



**DEVELOPING PADEL FACILITIES
ON EDUCATION SITES**





Padel is a fast-growing sport, especially among young people. It's incredibly easy to pick up - making it a perfect fit for universities, colleges and schools to offer. An inclusive and accessible sport that encourages fitness as well as social interaction for students of all abilities, whilst also developing community links.

As well as developing their on-court skills, students can also learn to lead sessions developing key transferable skills such as communication, organisation, problem-solving and confidence. The LTA have age appropriate free leadership courses that can be delivered at a school, college or university, by a teacher, lecturer or coach.

FAST FACTS

Padel is very popular in Europe and is growing quickly in Great Britain, with

893 COURTS IN THE UK

(January 2025) estimated to rise to 1,100 by the end of 2025



Installing a cover on the courts makes them

PLAYABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

to maximise income

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1 padel court is

20M LONG X 10M WIDE

and is made up of glass and wired mesh for the rebound walls



Governed by the LTA, the sport is played on an enclosed court with groups of

MIXED AGES AND ABILITIES

able to play together



Many education venues are now considering developing their own facilities and seeing an

EXCELLENT RETURN ON INVESTMENT

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

Education venues can manage the construction and bookings themselves as they can for tennis courts.

Alternatively, they can work with a partner provider to profit share.



REQUIREMENTS

1

Planning permission

Land provided should not include building over existing tennis courts.

2

Land area

Two courts require approximately 550sqm, and four courts require 1150sqm.

3

On-site parking

Approximately 16 users per hour.

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Year-round community access

Dependant on institution.

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Installation and access

Companies will be looking to install a minimum of 2 courts, with access to toilets and changing, with most companies preferring 4-6 courts on a site.

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High population areas

It is expected that padel providers will want to install courts in high population areas, in close proximity to towns, cities and/or major road networks. Sites which are already multi-sport or have high usage will also potentially be desirable.

THE COURT

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WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

using a 1.2m gate

Internal playing area:
20M X 10M

10M LONG NET

attached to 2 lateral posts
that are 1.05m high

TWO SERVICE LINES

and a centre line
that crosses over the
service line by 10cm

OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

include if space is available
to cater for a higher level of
competition and/or exhibition



INSTALLATION

Costs (approx. exc VAT)

COURT CONSTRUCTION

£71K (per court)

Court including lights	£36,000
Ring beam, court base and drainage	£35,000

COST OF COVER

£95K (per court)

Canopy structure	£75,000
Groundworks (foundations and drainage, etc.)	£20,000

Sinking Fund: £1,500 per court, per annum

Figures are based on data captured in June 2022 and should be used as a guide only



CANOPY COVERED COURTS

- Range of structures available
- Supporting frame positioned outside court enclosure
- 6 meters above the back of the court, 8 meters above the net line

LIGHTING

- LED lighting for lower running costs and brighter lighting
- Running costs of LED lights are approx. £1 per hour per court



REVENUE

UTILISATION

- Average number of playing hours per day is 12 hours per court
- Utilisation more consistent year round with covered facilities
- Greater drop off in winter months for uncovered courts
- Venues should target utilisation in year 1 of 70%
- Expect higher utilisation with covered courts



AVERAGE PAY AND PLAY COURT CHARGES (per hour)

	Indoor	Outdoor
London	£37	£37
South England	£28	£23
Midlands	£27	£20
North England	£20	£17
Scotland	£27	£25

The average costs above are taken over the costs of a full day. We recommend consideration is given to peak and off peak pricing to maximise potential income and usage.

YEAR 1 FINANCIAL RETURNS

PER COVERED COURT

£63,000

ESTIMATED INCOME

- 14 bookable hours per day
- 6 bookings a day
(conservative estimate)
- £30 per hour per court

PER UNCOVERED COURT

£36,800

ESTIMATED INCOME

- 12 bookable hours a day
- 6 bookings a day
- £20 off-peak, £25 peak
per hour court charge



COVERED COURT

Estimated income around school/college hours

- Weekdays in term time
(33 weeks per year):
 - 7 bookable hours per day
 - 3 bookings per day
- Weekends and school holidays
(19 weeks per year):
 - 12 bookable hours per day
 - 6 bookings per day
- £30 per hour per court charge

= £32,850

UNCOVERED COURT

Estimated income around school/college hours

- Weekdays in term time
(33 weeks per year):
 - 7 bookable hours per day
 - 3 bookings per day
- Weekends and school
holidays (19 weeks per year):
 - 12 bookable hours per day
 - 6 bookings per day
- £20 off-peak, £25 peak per
hour per court charge

= £27,378



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