- Room type you require - double for sole (one bed), double (one bed) or twin (two beds)

The deadline for contacting Rory to guarantee availability is Wednesday 23 September, and the booking is only secured once you have had confirmation from Rory. Any booking requests made after Wednesday 23 September will be on a request basis only.

The above rate only applies by booking through Accommodations UK.

Contact

If you have any further questions, please contact:

Tournament Director Richard Joyner E: richard.joyner@lta.org.uk T: 07971 141329

Tournament Referee: Kris Dymond E: k_dymond1@hotmail.com T: 07747 082548

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE
SECOND EDITION OF THE LTA PADEL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
2026**