

PADEL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS GUIDANCE 2026

This guidance is to support National, County & Island Associations with the delivery of a Padel County Championships. It is not a full list of actions, and it is at the County Association's discretion on how they wish to deliver the event.

Key Actions:

- Select and book an appropriate venue:
 - County Championships expected date – **23 – 30 August 2026** (*Counties do have the option to use an alternative date dependent on venue availability and other events*).
 - We encourage Counties to deliver their Tennis and Padel County Championships at the same venue where possible. Alternatively, Counties can deliver their Tennis and Padel County Championships during the same week, but at two different venues if needed.
 - In circumstances where Counties do not have access to padel courts within their county boundaries, we encourage you to source a venue within a neighbouring County.
- Confirm a Referee (and any other helpers for the tournament(s))
 - The referee should be an LTA Licenced Official and have a referee grade above R5.
 - The referee must have completed the LTA Referee Padel Conversion Course.
- Create your County Championships competition on the LTA Competition Management System.
 - If you are planning to run your Padel County Championships between 18 April and 31 August 2026 you will need to submit your competition application by **Sunday 1 February 2026**.
 - Please use the '2026 G3-G5 Padel Competitions April – August' application window and note the following:
 - Name of file to be as follows – <full county name> Padel County Championships 2026
 - All Padel County Championships will be Grade 3 events.
 - All Counties must offer a minimum of Mens and Womens Open doubles events, counties should not run a men's only event.
 - Counties can run more age groups and events at their discretion.
 - *Please note that if you are planning to run your Padel County Championships between 1 September and 31 December 2026 you will need to submit your competition application between 20 May and 14 June 2026.*
- Purchase padel balls (we recommend the Dunlop Pro padel ball).
- We recommend Counties provide prizes/trophies/medals as they do for the Tennis County Championships.
- Ensure that you communicate your Padel County Championships thoroughly to ensure all players and venues are aware of the opportunity. Ensure you reach out directly to padel and tennis venues and seek their support in sharing the message to members at their venues.
- County Associations may wish to engage a Padel Competition Organiser to deliver the Padel County Championships on their behalf, but this must be done in partnership with the County Association.

Helpful resources

- [LTA Padel homepage](#) – for more information on padel.
- [Rules of Padel](#) – the official rules of padel.
- [Padel Courts in Britain](#) – an interactive map of all padel courts in Great Britain.
- [Competition Management System](#) – for support and guidance on using the CMS.
- [Padel Competition Organiser Manual](#)