



# Winter League 2025/2026

2ND FEB - 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

SIGN UP DEADLINE - 22<sup>ND</sup> JAN 2026

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# Welcome to The Essex Padel League - Winter League 2026

The Essex Padel League - Winter Season will take place  
between the following dates:

2nd Feb - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026



# PRIZES



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# USEFUL INFORMATION

## LEAGUE FORMAT

Players enter with a partner, all matches are played as doubles. There are 6-9 players in each league. Each team will play all opponents once. League is complete when each team has played every other team once, or the match deadline passes.

## SCORING

Standard padel scoring applies. We recommend the use of the golden point rule in order to ensure Matches will comprise of 3 sets. Each set won will award 2 points. For example, a win of 3 sets to 0 will award the winning team 6 points, and so on. If the third set cannot be completed due to time constraints, teams may opt for a tie-break (first to 7, win by 2). If no tie-break is played, each team receives 1 point for the incomplete set.

## LEAGUE RANKINGS

Each player will receive a registration form link. This form will ask questions which will enable us to place players in the correct divisions. We will take into account factors such as Playtomic score, previous experience, competition wins, examples of previous matches, self assessment etc. Our aim is to make the Essex Padel League fun and challenging for all involved. Please answer the questions honestly! The winners of the league will be awarded promotion for the upcoming competition, and the bottom team will move down. Over time, this will allow the leagues to become more and more competitive.



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## LEAGUE ORGANISATION

Once players are confirmed, all players will be added to a Whatsapp group for their individual league. Fixtures for all gameweeks will then be posted on the Whatsapp group. This will include date windows in which the fixtures should be played. If for some reason the fixture can not be completed by those dates, please contact the league administrator on [info@ukpadelleague.co.uk](mailto:info@ukpadelleague.co.uk). Arrangements will be made to complete the fixture before the end of the League. Players should endeavour to resolve issues with scheduling themselves before contacting the league.

## PLANNING MATCHES

Players may use their relevant whatsapp group in order to arrange matches. Players themselves are responsible for booking court slots. A venue should be chosen that works for all parties.

Players should endeavour to be flexible and select venues that work for the majority. Players should be willing to travel where possible to meet half way, thus avoiding a burden being put on any one team. Please endeavour to book courts well in advance to ensure matches can be scheduled. One player can book the court on behalf of the others and all players should pay their share of the court hire immediately. All court booking issues must be handled between players and respective venues, and Padel League UK can not be held responsible for any no shows. Advance payment by all players should prevent issues. If you need to cancel your game and the booking player can not get a refund for the court hire due to the last minuet nature, please ensure that the player not at fault is reimbursed for any court hire costs.



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## LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION - RULES

### Essex Padel League – Match Rules & Scheduling

To keep the league flowing smoothly and fairly, all teams are expected to play their scheduled matches within a one-week window. At the start of each season, a poll will be conducted within each division to determine the preferred match day. This day will serve as the priority day for fixtures, though matches may be played on alternative days if both teams agree.

If a match is not played within the scheduled week, and neither team is clearly at fault, it will result in 0 points for either team. This is in order to encourage the playing of matches. However, if one team is found to be responsible for the match not taking place—such as cancelling without rescheduling, failing to respond, or making no reasonable effort to arrange the fixture—it will be marked as a forfeit, and the opposing team will receive 6 points.

Teams are encouraged to rearrange matches promptly if genuine issues arise. If a fixture remains unplayed after two weeks, and no valid reason or confirmed reschedule has been communicated to the league admin, the team responsible will be docked 3 points. Clear communication is key—if a match has been booked or a legitimate delay is explained, penalties may be waived at the admin's discretion. League administrators and opponents should be informed if holidays are booked meaning that games will be unable to be played. Please try to arrange the matches early so you don't get behind on games.



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## LEAGUE DROPOUTS

Player Withdrawal Protocol: If a player withdraws from the league, match outcomes will be adjusted based on the stage of withdrawal. If fewer than 50% of scheduled matches have been completed, all results involving the withdrawn player will be recorded as forfeits to maintain competitive balance. If more than 50% have been played, completed matches will stand and only remaining fixtures will be marked as forfeits. This approach ensures fairness across the league while recognising genuine participation.

The League Administrators reserve the right to make a decision regarding this which is fairest for all.

The League can not offer entry fee refunds after the divisions are set up or because of issues scheduling matches with other players.

## LEAGUE PARTICIPATION

Minimum Age & Guardian Oversight: All players must be aged 16 or over to participate. Players aged 16 or 17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (parent or guardian) during matches and league events. All communication regarding fixtures, disputes, or league administration must be handled by the parent or guardian on the player's behalf to ensure appropriate safeguarding and accountability.

## COMMERCIAL/PROMOTIONS

Players must not use the league WhatsApp groups for any form of commercial activity such as sharing adverts or promotions. If you would like to use the league platform to promote your business, please email [sponsor@ukpadelleague.co.uk](mailto:sponsor@ukpadelleague.co.uk).



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## RESULTS

Results which have been verified on Playtomic must be shared on the division whatsapp group. All scores submitted will be confirmed by league administrators using the whatsapp group. If there are any issues or disagreements, players are asked to resolve before scores are publicised and league table is updated. Results will then be posted on social media and our website, as well as updated league tables.

## INJURIES / NO SHOWS / GAME NOT COMPLETE

If a player has an injury or is unable to complete the league, they may contact [info@ukpadelleague.co.uk](mailto:info@ukpadelleague.co.uk) to request a new partner to take their place. It is up to the league administrator's discretion whether to allow this. No shows for any match will constitute a 3-0 loss, unless the opposing side are able and willing to rearrange the fixture. The side not at fault has no obligation to do so. We encourage all players to resolve disagreements and issues amicably within the spirit of the sport. If a team cancels a prearranged game, the team not at fault is under no obligation to rearrange the match. We would ask that every effort is made to do so within the spirit of the sport, however if the match can not be rearranged, the result would be recorded as a 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 victory to the team not at fault. Points for incomplete games will be added after the final game week. Players may be asked to provide evidence for reasons why games were not completed in order to establish who the points should go to. The league administrators will endeavour to come to decisions as impartially as possible. Essex Padel League will not accept any responsibility for injuries or losses as a result from competing in the League. All players do so at their own risk.

If a team is more than 10 minutes late for a game and therefore the match can not be completed in the allotted time, the latecomer team will forfeit the final set 6-0. This will avoid the occurrence of the team not at fault losing out on points due to the non-completion. If the non-fault team is willing to arrange another game to complete the match that would be the ideal scenario, however they are not under obligation to do so. In the event of a discrepancy of fault, players will be used to resolve the disagreement between themselves before the League administrator will intervene. Essex Padel League can not be expected to cover court fees for no shows.



# PRIVACY POLICY

## 1. Introduction

Welcome to the Essex Padel League! We value your privacy and are committed to protecting your personal information. This Privacy Policy outlines how we collect, use, and protect your information when you sign up for our leagues and participate in our activities.

## 2. Information We Collect

When you sign up for the Essex Padel League, we collect the following information:

- Your name
- Contact information (including your phone number and email)
- League information (e.g., preferred league, skill level)

## 3. Use of Information

By signing up for our league, you agree to the following uses of your information:

- WhatsApp Group Addition: You will be added to a WhatsApp group with other players in your league. This group is used for communication regarding league updates, schedules, and other important information related to your participation in the league.
- Marketing Communications: You agree to be contacted for marketing purposes regarding future leagues and events. This may include announcements, promotions, and other relevant communications.
- If permission given, we may use your profile photo to promote matches and results on social media and our website.

## 4. WhatsApp Communication

Please note that WhatsApp will be the primary method of communication regarding league-related information. It is your responsibility to ensure that you actively monitor the WhatsApp group and read messages. The Essex Padel League cannot be held responsible for any information that is missed if you do not regularly check WhatsApp messages.

## 5. Data Security

We take reasonable measures to protect your personal information from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure. However, please be aware that no method of transmission over the Internet or method of electronic storage is 100% secure. While we strive to protect your information, we cannot guarantee its absolute security.

## 6. Data Retention

We will retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes outlined in this Privacy Policy, comply with our legal obligations, resolve disputes, and enforce our agreements.

## 7. Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Access your personal information
- Request correction of any inaccuracies in your personal information
- Withdraw your consent for marketing communications at any time by contacting us at [Insert Contact Information]

## 8. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. Any changes will be effective immediately upon posting the revised policy on our website. We encourage you to review this Privacy Policy periodically for any updates.

## 9. Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy or our data practices, please contact us at:

info@ukpadelleague.co.uk

