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AUTUMN SEASON 2026

League Information & Rules



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Welcome To
The Essex Padel League
Autumn 2026 Season
Dates:

August 31 – Nov 1 2026

Sign Up Deadline:
19th August 2026





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How It Works

- Enter with your partner | £50 entry fee per pair
- You play one match per week during the league phase.
- Divisions of 6-9 pairs – play every pair once.
- Matches are arranged directly with your opponents using Whatsapp groups.
- Book your courts at any venue using any platform
- Scores are submitted using the Padelmates app.
- Top 2 teams of each division earn promotion.
- Bottom teams move down to the league below.
- Division winners receive prizes and recognition.





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Qualify For The Masters Series - Play Against The Best

- Top teams each year from all of our leagues will be invited to play in our Masters Series each year, with the opportunity to win £1000 per winning team.
- Our elite competition, The Masters Series provides a higher level of competition and an aspirational goal for all Padel League UK players.





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Who Can Play?

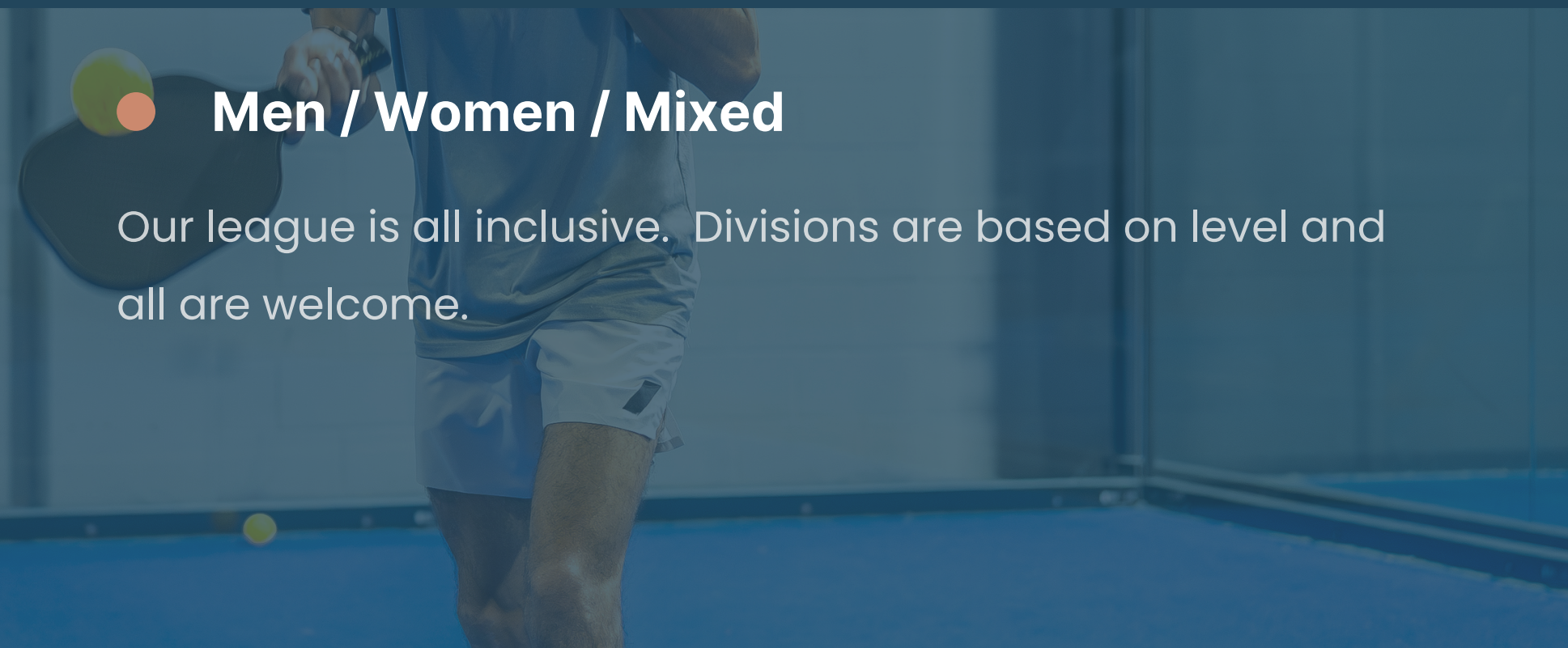
The Essex Padel League is open to any pair looking for structured, weekly matches and friendly competition.

● Any level - Beginner to Advanced

Answer a few questions on sign up, such as Playtomic level, experience, strengths and weaknesses. You will be placed in a division suitable for your ability.

● Men / Women / Mixed

Our league is all inclusive. Divisions are based on level and all are welcome.





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Win Amazing Padel Prizes

Division winners win padel-based prizes such as gift cards for padel gear and clothing. – overall winners win the Essex Padel League trophy! Specific prizes to be announced soon.





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FAQs & Useful Information

- **Where are the matches?**

Play at any venue throughout that works for you and your opponents.

- **When are the matches?**

Fixtures are released in rounds. Each round lasts one week. You can play at any day and time that works for you and your opponents.

- **What if I am away or injured?**

You can communicate with your opponents early to play the match ahead of schedule, or catch up later.

- **How much does season entry cost?**

The entry for the season is £50 per pair. This does not include court costs. Players provide their own equipment and balls.

- **How are matches organised?**

You will be placed in a Whatsapp group for your division. Reach out to your opponents using the group to organise your matches. One player books the court, and all players pay their share.. Results are submitted to the League using Padelmates but courts can be booked using any platform.



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League Rules

- 1) Players should endeavour to be proactive when it comes to match scheduling. Try to play your matches within the assigned gameweeks. Players should endeavour to be accomodating of opponents' availability where possible. uld pay their share of the court hire immediately.
- 2) All court booking issues must be handled between players and respective venues, and Padel League UK can not be held responsible for any no shows. Advance payment by all players should prevent issues. If you need to cancel your game and the booking player can not get a refund for the court hire due to the last minute nature, please ensure that the player not at fault is reimbursed for any court hire costs. Padel League UK are not responsible for any loss resulting from match cancellations or any other aspect of playing in the league.
- 3) For any league issues or questions, please visit the 'player support' section at ukpadelleague.co.uk. The League is operated and owned by Padel League UK.



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4) If you are struggling to contact or organise a match with a certain pair, please follow these steps before contacting Padel League UK:

- Reach out to both opponents using BOTH the Whatsapp group and Padelmates chat
- If you have not received a reply after 48 hours, attempt to make contact with the pair again. Sometimes messages can be missed as people lead busy lives.
- If you still receive no reply, please contact player support at ukpadelleague.co.uk. League administrators will encourage the opponents to engage.

5) If the match does not get completed by the season deadline and neither team is clearly at fault, eg: simple failure on both sides to organise the match, limited availability on both sides, 0 points will be awarded to both sides. If you feel that your team deserves a forfeit due to the other side being at fault for an unscheduled match, please contact player support at ukpadelleague.co.uk.



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6) Forfeit points may be awarded only in the following circumstances:

- One side cancels a prearranged match. A prearranged match meaning all 4 players have confirmed the day and time.
- One side willingly forfeits a match
- One side drops out of a match for any reason or is a no-show.

In the above circumstances, we would ask that in the spirit of the sport and the desire to play the matches, every effort is made to be reasonable and endeavour to rearrange matches. However, the team not at fault has no obligation to do so if availability does not allow.

7) If players have away periods planned, they should contact their opponents for the affected rounds early and take the initiative to rearrange the match. It is preferred to play the matches early rather than late. However, as long as the results are submitted before the season deadline, they will be counted. In this scenario, players should also contact player support.



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8) Players should be proactive when organising matches. Players responsible for booking courts should be aware of when courts are released in order to make court bookings early. Players should contact each opponent weeks in advance to organise shared availability. The best league experience is always had by the participants who organise their matches early.

9) Player Withdrawal Protocol: If a player withdraws from the league, match outcomes will be adjusted based on the stage of withdrawal. If fewer than 50% of scheduled matches have been completed, all results involving the withdrawn player will be recorded as forfeits to maintain competitive balance. If more than 50% have been played, completed matches will stand and only remaining fixtures will be marked as forfeits. This approach ensures fairness across the league while recognising genuine participation. The League Administrators reserve the right to make a decision regarding this which is fairest for all.

10) The League can not offer entry fee refunds after the divisions are set up or because of issues scheduling matches with other players.



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- 11) Minimum Age & Guardian Oversight: All players must be aged 16 or over to participate. Players aged 16 or 17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (parent or guardian) during matches and league events. All communication regarding fixtures, disputes, or league administration must be handled by the parent or guardian on the player's behalf to ensure appropriate safeguarding and accountability.
- 12) Players must not use the league WhatsApp groups for any form of commercial activity such as sharing adverts or promotions. If you would like to use the league platform to promote your business, please email sponsor@ukpadelleague.co.uk.
- 13) If there are any disagreements regarding results, players must come to an accurate and fair agreement. Players are asked to resolve before scores are publicised and league table is updated. If there are any issues with results or outcomes, players should contact player support at ukpadelleague.co.uk.



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14) If a player has an injury or is unable to complete the league, they may contact player support to request a new partner to take their place. It is up to the league administrator's discretion whether to allow this. The league only allows one permanent partner swap per season. Temporary partner substitutions eg for just one match are not permitted.

15) If a team is more than 10 minutes late for a game and therefore the match can not be completed in the allotted time, the latecomer team will forfeit the final set 6-0. This will avoid the occurrence of the team not at fault losing out on points due to the non-completion. If the non-fault team is willing to arrange another game to complete the match that would be the ideal scenario, however they are not under obligation to do so. In the event of a discrepancy of fault, players will be used to resolve the disagreement between themselves before the League administrator will intervene. Essex Padel League can not be expected to cover court fees for no shows.



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16) Standard padel scoring applies. We recommend the use of the golden point rule in order to ensure Matches will comprise of 3 sets. Each set won will award 2 points. For example, a win of 3 sets to 0 will award the winning team 6 points, and so on. Players should play the third set even if the score is 2-0, as points are still available for the final set. An incomplete set will be recorded as 1 point each. If the third set cannot be completed due to time constraints, teams may opt for a tie-break (first to 7, win by 2). If no tie-break is played, each team receives 1 point for the incomplete set. Players should record a tie-break win for a set as 7-6 to the winning team.



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17) Players should show respect at all times for their opponents, providing an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for all players. While a healthy level of competition is expected, players should at all times endeavour to create an atmosphere that makes all players feel welcome. Players competing in the league should refrain from the following

: - Time-wasting - Disrespectful or abusive language - over the top outbursts of anger or frustration eg kicking balls away, smashing rackets etc.

This is not an extensive list; we trust that an extensive list is not needed when all players show respect for one another, the venue and the game. If there is a dispute about a call, please play a let where possible.

All complaints should be submitted via player support. If a complaint is received about a player or team in the league, Padel League UK will take the following measures. - Complaint number 1) Check the complaint, then contact the pair involved to issue a verbal warning and remind them of the rules - Complaint number 2) Issue a written warning to the pair involved - Complaint number 3) Remove the offending player or pair from the league with no refund available. Padel League UK reserves the right to refuse entry to any pair for the above reasons.

Thank you for following these rules to make the league fun and competitive for all!



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18) In order to help with scheduling, the league uses a match captain system. This is a rule across all divisions. Please see the Padel League UK scheduling guide, shared on the Whatsapp group for your division, to see how this works.



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Information & Privacy Policy

1. Introduction

Welcome to the Essex League, Powered By Padel League UK! We value your privacy and are committed to protecting your personal information. This Privacy Policy outlines how we collect, use, and protect your information when you sign up for our leagues and participate in our activities.

2. Information We Collect

When you sign up for the Essex League, we collect the following information:

- Your name
- Contact information (including your phone number and email)
- Your local league
- League information (e.g., preferred league, skill level)

3. Use of Information

By signing up for our league, you agree to the following uses of your information:

- WhatsApp Group Addition: You will be added to a WhatsApp group with other players in your league. This group is used for communication regarding league updates, schedules, and other important information related to your participation in the league.
- Marketing Communications: You agree to be contacted for marketing purposes regarding future leagues and events. This may include announcements, promotions, and other relevant communications.
- If permission given, we may use your photo to promote matches and results on social media and our website and mailing lists.
- We may share your personal information such as name and email address with Padel Mates in order to connect you to the league and set up your Padel Mates account. Padel Mates privacy policy applies.

4. WhatsApp Communication

Please note that WhatsApp will be the primary method of communication regarding league-related information. It is your responsibility to ensure that you actively monitor the WhatsApp group and read messages. The Padel League UK cannot be held responsible for any information that is missed if you do not regularly check WhatsApp messages.

5. Data Security

We take reasonable measures to protect your personal information from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure. However, please be aware that no method of transmission over the Internet or method of electronic storage is 100% secure. While we strive to protect your information, we cannot guarantee its absolute security.

6. Data Retention

We will retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes outlined in this Privacy Policy, comply with our legal obligations, resolve disputes, and enforce our agreements.

7. Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Access your personal information
- Request correction of any inaccuracies in your personal information
- Withdraw your consent for marketing communications at any time by contacting us at info@ukpadelleague.co.uk

8. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. Any changes will be effective immediately upon posting the revised policy on our website. We encourage you to review this Privacy Policy periodically for any updates.

9. Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy or our data practices, please contact us at:

info@ukpadelleague.co.uk