



PADEL REFEREE WORKSHOPS

JUNE 2026





ORDER OF PLAY

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| 10:20am | LTA Updates |
| 11:20am | Set the Standard – the launch! |
| 11:45am | Coffee |
| 12 noon | Padel Competition – Providing a great experience |
| 1pm | Lunch |
| 1:45pm | Scenarios |
| 2:50pm | Wrap-Up and Close |

SETTING THE STANDARD

- Listen with respect
- Challenge constructively
- Contribute to discussions – share your thoughts and experiences
- Work together
- Have fun!



ICEBREAKER!



SET 1: GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

- Name
- Location
- Padel Competition Experience
- What you love about Padel!



SET 2: PADEL HEADS OR TAILS

- One question – two possible answers
- Choose your answer
- Sit down if you're wrong, stay standing if you are right
- Last person standing is the winner!



IN WHAT YEAR WAS PADEL INVENTED?



1969



1949

HOW MANY PADEL COURTS ARE THERE WORLDWIDE?



c.58,000



c.42,000

WHICH COUNTRY HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PADEL COURTS?



ITALY



SPAIN

WHEN WAS THE FIRST PADEL COURT BUILT IN THE UK?



1991



1995

HOW LONG IS THE LONGEST PADEL MATCH IN PROFESSIONAL TOUR HISTORY?



**3 HOURS
42 MINS**



4 HOURS

HOW MANY PADEL PLAYERS (ADULT & JUNIOR) HAVE PLAYED 1 OR MORE MATCHES IN LTA COMPETITION IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?



6,038



9,072

HOW MANY LTA APPROVED PADEL COMPETITIONS WERE COMPLETED IN 2025?



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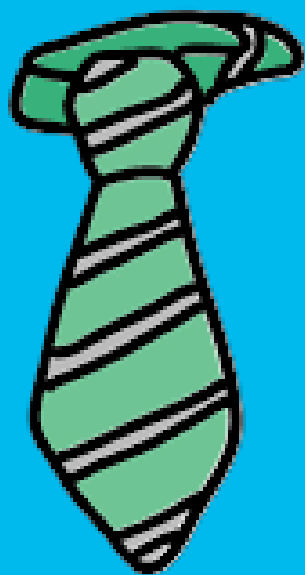


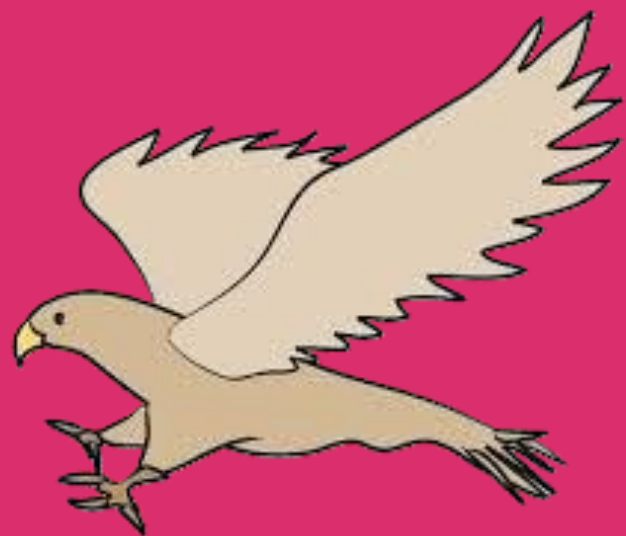
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TIEBREAK: DINGBATS!

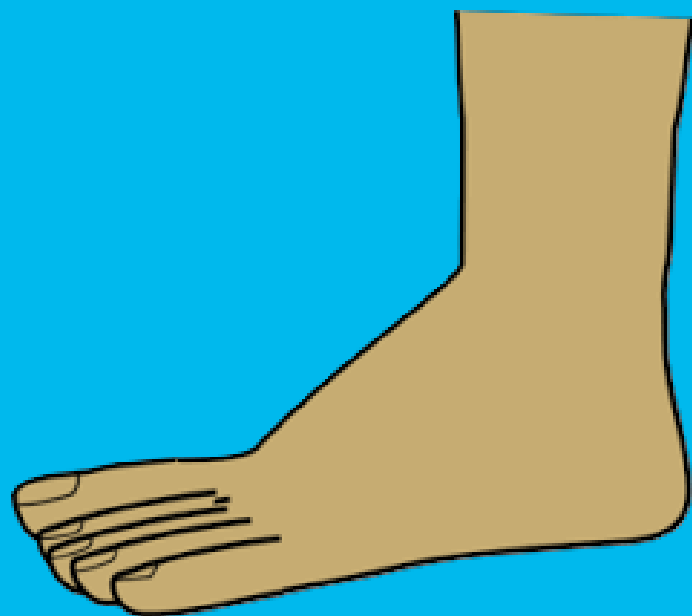


- Say what you see
- Table with the most correct answers wins a prize!

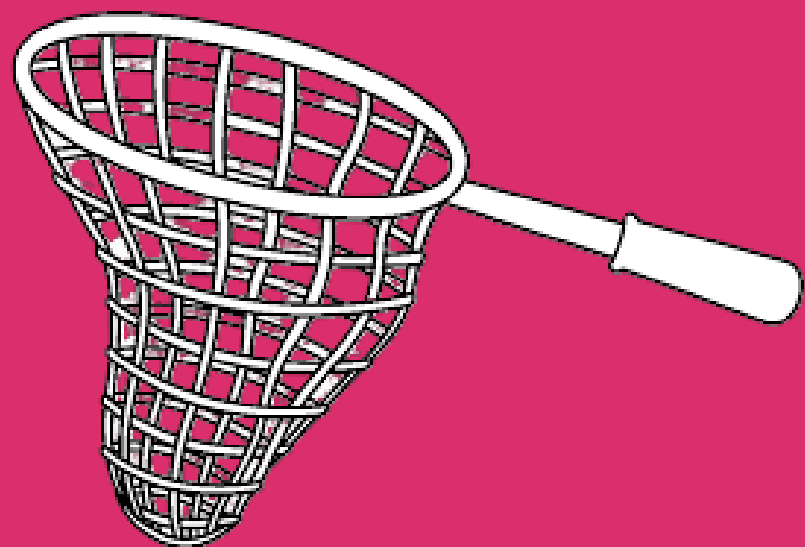








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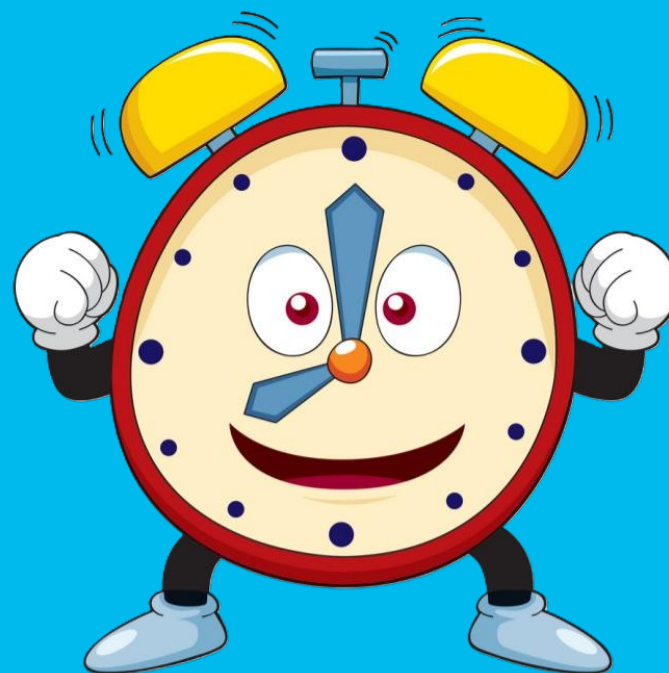
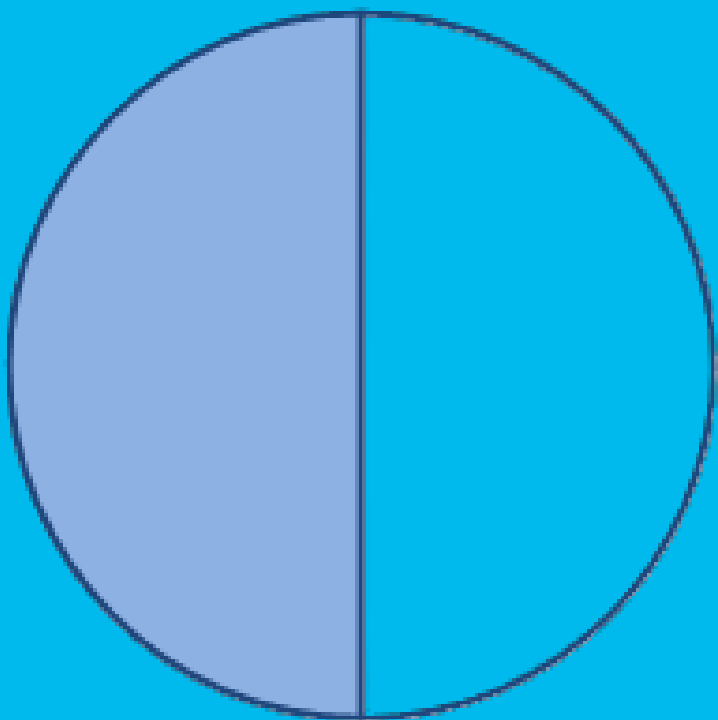


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UPDATES



1,000,000 PADEL PLAYERS IN GB

2025 – 860,00

2024 – 400,000

1,900+ COURTS

570+ venues

Over 60+ LTA Registered

PREMIER PADEL P1 LONDON

London Olympia

4 – 9 August 2026



WORKING TOGETHER:

- LTA Padel roles
- LTA Competitions Team
- LTA Coach & Officials Development & Support Team
- LTA Customer Support Team
- County Associations – through County Competition Plans



EXISTING PADEL ROLES

- **Tom Murray** – Head of Padel
- **Steve Yeardley** – Padel Manager
- **Sandy Farquharson** – National Performance Coach
- **Libby Fletcher** – National Performance Pathway Manager (PT)



NEW PADEL ROLES

- **Padel Tournament Manager:** Competitions team
- **Padel Workforce Education & Support Manager:** Coach & Official Development & Support team
- **Padel Performance Operations Manager:** Padel team
- **Padel Social Media Content Producer:** Marketing and Customer Strategy team

COMPETITIONS TEAM

COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT

Oversee the development and delivery of recreational competition products/programmes

Paul O'Leary
Caroline Woollett
Beck Quee

COMPETITION DELIVERY

Responsibly for the delivery of LTA Staged competitions including County Cup and National and Junior International Competitions

Tanya Woodward
Paul Midgley
Rebecca Brook
Hollie Milligan
Richard Joyner

COMPETITION OPERATIONS

Officiating Operations, Competition planning, SRT/WRT, Discipline, Competition Support, Regulations, Fair Play and non-professional GB teams.

Amanda Morrissey
Matthew Morrissey
Sophie Hall
Ali Dalton

COMPETITION MEASURES & SYSTEMS

Rankings, WTN, Competition Digital Products and Systems.

Chris Mann



OUR VISION:

**TENNIS
OPENED UP**

OUR MISSION:

TO EMBED A
**CULTURE OF
COMPETITION**
ACROSS TENNIS AND PADEL IN BRITAIN

PROGRESS SO FAR:



- Introduction and development of Performance Padel Competition Calendar
- Development of new LTA Youth competition offer
- 10U Framework review and County & Regional Competition landscape review
- Padel National Championships
- Investment into Disability Competition
- Padel County Championships Guidance
- Strategy to mitigate the impact of Electronic Line Calling

PRIORITIES FOR 2026:

- Fair Play campaign – enhancing support for Officials and Parents
- Consideration of options for Padel Rating System
- Competition Digital Review recommendations
- Competition Satisfaction survey
- County Cup review
- County Competition Plans
- Padel-Specific Officiating CPD and Qualification Pathway (in conjunction with CODS)



COACH & OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT TEAM

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification
development
Tutor Training
Course delivery
WDC relationship

Jo Ward
Isla Smith
Theo Crouch
Danny McCardle
Oshi Leverton
Leon Henry

CPD

Credits
Workshops
Online learning
Webinars
TTP training
National Officiating
Conference

Matt Smith
Jeison Velez Garcia

ENGAGEMENT

Official Licence
Scheme
Licence benefits
Official Hub
Communications
Officials Newsletter
Engagement Survey

Sasha Badrock
Kara Evans

OFFICIATING PATHWAY – QUALIFICATIONS UPDATE

- For 2026 - Padel Referee qualification
- For 2027 – Regional Padel Referee qualification
- Utilise Workforce Development Centre network



LTA OFFICIATING QUALIFICATION PATHWAY – PADEL

FIP International Padel Referee

National Padel Referee
(To follow)

Regional Padel Referee
(2027)



Padel Referee
(Autumn 2026)



**Competition
Organiser**



**Court
Supervisor**



= WDC Delivered



= Online self-paced
module

ONLINE COURSE - DISPUTES

Dealing with disputes
Applying the code of conduct
Rules and Regulations

REFEREE WORKSHOPS

Priority to have in-person workshops.
Content developed from your responses

WEBINARS - ABTO

Series of webinars
Available for all Licensed Officials
Variety of topics

ONLINE COURSE - COMMUNICATION

Effective communication with
Parents and Players &
Challenging conversations

TTP TRAINING

Bitesize video resources
Watch at your own pace

ONLINE TESTS

Provision of online tests available
across officiating roles

PADEL SPECIFIC CPD

Padel online test, Padel content at Conference,
Padel webinar, Padel workshops

**OFFICIALS
CPD
2026 &
BEYOND**

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 NATIONAL OFFICIATING CONFERENCE

**28-29 November -
National Tennis Centre**

Submit your content suggestions on the
home page of your Official Hub



OFFICIATING UPDATES



Officials Directory

Search

Name

Official No

Role

- Choose -

Competition Organiser ☐

Padel Referee ☐

Immediate Default Reporting Form

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iplinary process including, but not limited to, in connection with (a) any
y) consider appropriate and (b) if any charge of misconduct is brought (t
fficer), any hearing before the LTA Disciplinary Panel.

ENDING THIS FORM TO THE LTA, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONSEN

May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**PADEL REFEREE:
OFFICIAL TYPE**

**IMMEDIATE
DEFAULT
REPORTING**

**COMPETITION
PLANNING**

ENSURING COMPETITION IS INCLUSIVE

REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS PROCESS

‘Reasonable adjustments are adaptations that enable a person to take part in an activity’

- Submit request and provide evidence
- Player receives a letter, Code of Conduct still applies
- Help to raise awareness

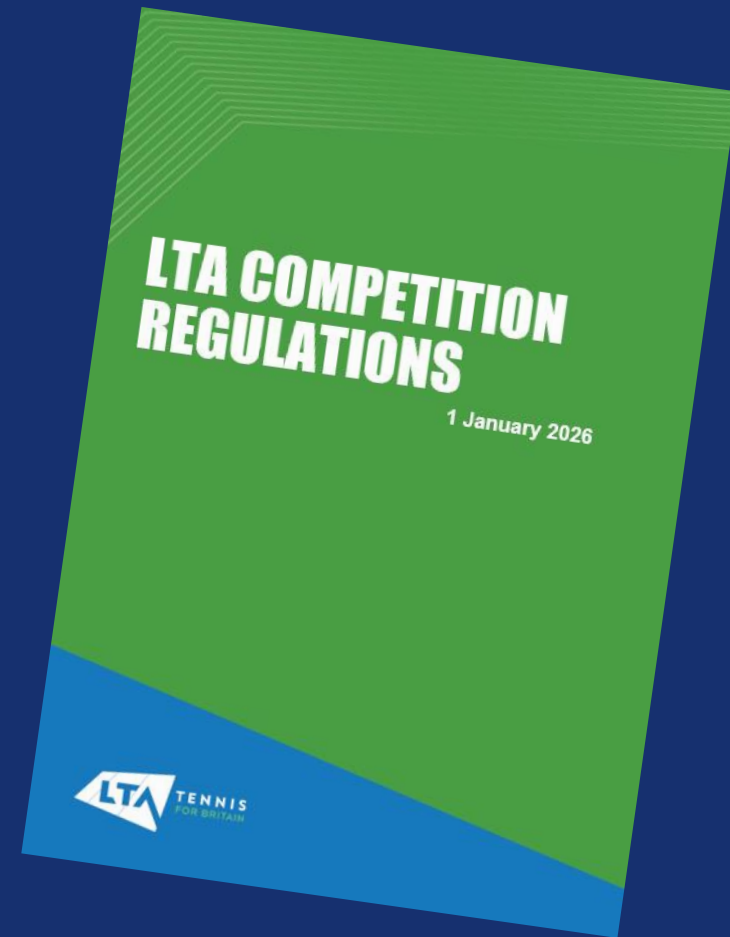
GUIDANCE FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES

- Specific guidance for LTA Sanctioned competitions
- Determines medical timeout based on blood glucose level



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Applicability:
 - FIP Rules of Padel
 - LTA Competition Regulations
 - LTA Padel Organiser Manual
- Plans to review and update
- Feedback/suggestions



FIP, BRITISH TOUR G1 & G2

- 7 Grade 1 events (11 in 2025)
- 22 Grade 2 events (15 in 2025)
- 13 Junior Grade 1 and 2 events, plus inaugural Junior Nationals (0 last year)
- 20 Seniors British Tour events, compared to 14 in 2025
- 6 FIP events in the UK (5 in 2025)
- Application window for 2027 will run from 31st August to 30th September 2026



FIP, BRITISH TOUR G1 & G2 – DISCUSSION

- How should the competition experience be different at FIP, Grade 1 & Grade 2 Padel competitions?
- What else should the LTA be doing to grow the status of Performance Padel competitions?



FAIR PLAY — THE NEW CAMPAIGN



BACKGROUND

Junior competition is a vital part of tennis development but **some** negative parental behaviour at matches is increasing safeguarding and misconduct incidents and is impacting retention of players in competition.

The parents that behave badly don't usually do it intentionally. They are emotionally invested, anxious and misjudge the impact of their actions.

It's not a discipline problem, it's a behaviour under pressure problem.

'Fair Play' aims to address this is not through punishment or rules, but through clear, supportive guidance that connects to reshape behaviour at the moments it matters most.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO CHANGE?

Shift parents from:

Emotional reaction to **Calm presence**

Instruction to **Encouragement**

Outcome focus to **Experience focus**

Shift players from:

Reacting in the moment to **Taking a breath**





OUR OBJECTIVES

To create an engaging and clear campaign that delivers:

1. A reduction in safeguarding cases involving parents
2. A reduction in discipline cases involving parents & children
3. Measurable improvement in competition satisfaction and 'fair play'

AUDIENCE & KEY MESSAGE BREAKDOWN

Primary:

Parents - Arrive calm, stay calm, trust the process.

Officials - Set the tone through fair, confident communication - your composure keeps a tournament on track.

Secondary:

Players - Play your best, respect your opponents, officials, and the game itself.

Coaches - Set a precedent in training sessions, help players focus on improvement, not outcomes.



SET THE STANDARD

RESPECT STARTS WITH YOU



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TOPLAY**
Say something if you see something



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FIND OUT MORE



Parent & Guardians

- Remind your child to **work hard, enjoy it, and play fair**
- Make sure what they see from you is **reassuring**
- **Encourage every player**, respect runs both ways
- Help them to see the positives, **no matter the outcome**
- Lead by example, **respect the Official's decision**

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'SET THE STANDARD' – ROLLOUT

- Referee Workshops – May/June
- Video launch and refreshed parent webpage – late June
- Assets – Summer holiday competitions (July onwards)



SUPPORTING OFFICIALS & PARENTS TO 'SET THE STANDARD'

- 2-year partnership with Professor Chris Harwood from Nottingham Trent University
- Referees:
 - Updated welcome speech/briefing – supporting officials to reinforce key messages
 - Referee workshops – launch and training
 - Online Officials CPD Course – Communicating with Parents & Players
- Parents:
 - Online 15-minute course – How to positively support your child at competitions
 - Parent & Child workshop



DISCUSSION

How will you 'Set the Standard' at your competitions?

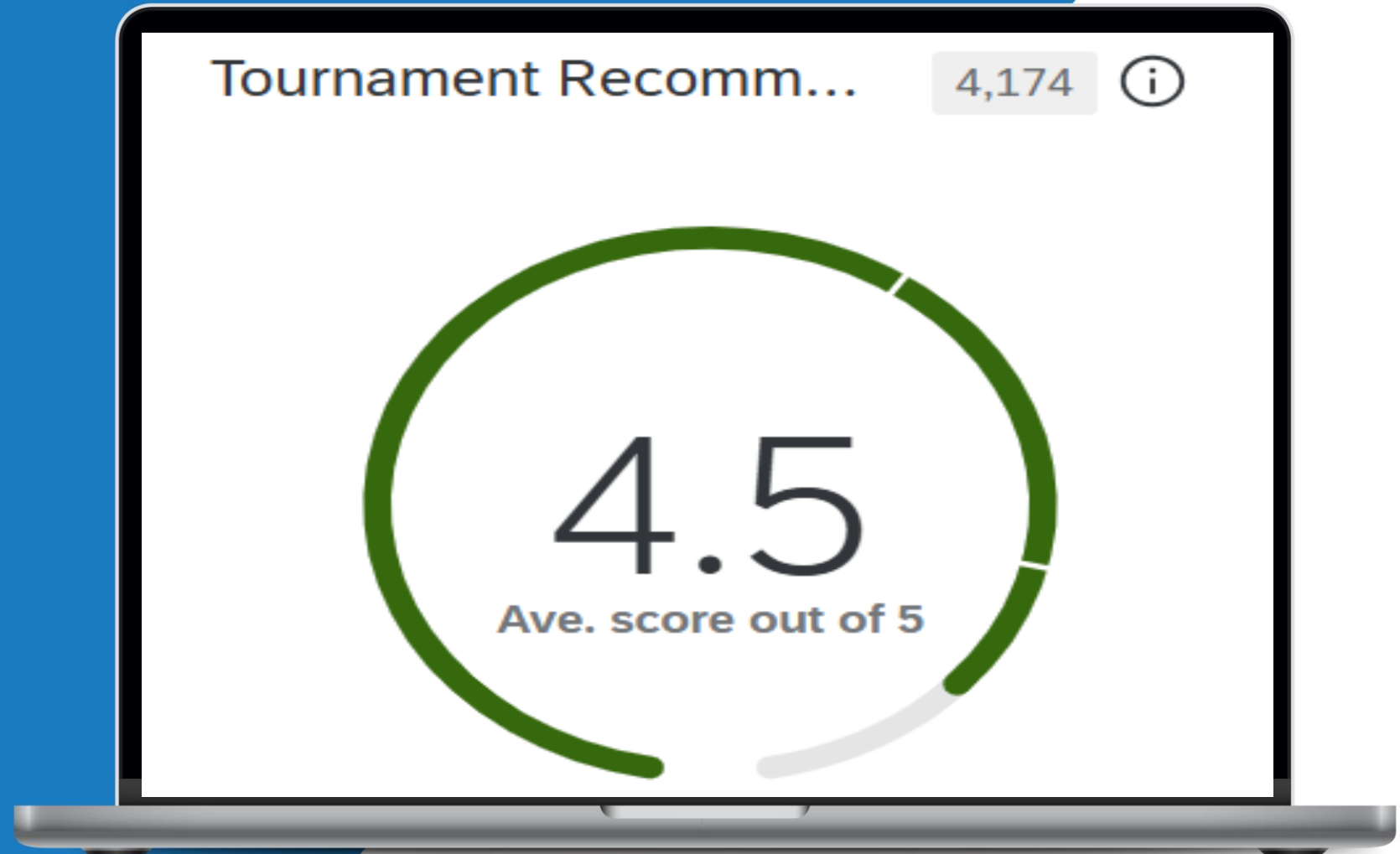


PADEL COMPETITION — CREATING A GREAT EXPERIENCE



COMPETITION SATISFACTION SURVEY

- Launched in March
- 4,500 responses
- Officials' dashboard coming this month
- Using the insight



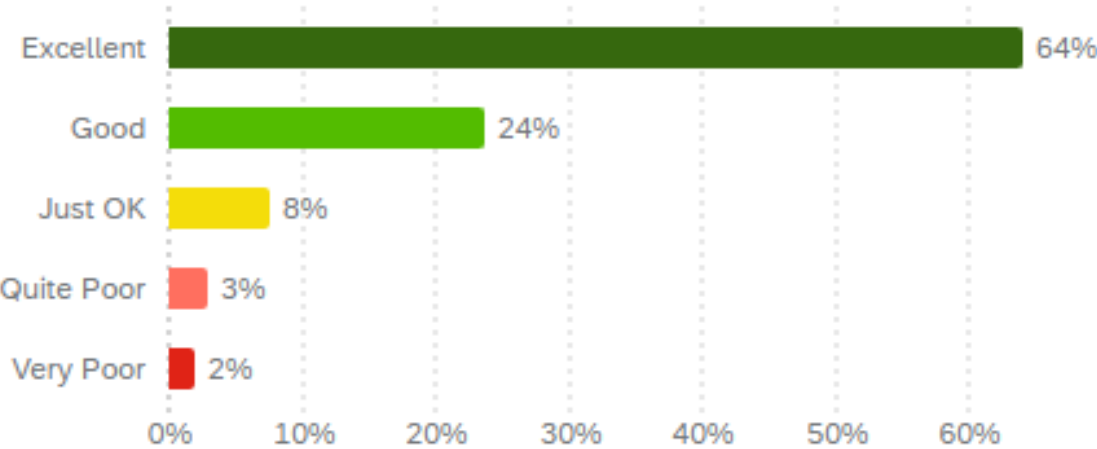
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Value for Money

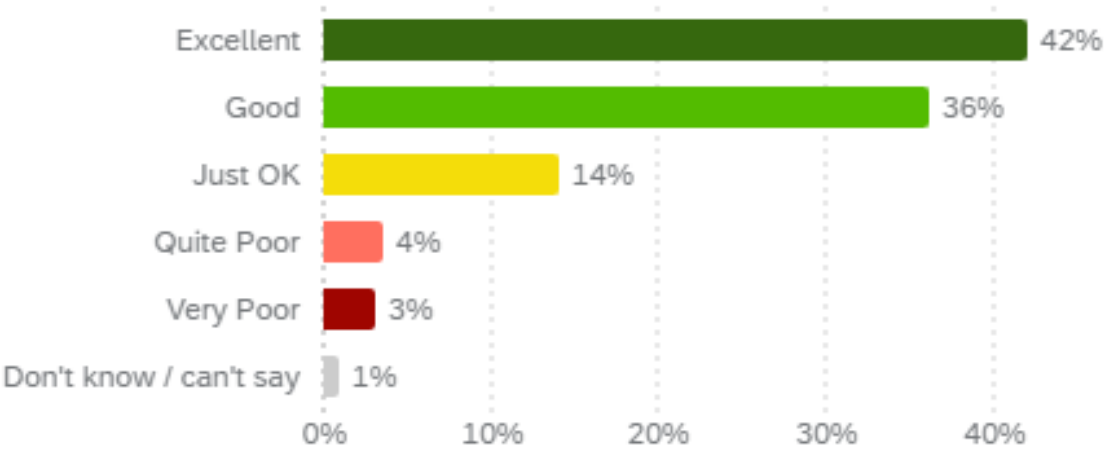
Ratings

(5 = Would definitely recommend, 1 = Would definitely not recommend)

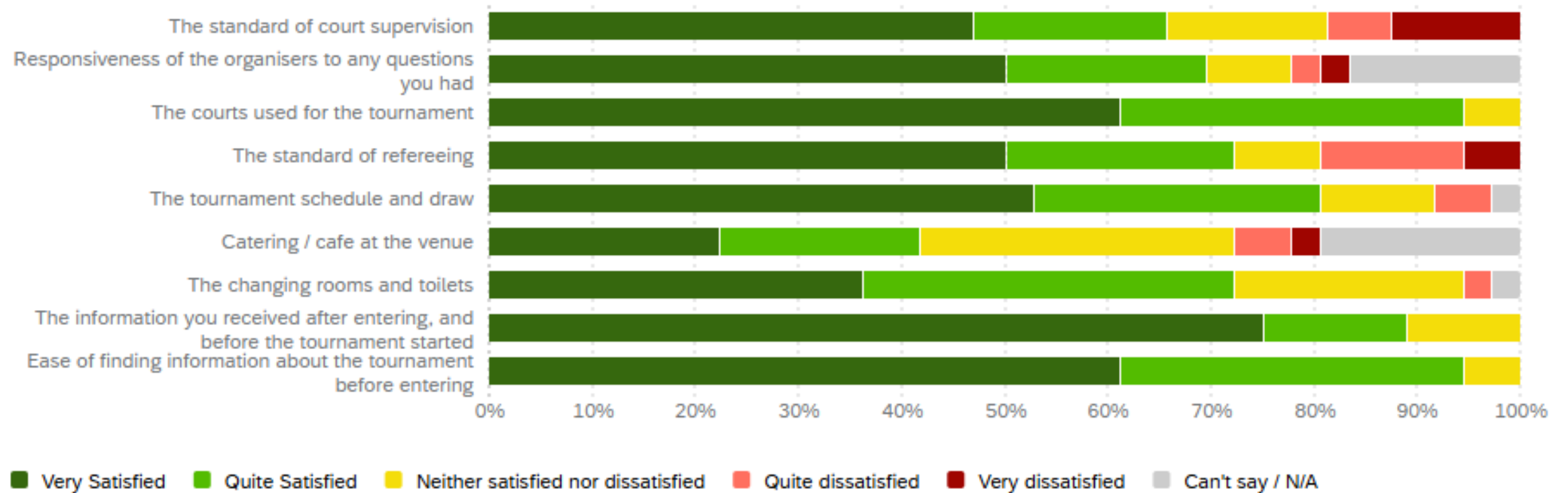
Tournament Organisation Rating 2,796



Value for Money Rating 2,794

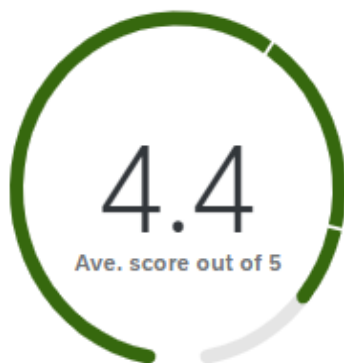


Satisfaction with Tournament Aspects 36

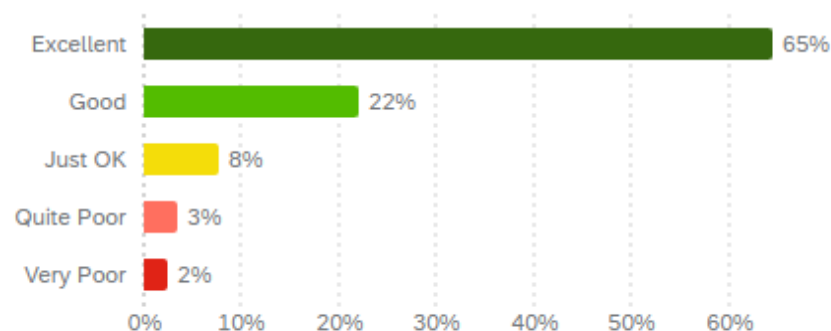


PADEL COMPETITION SATISFACTION – OVERVIEW

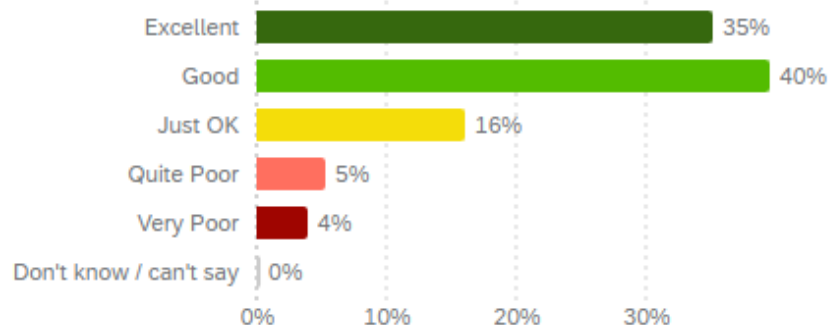
Tournament Recommendation - Ave. Score 677 ⓘ



Tournament Organisation Rating 631 ...



Value for Money Rating 630



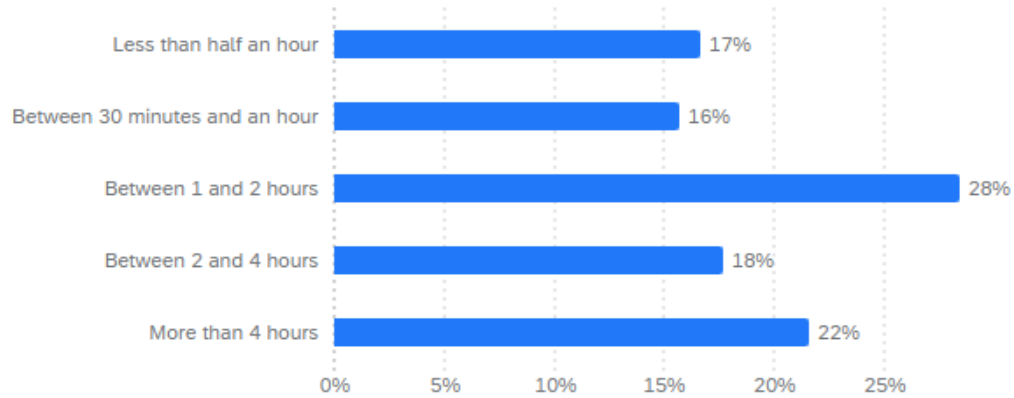
Key themes:

- *Organisation*
- *Scheduling*
- *Standard of Competition*
- *Fair Play*
- *Communication*
- *Venues / Facilities*

PADEL TRAVEL TIMES PER GRADE

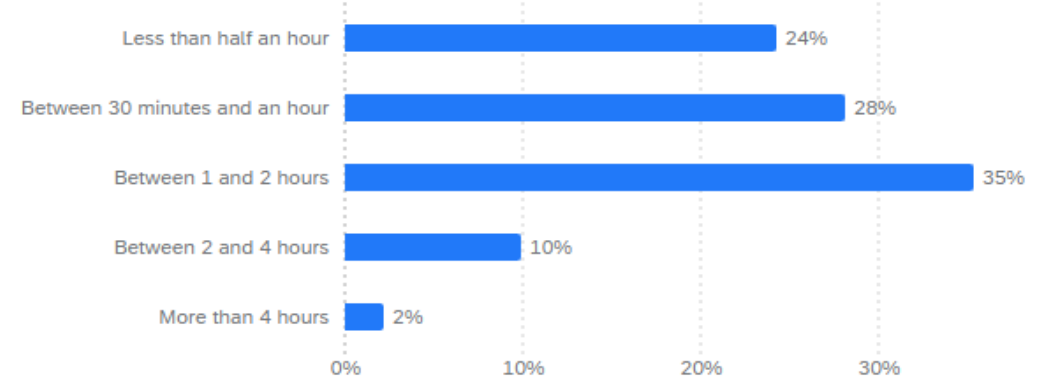
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Grade 1 & 2



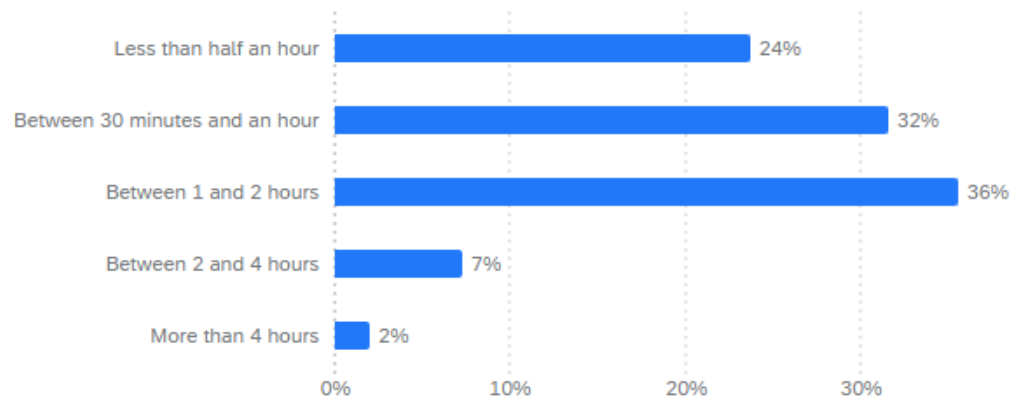
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Grade 3



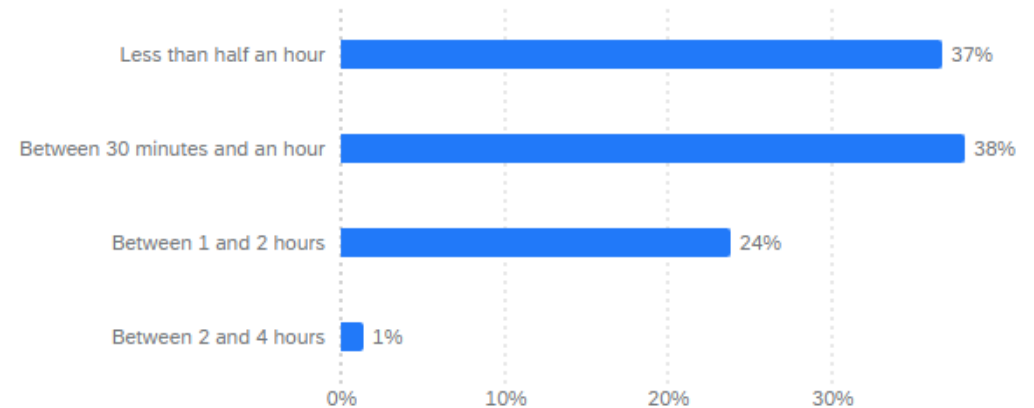
Travel Time 152

Grade 4



Travel Time 147

Grade 5



ORGANISER DASHBOARD VIEW

- ✓ Tournament Recommendation Score
- ✓ Tournament Organisation Rating
- ✓ Value for Money Rating
- ✓ Aspects of Tournament Liked
- ✓ Aspects of Tournament for Improvement
- ✓ Any Other Comments
- ✓ Dimensions of Tournament Satisfaction (by area)
- ✓ Player Gender
- ✓ Satisfaction with own performance
- ✓ Travel Time
- ✓ Weather Impacts

Competition Satisfaction Survey Officials Dashboard



DELIVERING A GREAT COMPETITION



- **Group activity – Planning a Padel competition**
- Things to consider:
 - Draw format & scoring format
 - Court availability
 - Draw size/Acceptances
 - Viability
 - Player experience

A. GRADE 5 COMPETITION

- 1 day event
- Men's Doubles & Women's Doubles
- 3 canopy-covered courts

B. GRADE 3 COMPETITION

- 2-day event – Saturday & Sunday
- Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles
- 18U Boys and Girls Doubles

C. GRADE 2 COMPETITION

- 3 days – Friday to Sunday
- Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles
- O40s Men's & Women's Doubles and
O60 Men's & Women's Doubles



KEY AREAS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION



**Maximum
number of
matches**



**Scheduling
principles**



**Acceptance
Criteria**

WHAT WOULD IMPROVE THE PADEL COMPETITION EXPERIENCE FOR:



ORGANISERS/OFFICIALS



PLAYERS



LUNCH

SCENARIOS





SIGN UP TO THE ONLINE NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Don't miss the chance to earn
CPD points and an extra year
on your safeguarding record

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**SIGN UP
NOW**



WRAP UP AND CLOSE



