



PADEL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023



SPOTLIGHT ON JERSEY GRADE 1



JERSEY played host to what is believed to be the largest padel tournament ever staged in the United Kingdom last weekend.

A total of 98 players from across Europe pitched up for the Grade 1 LTA Padel National Tour event at Island Padel in St Clement, with the majority battling for a share of a record-breaking £6,000 prize pot.

Three out of the four finals were decided via a championship tiebreak as some of Great Britain's top-ranked stars were put to the test by challengers from far and wide. It would be a test they would pass with flying colours.

Top seeds Louie Harris and Chris Salisbury sailed to victory in the men's open draw – beating Rafael Otaolaurruchi and Spanish semi-professional Alvaro Pecos along the way – while top spot in the women's draw went to Rosalie Van Der Hoek and British number one Tia Norton.

Tournament organiser Morgan Jubb said: “We played over 120 matches over the weekend, and we had a very positive response from all the local players and also all the international players. We had players from all over the world: Spain, Belgium, Holland, the Canary Islands ... the list goes on and that's amazing. We had a lot more of an international competition than last year.”



SPOTLIGHT ON JERSEY CONT.

In the ladies open we had Tia and Rosalie - a very strong pairing who are looking to move up to that next level of international padel. They were the favourites and even though it was quite a strong final they won reasonably convincingly.

Norton and Van Der Hoek beat top seeds Helen Crook and Jo Ward in the semi-finals, having opened their account at the Rathbones-backed tournament against Channel Island duo Jolien Borrenberghs (Jersey) and Chloe de la Mare (Guernsey), who at just 13 years old is tipped to be a future local padel star.

Norton said “With it being my first time in Jersey it sure will be memorable. Seeing the passion for Padel and the community that has been created on this island gives me great belief the sport is expanding exactly as it should be ! I’m very pleased to have secured the win and have plans to be returning next year ! The hospitality of the club and hosts made the trip and experience just that even bit better, and I can’t thank them enough for taking great care of us and holding such an incredible event!

Salisbury said “It was the first time for me playing in Jersey and first time partnering with Louie Harris. The whole event could not have been better, the sun was out, the food was great and good crowds turned up throughout creating a lively atmosphere all weekend.

So happy to have got the win as both the semi and final were tough games against Spanish opponents, especially the final where we were a set and a break down. We were proud of how we fought back and found out best when we needed it most. Looking forward to coming back next year!



PERFORMANCE UPDATE

- FIP have taken the decision to postpone the European Championships which were due to take place this month. This is now likely to take place in the first half of 2024.
- Tia Norton and partner Rosalie Van Der Hoek (NED) reached the Semi Final of the FIP Rise event in Rotterdam, losing 2-0 to the Belgium pair Sophie Mestach & Helena Wyckaert.
- Other GB Player performances this month:
 - Nikhil Mohindra & Frankie Langan – Last 16, FIP Promotion: Vienna
 - Richard Brooks – Last 32, FIP Rise: Cueta, Spain
 - Sam MacNeil – Last 32, FIP Rise: Rotterdam
- We have had a positive response from our youth survey, with over 40 players who have responded. All players will be contacted shortly to advise of the next steps as part of our GB youth development programme.

LEADING GB FIP RANKINGS

Christian Medina-Murphy	138	Tia Norton	144
Sam Jones	176	Lisa Phillips	227
Nikhil Mohindra	490	Abi Tordoff	295



COACHING PADEL

Padel courses are being delivered across the country by LTA Coach Development Centres.

Upcoming CPD courses in Oct/Nov include: *'Coaching Kids' Padel* and *'How to Coach the Double Glass'*.

Discover more about the LTA Intro to Padel Coaching Course, recently featured in the [Padel Paper](#).



Image
How to Coach the Double Glass CPD
Delivered at the NTC last month
LTA Tutors: *Ryan Preston and Toby Bawden*

RECREATIONAL COMPETITION

WAP DERBY AND BRISTOL EMBRACE SWEDISH FORMAT TO GROW FEMALE PARTICIPATION

She Plays is an inclusive open community for all women who want to learn, play padel, socialise and have fun together.. She Plays events combine padel with social activities like workshops, dining and networking. Started in 2022 in Sweden by Emmie Ekdhal, a Swedish professional padel player, who created the concept, which so far has engaged more than 1,000 players.

WAP's Geri Charakchieva explains that *She Plays* events aren't just to help participants improve their skills on court, they also help women widen networks and make new friends. *She Plays* is for everyone, regardless of age, background or fitness level. Sessions are non-competitive, although they also run Padel & Prosecco evenings; bi-weekly, mini tournaments which are also very popular.

WAP Derby experimented with different formats before settling on the *She Plays* brand and instantly noticed a 53% rise in women participation. They now run 4 sessions weekly with two at their Bristol venue.

Geri added that there are padel gear and other padel-related prizes in monthly giveaways. For the first two months from the initial session attendance, all entry fees paid will be converted into credit on personal Playtomic wallets. WAP sees this as an investment to entice women to play more, to help their mission 'to make padel a gender equal sport'.



RECREATIONAL COMPETITION

FEMME OPEN CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

September 21st saw Femme Open toast their first birthday at a new indoor venue in Slough where the Padel School's Farquharson brothers delivered a training clinic to a sell out group of women, followed by match play.

Earlier in September, Femme ran a female-only tournament catering to different levels and offering goody bags and prizes.

There's also an upcoming tournament at Harrogate at the end of the month, which is now sold out, but there are future events lined-up in October and November.

If you'd like to start competing and widen your network of female padel players, contact Pep for more details pep@femmeopenuk.com.



TWO NEW VENUES OPEN IN LONDON



Game4Padel opens two new venues:

The Padel Yard opened on Armoury Way in Wandsworth, which offers a licensed bar, Wi-Fi and parking. You can choose from padel or pickleball.

The second venue opened at Bloom Heathrow Business Park. Courts must be booked in advance via the Matchi app, details of which can be found on the Game4Padel website.

Check out our [court directory](#) on the LTA website to find your closest padel court.

GRADED COMPETITION

LTA GRADED PADEL COMPETITIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY



GRADE 1 & 2

The highest level of LTA graded competitions. For players wanting to compete against top UK players.



GRADE 3

Bigger venues, larger draws but just as much fun. Perfect for players with previous experience competing.



GRADE 4

For players wishing to travel and compete against different players. Acceptance based on LTA Padel Ranking.



GRADE 5

Introduction to graded compete for new or inexperienced players. It's local and entry is first come first served!



SENIORS

For players aged 40+ and 50+ that wish to compete against different players across the country



ENTER ONLINE <https://competitions.lta.org.uk/>

GRADED COMPETITION

October Tournaments...

NAME	CODE	DATES	VENUE	COUNTY	GRADE
LTA Padel Local - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0844	30-9-2023	Rocks Lane Chiswick	Middlesex	5
LTA Padel – Aberdeen Tennis Centre Padel Tour	NSC-23-0249	30-9-2023	Aberdeen Tennis Centre	Scotland North	5
LTA Padel Seniors Tour East Glos	GLO-23-0302	1-10-2023	East Gloucestershire Club	Gloucestershire	2
UK PADEL LTA YOUTH PADEL TOUR	SUR-23-1007	1-10-2023	Holmer Green Padel	Buckinghamshire	5
SPC LTA Padel National Tour Grade 2 & LTA Padel Seniors	ESS-23-0240	6-10-2023 to 8-10-2023	Stratford Padel Club	Essex	2
LTA Padel County - West of Scotland Padel	WSC-23-0109	7-10-2023	West of Scotland Padel	Scotland West	4
LTA Padel County - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0847	7-10-2023	Rocks Lane Chiswick	Middlesex	4
LTA Youth Padel - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0849	7-10-2023	Rocks Lane Chiswick	Middlesex	5
LTA Padel Regional - Game4padel Tour - Mixed - Thistle/Edinburgh Park	ESC-23-0130	8-10-2023	Edinburgh Park Padel & Tennis	Scotland East	5
LTA PADEL NATIONAL - Surge Padel Harrogate	YOR-23-0345	14-10-2023 to 15-10-2023	Surge Padel	Yorkshire	2
LTA Padel Local - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0845	14-10-2023	Rocks Lane Chiswick	Middlesex	5
LTA Padel Regional Tour - Holmer Green Padel	BUC-23-0193	15-10-2023	Holmer Green Padel	Buckinghamshire	3
The Welsh Padel Championships Tour	S.W-23-0276	21-10-2023 to 22-10-2023	The Welsh Padel Centre	Wales South	4
LTA Padel Regional - We Are Padel Bristol	AVO-23-0059	21-10-2023 to 22-10-2023	We are Padel - Bristol	Avon	3
LTA Padel National Tour - National Tennis Centre	SUR-23-1008	27-10-2023 to 29-10-2023	National Tennis Centre	Surrey	2
Padel Tournaments UK - LTA Padel Regional Tour - Rocket Padel	AVO-23-0050	28-10-2023 to 29-10-2023	Rocket Padel Bristol	Avon	3
LTA Padel Local Tour - UK PADEL	BUC-23-0194	28-10-2023	Holmer Green Padel	Buckinghamshire	5
UK PADEL LTA YOUTH PADEL TOUR	BUC-23-0190	29-10-2023	Holmer Green Padel	Buckinghamshire	5
Padel Weekend by HOP	AVO-23-0077	3-11-2023 to 5-11-2023	Rocket Padel Bristol	Avon	2
LTA Padel Local - We Are Padel Derby	DER-23-0056	4-11-2023 to 5-11-2023	We are Padel - Derby	Derbyshire	5
LTA Padel Regional - Game4padel Tour - Mens and Ladies G3 - Thistle/Edinburgh Park	ESC-23-0131	4-11-2023 to 5-11-2023	Edinburgh Park Padel & Tennis	Scotland East	3
LTA Padel Local - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0878	4-11-2023	Rocks Lane Chiswick	Middlesex	5
LTA Padel County Tour East Glos	GLO-23-0303	5-11-2023	East Gloucestershire Club	Gloucestershire	4
UK PADEL LTA YOUTH PADEL TOUR	BUC-23-0191	5-11-2023	Holmer Green Padel	Buckinghamshire	5

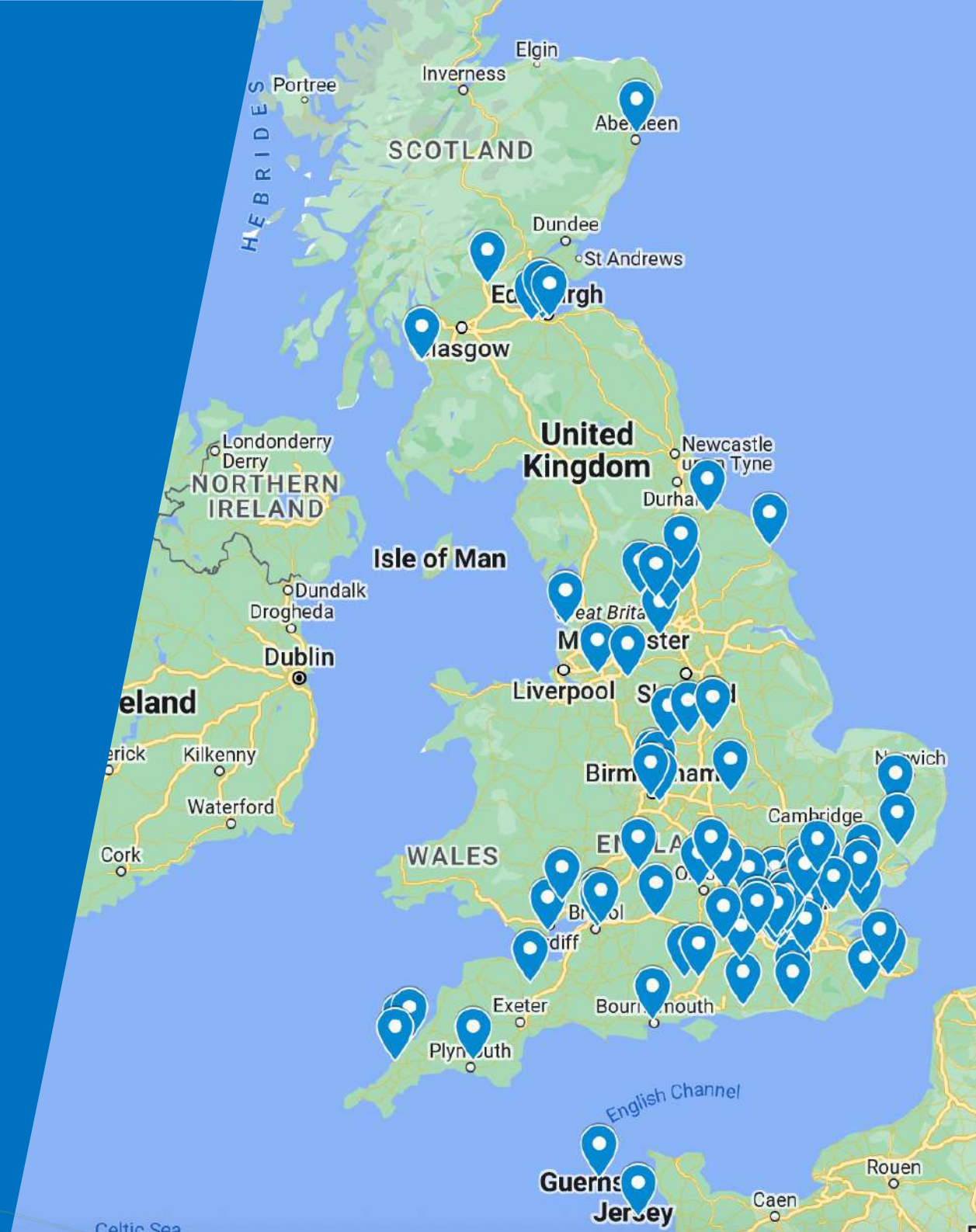


PADEL COURTS IN BRITAIN

Get involved in one of the fastest growing sports in the world and book a padel court near you today.

There are now over **125 padel venues across Britain, totalling 330 padel courts**, with even more on the way.

Check out our padel court map [here](#) to find your nearest courts and how you can book your next hit with friends and family, a coaching session or play matches.



QUICK ACCESS LOAN SCHEME - PADEL

LTA's Quick Access Loan Scheme provides interest-free loans to help venues invest in facilities, including the installation of padel courts.

For further information please see the following link to the [Quick Access Loan Scheme \(lta.org.uk\)](https://lta.org.uk/quick-access-loan-scheme)

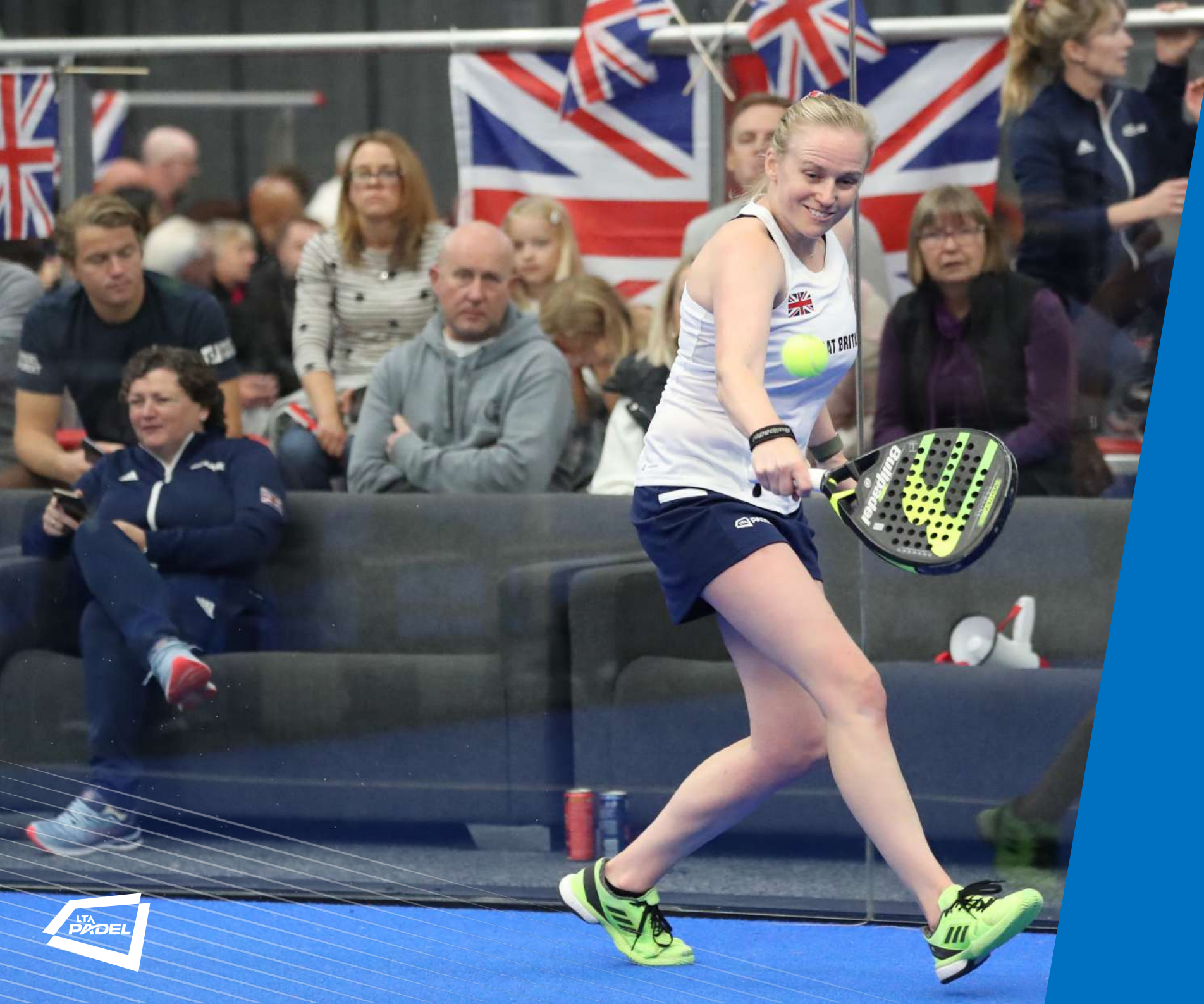


PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The QAL funding framework is as follows-

Scheme	LTA TF investment level	Borrowing term
Outdoor padel Approx. cost per court - £75k	Up to 60% of the project cost	5-7 year repayment period
Covered padel (court and cover) Cost per court - £180k	Up to 60% of the project cost	5-10 year repayment period

If you are looking to develop padel at your venue, or you have any questions please contact facilityfunding@lta.org.uk



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If you feel your venue should be featured within the newsletter, or if you have any padel news, please contact Katherine by [email](#).

For general advice and or support on padel, please contact your local LTA representative.