

2026 - FAST4 OPEN REGIONAL TOUR COMPETITION PLANNING INFORMATION

If you would like to submit availability to run FAST4 Open Regional Tour (Grade 3) competitions in 2026 please read the important information below.

KEY INFORMATION

FAST4 Open Regional Tour events allow adult players who may have previously played at a high standard the opportunity to compete in one day competitions that fit around their busy lifestyles. The FAST4 Regional Tour competitions allow players to play more matches in a short period of time.

Concept of FAST4 Open Regional Tour Events

- These events cater for players who play at a high standard but wish to compete in **one day competitions at the weekend**.
- The events use the **FAST4** format which has proved popular at all levels of competition.
- Using FAST4 scoring players are able to play up to **4 matches in a day**
- Organisers are required to use a **16 player elimination draw with first match consolation**, allowing players a minimum of 2 matches, **or where feasible a 16 player full compass draw (preferable)**.
- Venues/organisers have the opportunity to run FAST4 Open Regional Tour events on **specified dates. There will be 9 'rotations' in 2026 with approximately 10-12 FAST4 competitions taking place across the country in each rotation. There will also be one doubles rotation.**
- Venues are required to run both a **Men's and Women's** event in **one weekend** (*some exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Competitions Team*)
- **To compete in 2026 FAST4 Open Regional Tour events a player must have been born on or before 31 December 2012**

2026 ROTATION DATES

As in previous years organisers/venues are invited to apply to run FAST4 Open tour events on specific dates. The rotation dates for 2026 are provided below:

Rotation 1 – 21 / 22 March

Rotation 2 – 25 / 26 April

Rotation 3 – 16 / 17 May

Rotation 4 – 6 / 7 June

Doubles Rotation – 27 / 28 June

Rotation 5 – 11 / 12 July

Rotation 6 – 12 / 13 September

Rotation 7 – 10 / 11 October

Rotation 8 – 7 / 8 November

Rotation 9 – 5 / 6 December

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REFEREES

- All referees delivering LTA Approved competitions graded 1-5 must hold a valid LTA Officials Licence. Further information on the Officials Licence Scheme is available online – [LTA Officials Licence Scheme](#).
- Referees must have a minimum grade of R2 to run Grade 3 FAST4 Open Regional Tour competitions. R3 referees may be considered at the discretion of the LTA Competitions Team, but approval must be sought prior to the competition taking place.

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in submitting availability to run FAST4 Open Tour events, the next steps are as follows:

- Read the [2026 FAST4 Open Tour organiser manual](#)
- Review the list of [2026 FAST4 Open Tour Rotation Dates](#) with your venue to confirm if you have the courts available to run the competitions on the specified dates.
- Complete the online availability form, via the CMS Organiser Portal by **19 October 2025**. This is an online process designed to simplify applications and reduce the amount of time spent creating events. Late applications will not be considered. **If you foresee any difficulties in meeting this deadline, please email competitionplanning@lta.org.uk at the earliest opportunity and we will be able to provide further support.**
- Venues/organisers will be selected according to their availability, the location of venues (we will try and ensure a spread of events across the country in each rotation) and previous tournament delivery experience.
- Organisers will be contacted to confirm the competitions they have been allocated by **7 December 2025**. Selected events will be generated and organisers will need to finalise the details and submit their events for approval.