

2026 COMPETITION PLANNING SUMMARY (FOR LTA TEAMS & COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS)

Communication was sent on Wednesday 24th September to all Padel and Tennis Competition Organisers and Referees about the next competition planning and application period.

The communication provided the key information needed for organisers to apply to run the following competitions:

- Grade 3 – 5 Padel Competitions: *January – April 2026*
- Grade 4 and Grade 5 one-day competitions: *January – April 2026*
- Weeklong (school holiday) Grade 3 and Grade 4 competitions: *January – April 2026*
- FAST4 Open Regional Tour competitions (Grade 3): 2026

Key Information

Competition Type	Tournament Period	Organiser Action	Opens	Closes	Next Step
Grade 3 – Grade 5 Padel Competitions	Competitions taking place from 5 January – 19 April 2026	Submit application via '2026 Padel Competitions January – April' application period on CMS Please refer to further information on Padel Competitions	24 September 2025	19 October 2025	Allocations confirmed to organisers w/c Monday 17 November
One Day G4 and/or G5 competitions	Competitions taking place during the period from 5 January – 19 April 2026	Complete preferences via the 'Tournament Availability' tab in the CMS* (one availability form per venue) Please check the 2025-26W One Day competition calendar and refer to further information on One Day Competitions and the 10U Modified Court Trial brief	24 September 2025	19 October 2025	Allocations confirmed to organisers by Monday 10 November
Weeklong G3 and/or G4 competitions	Competitions taking place from 5 January – 19 April 2026 (February half term, Easter)	Submit application via '2026 Grade 3 & 4 Holiday Competitions January – April' application period on CMS Please refer to further information on Weeklong Competitions	24 September 2025	19 October 2025	Approval decisions confirmed to organisers by Friday 21 November
FAST4 Open Regional Tour Competitions (Grade 3)	Competitions taking place in the period from 21 March – 31 December 2026 (on fixed rotation dates)	Complete preferences via the 'Tournament Availability' tab in the CMS (one availability form per venue) Please check the refer to further information on FAST4 Open Regional Tour competitions	24 September 2025	19 October 2025	Allocations confirmed to organisers by Monday 8 December

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**When submitting an availability form for either one-day Grade 4 & 5 events or the FAST4 Open Regional Tour please ensure you have populated the 'Additional Information' field on the first page to tell us any important information you would like us to consider when allocating events.*

**Officials must be a minimum of R2 to run FAST4 Competitions*

The competition planning and application windows have also been confirmed for the remainder of 2026, and will be as follows:

Competition Type	Tournament Period	Opens	Closes	Next Step
One Day G4 and/or G5 competitions and Padel Competitions Grade 3 - 5	Competitions taking place during the period from 13 April – 31 August 2026	w/c 5 January 2026	25 January 2026	Allocations confirmed to organisers by Monday 23 February
One Day G4 and/or G5 competitions	Competitions taking place during the period from 1 September 2026 – 5 January 2027	w/c 18 May 2026	14 June 2026	Approval decisions confirmed to organisers by Monday 6 July 2026

If organisers and referees have any further questions we have directed them to the [2026 Competition Planning FAQs](#).

LTA Competitions Team