

# PADEL NEWS NOVEMBER 2022

Welcome to the November edition of Padel News, where we share padel updates from around the country. Please share this newsletter with venues in your County and encourage them to circulate amongst the wider rackets' community.

## PADEL DASHBOARD

Next update January 2023

Court booking providers [Matchi](#) and [Play Tomic](#) have both recently launched detailed padel reports that highlight the growth of the sport.

How to find courts [near me](#).

## PADEL PUBLICATIONS

As padel gains momentum in the UK, so have the communications supporting the game. Recently launched by journalist Emma Kimber and beautifully produced is [www.thebandeja.com](http://www.thebandeja.com)

Another great source of up to the minute padel news is the Padel Paper [www.thepadelpaper.com](http://www.thepadelpaper.com)

This month we should see greater main-stream media coverage for padel with the Dubai World Championships. Starting with [this](#) article in the Guardian, which might explain Liverpool FC's recent loss of form – it sounds like Klopp and Van Dyke are distracted by their passion for padel!

## COMPETITION NEWS



### Dubai all set to host the best in the world

Starting 31 October to 5 November, the XVI edition of the World Padel Championships will be staged in Dubai. The GB Men's team recently booked their place in the finals:

- Christian Medina Murphy
- Richard Brooks
- Louie Harris
- Sam Jones

- Chris Salisbury
- Nikhil Mohindra
- Sandy Farquharson
- Frankie Langan
- **Coach:** John Leach

Live coverage of the World Padel Championships will be available to watch for **free on the LTA website** and the **FIP YouTube channel**.

You can find out more details about the tournament [here](#)



## PADEL TASTER SESSIONS

For racket venues considering padel, remember you can book the National Tennis Centre padel courts on a pay-and-play basis. Find out more details [here](#).

## COMPETITION

This year's competition calendar is available [here](#).

## SENIORS PADEL



## GB Women's Seniors

Each year the GB Seniors Women's squad is selected at the end of July, using 2 LTA tournaments to inform this decision beyond the current squad. If you would like to be considered for the Women's team, you would need to enter one or both tournaments and you will be considered for the squad. Early in 2023 the two tournaments to be used for that purpose will be announced.

### Senior Women Radar Group

#### Sally Brown reports

Stratford Padel Club (SPC), London hosted the first development training day for eight of the Senior Women Padel Radar Group earlier this month.

Two coaches led a jam-packed day of activities featuring a variety of drills including fitness, (did you know women's glutes don't 'turn on' as easily as men?!) match tactics, communication, taking the net, point construction, bandejas and lots of tips for dealing with glass shots.

After all the hard work and fun, we were spoilt by the SPC chef to freshly made empanadas and paella! Comments from the day - "Learnt loads" "Excellent!" and "Looking forward to the next one".

Huge thanks to the talented coaches Javi Fernandez Aguirre, CEO, SPC, and Jo Ward, Head of Coach Education and Qualifications, LTA.

Future training dates include 12<sup>th</sup> November at Stratford (waiting list only) and Sotogrande, January 2023. Anyone who competes regularly and would like to get involved with our Radar Training Events, please send a message to the gb\_seniors\_padel Instagram account so we can discuss how to get you involved.



## GB Men's Seniors

There are 2 training sessions coming up - one for Northern players at Surge Harrogate on the 5th November and one on 27th November at Rock Lane Chiswick (new indoor courts) on the 27th November. These sessions are for training rather than selection purposes. Both are being coached by Home Of Padel team of Jon Leach (south) and Javi Serrats (north). If you missed last month's

head's up about these training events and would like to express an interest in future events, please contact [peter.vann@padelgb.org](mailto:peter.vann@padelgb.org)

The FIP (Federacion Nacional de Padel) have expressed the possibility of a European Seniors event in 2023.

### **Women in Padel**

Look out for coach led sessions at the National Tennis Centre coming up. More details [here](#). Fun, sociable sessions, just for women to develop their padel skills. The next one is Monday 28 November 7-9pm. The December session is already full, so sign up promptly to avoid missing out!

## **THE PROFESSIONAL GAME**

### **FIP**

[www.padelfip.com](http://www.padelfip.com)

### **WORLD PADEL TOUR**

[www.worldpadeltour.com](http://www.worldpadeltour.com)

## **INTRODUCING SAPCA**



The Sports and Play Construction Association (SAPCA) is the trade body for the UK's sports construction sector. It has more than 200 members – among them, the UK's leading tennis and padel court designers, contractors, equipment suppliers and professional service providers.

Working in partnership with the LTA, SAPCA published The SAPCA Code of Practice for the Construction of Padel Courts in 2021. The publication offers guidance on the basic construction requirements and specifications currently employed in building padel courts. The standards outlined throughout the document have been recognised and supported as the minimum level for the construction of padel courts in the UK.

The code of practice can be accessed [here](#)

## **COACHING UPDATE**

Existing racket sport coaches, who would like to sign up for LTA Introduction to Padel Coaching CPD can now do so via [the LTA website](#). Completion of the one-day course provides 3 points towards the LTA tennis coaching license.

The LTA Coach Development & Support team has produced the new Padel Coaching Qualifications, the first 4-day Padel Instructor qualification launched earlier this year; anyone interested can register their interest [here](#). The course costs £400. Coaches working at existing padel venues are prioritised, although the course will soon be delivered externally and will roll out more widely across the UK.

To prepare for the LTA Padel Instructor course you can complete the Readiness Test using the following links. This costs £36 and is carried out remotely/video based.

[LTA Padel Instructor Readiness Test](#)

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The LTA Padel coaching team ran an *Introduction to Coaching the Double Glass* in August. Keep an eye out for this course when it next runs in the [CPD section of the LTA site](#).

They have also developed a pilot course for *Coaching Kids Padel: Organisation, Skill Acquisition and Drills*, it ran on 28 September in Scotland, keep a look out for future courses. It is a one-day course and costs £40.

## OFFICIATING NEWS

Remember existing tennis referees can do the free one-hour LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course. If you are an LTA Licensed Official and would like to upskill yourself and learn more about Padel Officiating, you can complete the LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course [here](#).

### Call to action!

Similarly, to the LTA website please make sure you have a padel page on your County Website and promote the opportunities padel can offer to venues. For more information or if you have any padel news, please share with [katherinemontague22@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemontague22@gmail.com) or [stephtrill@gmail.com](mailto:stephtrill@gmail.com)