WINTER 2026-27 · LEAGUE INFORMATION PACK

Essex *Padel League*

Play at any venue that works for all four players.

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ENTRY OPENS
19 October 2026
Closes 15 November 2026

SEASON DATES
23 Nov to 31 Jan
Eight rounds plus a catch-up week

ENTRY FEE
£65 per team
£50 if one of you played last season. Paid in the app.

Enter in the Padel League UK app. Download it free from the App Store or Google Play, then you and your partner each sign up and choose Essex.

Download the app

WELCOME TO ESSEX

Weekly padel for teams of two, *at your level.*

Eight-week fixtures for teams of two, at your level. Register your team, arrange your matches, submit your scores and follow the table, all in the Padel League UK app.

1

Find your league

Choose the Essex Padel League in the Padel League UK app.

2

Register in the app

You and your partner each sign up. £65 per team, paid in the app.

3

Compete at your level

Divisions are set by level after entries close.

4

Battle for promotion

Weekly fixtures against teams like you, with promotion and prizes to play for.

YOUR VENUE

You pick the venue

You choose the venue. Play at any padel venue that works for you and your opponents, on any day and at any time that suits all four players. The match captain books the court and everyone pays their share.

WHO CAN PLAY?

Any level, beginner to advanced

Teams of two, aged 16 and over. Answer a few questions on sign-up about your level and experience and we will place you in a division that suits you.

Good to know

- One team, in one league, per player per season.
- Entry closes on **15 November 2026**. Divisions are confirmed before round 1 on 23 November 2026.
- Court hire is not included: players book their own courts and share the cost with their opponents.
- Players aged 16 or 17 must have a parent or guardian with them at matches and league events, and a parent or guardian handles all communication with other teams.
- Players bring their own equipment and balls.

Join your league's WhatsApp community at https://chat.whatsapp.com/I1jh5HERLIM74feINIDjwm. You do not need to register first.

THE PADEL LEAGUE UK APP · PART 1

Sign up and *register your team.*

Everything happens in the app: registering, paying, your fixtures, your division table and your results. Registration takes a few minutes.

1. **Download the app**
   Get the Padel League UK app free from the App Store or Google Play.

2. **You both sign up**
   You and your partner each create your own account, so you both see your fixtures and the league. Use the email address where you want league messages to go.

3. **Choose your league**
   In the app, choose Essex Padel League. Add your partner, tell us any dates you cannot play, and confirm.

4. **Pay for your team**
   £65 per team (£32.50 each), paid in the app. If one of you played last season, the app takes £15 off automatically, so the team pays £50. There is nothing to claim.

5. **You're in**
   Entry closes on 15 November 2026. We confirm your division before round 1 starts on 23 November 2026.

KEY DATES FOR ESSEX

Entry opens	Entry closes	Round 1 starts	Season ends
19 October 2026	15 November 2026	23 November 2026	31 January 2027

Need a partner?

Teams are two players. If you do not have a partner yet, press **Find a partner** in the Padel League UK app to request one.

Did a friend invite you?

Give their name when you sign up. It counts towards their League Ambassador rewards (see page 5).

THE PADEL LEAGUE UK APP · PART 2

Divisions and *arranging matches.*

After entries close on 15 November 2026, we group teams by level into divisions of 6 to 9 pairs. Your division, your opponents and your fixture list appear in the app before round 1. **Each team plays every other team in its division once.**

Arranging your matches

1. **Check your fixture.** Each round, the app shows who you are playing and the week to play it in.
2. **Match captain suggests a slot.** The match captain taps Schedule match on the fixture and suggests a date and time. The other team accepts or suggests another.
3. **Book a court.** The match captain books a court at a venue that suits all four players, and everyone pays their share straight away.
4. **Play** and enter the result in the app.

MATCH CAPTAINS

Every pair names a team captain

For each fixture, the captain of the team listed first is the match captain. The match captain takes the lead in organising the match: suggesting a date and time, and booking the court.

THE SCHEDULING PROCESS

9 days before the gameweek: the match captain suggests a slot.
7 days before: the other team replies, accepting or suggesting an alternative.
Once agreed: the captain books the court and all players pay their share.

Golden rules of match scheduling

1. Be proactive. Do not wait for others to organise your match. Captains suggest a slot 9 days before the gameweek.

2. Do not leave people on read. A quick reply shows respect and keeps the match on track.

3. Be flexible. Offer options, suggest alternatives and find a time that works for everyone.

4. Communicate clearly. If you cannot make a suggested time, say so. Silence creates problems.

5. Aim to play every match. Playing is the only guaranteed way to earn points. Forfeits should be rare.

6. Forfeit decisions consider effort. If a match is not played, we look at who was proactive and who tried to get it arranged. Forfeits are at league admin discretion.

THE PADEL LEAGUE UK APP · PART 3

Scores, tables and *promotion.*

Submit your score

After your match, one player enters the set scores in the app. The standings update for your whole division, so everyone can see where they stand, and your padel level updates as you play.

How points work

Every match is 3 sets and every set won earns **2 points**, so always play the third set. An unfinished set earns 0 points. If you are running out of time, play a 10-point tie-break instead and record it as 7–6 to the winners.

SET 1	SET 2	SET 3
6–4	3–6	6–2
+2 pts	+0 pts	+2 pts

Your team 4 points · opponents 2 points. Standard padel scoring applies, with golden point at 40–40.

Top 2 go up

The top two teams in each division earn promotion next season.

Winners win prizes

Division winners take home padel prizes and recognition.

Bottom teams drop

The bottom teams move down to the division below.

LEAGUE AMBASSADORS

Tell your friends. Earn rewards.

Every friend you bring along moves you up a tier. Rewards build up as you go and never reset. Rewards are updated and sent out once per season, and ambassadors must be existing players in the current season of the league. Friends give your name when they sign up in the app.

1 friend	3 friends	5 friends	10 friends	20 friends	50 friends
£10 league credit	Velozia T-shirt	£30 Everything Padel gift card	£75 multi-brand voucher	£150 sponsor gift voucher	Mega racket and gear bundle

PLAY AGAINST THE BEST

Qualify for the Masters Series

Top teams each year from every Padel League UK league are invited to the Masters Series, with the chance to win £1,000 per winning team. There is no application: play your league season, finish near the top, and we will contact you. Everyone can watch the Finals: Saturday 28 November 2026, 2pm to 8pm at Padel Up Teesside.

FAQS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Questions *answered.*

How do I enter?
Download the Padel League UK app. You and your partner both sign up, choose Essex Padel League, then pay for your team.

How much does entry cost?
£65 per team (£32.50 each), paid in the app, or £50 if one of you played last season. Court hire is not included. Players bring their own equipment and balls.

Where are the matches?
Play at any venue that works for all four players. Players book their own courts.

When are the matches?
Fixtures are released in rounds, usually one a week. Play on any day and at any time that suits all four players.

Do I need a partner?
Yes, teams are two players. If you need a partner, press Find a partner in the Padel League UK app to request one.

What if I am away or injured?
Contact your opponents early to play the match ahead of schedule, or catch up later. Results count as long as they are in before the season deadline.

When are divisions decided?
After entries close on 15 November 2026. We group teams by level into divisions of 6 to 9 pairs.

How old do I have to be?
Players must be 16 or over. Players aged 16 or 17 need a parent or guardian with them at matches and league events, and a parent or guardian handles all communication with other teams.

Who runs the league?
The league is operated and owned by Padel League Network Ltd (Padel League UK).

Where do I get help?
Tap the **Player Support** button in the Padel League UK app and our team will help. You can also use the form at ukpadelleague.co.uk/player-support.

> Our privacy policy, refund policy and safeguarding policy are on our website at ukpadelleague.co.uk.

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LEAGUE RULES

The rules, *1 to 9.*

1. **Be proactive and accommodating.** Try to play your matches within the assigned gameweeks, and be accommodating of your opponents' availability where possible. All players should pay their share of the court hire immediately.

2. **Court bookings.** All court booking issues must be handled between players and the venue. Padel League UK cannot be held responsible for any no-shows. If you need to cancel and the booking player cannot get a refund for the court hire because it is last minute, please make sure the player who is not at fault is reimbursed. Padel League UK is not responsible for any loss resulting from match cancellations or any other aspect of playing in the league.

3. **Help and questions.** For any league issues or questions, tap the Player Support button in the Padel League UK app. The league is operated and owned by Padel League Network Ltd (Padel League UK).

4. **If you cannot reach a pair.** Reach out to both opponents using BOTH the match chat in the app and your division WhatsApp group. If you have not had a reply after 48 hours, try again. If you still hear nothing, tap Player Support in the app and the league administrators will encourage the opponents to engage.

5. **Unplayed matches.** If a match is not completed by the season deadline and neither team is clearly at fault, 0 points are awarded to both sides. If you feel the other side was at fault, tap Player Support in the app.

6. **Forfeits.** Forfeit points may be awarded only if: one side cancels a prearranged match (all 4 players confirmed the day and time); one side willingly forfeits; one side drops out or is a no-show; or one side does not respond by the scheduling deadlines even though the other side followed the process. Please still make every effort to rearrange. Forfeits are recorded by ticking the W.O. box for the pair who are forfeiting.

7. **Away periods.** If you have planned time away, contact your opponents early for the affected rounds and take the initiative to rearrange. It is better to play early than late. Results count as long as they are submitted before the season deadline; please also tell Player Support.

8. **Scheduling process.** The match captain taps Schedule match 9 days before the gameweek starts, the other pair replies by 7 days before, and the match captain then books the court. The best league experience is had by the players who organise their matches early.

9. **Player withdrawal.** If fewer than 50% of scheduled matches have been completed, all results involving the withdrawn player are recorded as forfeits. If more than 50% have been played, completed matches stand and only remaining fixtures are forfeits. The league administrators decide what is fairest for everyone.

LEAGUE RULES · CONTINUED

The rules, *10 to 18.*

10 **Refunds.** If your pair changes its mind, you can get a refund of your entry fee up to the sign-up deadline, 15 November 2026. Tap the Player Support button in the app to ask. After the deadline, no refunds are given, including for scheduling issues or dropouts.

11 **Minimum age and guardian oversight.** All players must be 16 or over. Players aged 16 or 17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (parent or guardian) during matches and league events. All communication about fixtures, disputes or league administration must be handled by the parent or guardian on the player's behalf.

12 **WhatsApp groups.** Do not use the league WhatsApp groups for any commercial activity such as sharing adverts or promotions. To promote your business through the league, email sponsor@ukpadelleague.co.uk.

13 **Disagreements over results.** Come to an accurate and fair agreement and resolve it before the result is submitted in the app. If there are any issues with results, tap Player Support in the app.

14 **Injury or unable to finish.** A player who has an injury or cannot complete the league may tap Player Support to request a new partner. This is at the league administrator's discretion. One permanent partner swap is allowed per season. Temporary substitutions, for example for one match, are not permitted. The new partner must not already be playing in another team this season.

15 **Late arrivals.** If a pair is more than 10 minutes late, play the match in the time that is left. Settle the final set with a 10-point tie-break if it cannot be finished. Only if there is no time for a tie-break does the late pair forfeit the final set, recorded as 6–0 to the pair not at fault.

16 **Scoring.** Standard padel scoring applies, with golden point: at 40–40 the next point wins the game, and the receiving pair chooses which side to receive from. Matches are 3 sets and each set won awards 2 points. At 6–6 in a set, play a normal tie-break (first to 7, by 2 clear points). An incomplete set earns 0 points for both pairs. If time will not allow a set to be completed, play a 10-point tie-break (first to 10, by 2 clear points) and record it as 7–6 to the winning pair.

17 **Respect.** Show respect at all times for your opponents, the venue and the game. Refrain from time-wasting, disrespectful or abusive language, and over-the-top outbursts such as kicking balls away or smashing rackets. If there is a dispute about a call, play a let where possible. Complaints go through Player Support. Complaint 1: a verbal warning. Complaint 2: a written warning. Complaint 3: removal from the league with no refund. Padel League UK may refuse entry to any pair for these reasons.

18 **Match captains.** To help with scheduling, every division uses a match captain system. See page 4 for how it works.

Thank you for following these rules to make the league fun and competitive for everyone.