

PADEL NEWS JULY 2022

Welcome to the July edition of Padel News, where we share padel updates from around the country. Please share this newsletter with venues in your County and encourage them to circulate amongst the wider rackets' community.

PADEL DASHBOARD

No of courts in the UK at 1 st July 2022	179
No of covered courts	75
No of outside courts	104

Court booking providers [Matchi](#) and [Play Tomic](#) have both recently launched detailed padel reports that highlight the growth of the sport.

How to find courts [near me](#)

PADEL PLAYER OF THE YEAR – TIA NORTON



NEW PUBLICATIONS

As padel gains momentum in the UK, so have the communications supporting the game. Recently launched by journalist Emma Kimber and beautifully produced is www.thebandeja.com

You can also read the latest edition [here](#)

Another source of great padel news is the Padel Paper and features the LTA's Head of Padel, Tom Murray in its latest edition www.thepadelpaper.com

VENUE NEWS



WAP, We Are Padel, one of Sweden's largest padel companies, comes to Derby. This 11-court indoor venue is the largest in the UK. WAP are currently offering free courts at the weekend, be sure to test out this premium new venue - <https://playtomic.io/we-are-padel-derby-play-free-on-weekends/f33c3aee-f075-408a-a69c-6c50309f0df2?q=PADEL~2022-06-27~~~>

SAVE THE DATE



The National Tennis Centre in Roehampton will host the FIP Rise (pro tournament) in the first week in August. **Spectators are very welcome. Please come and watch all the action.**

<https://www.padelfip.com/fip-rise-london-padel-open/>

SENIORS PADEL

GB SENIORS LADIES PADEL June - October 2022 Calendar
(Includes 40+ 45+ 50+ 55+ & 60+)

<p>All official GB Seniors Ladies Squad and Team selection decisions will be made by a Committee of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nigel Garton (National Coach for GB Senior Ladies)• Libby Fletcher (Head of Performance & National Teams) <p>Using these Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Player's LTA British National Padel Rankings• Results and performance on the World Padel Tour, FIP Tour or FIP Seniors Tour (main draw or qualifiers)• Players must have played in at least 4 LTA Padel tournaments or similarly recognised sanctioned events overseas in the 12 months prior to selection (qualifying events to be defined by the selectors)• Player's results & participation in LTA National League & I-Padel League will be considered• Attendance and performance at minimum 2 official GB Seniors Ladies Squad Training & Matchplay events in the prior 12 months• All 4 'Performance' Factors will be considered: Mental; Physical; Tactical; Technical• The selectors will have 1 'Wild Card' selection	<p>June - October 2022 Calendar of official GB Seniors Ladies Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sat 25th June 1:30-3:30pm - GB Squad Open Selection Event at Harrogate Surge Indoor Padel Centre (Open to anyone who has competed in Club, League or LTA padel competitions in the past 12 months and believes they are ready to be considered for the GB Seniors Squad)• Sat 25th 4:30-6:30pm & Sun 26th June 9:30-12:30pm - GB Squad Training & Matchplay at Harrogate Surge Indoor Padel Centre (by invitation before or after the Saturday Open Squad Selection)• Thurs 21st - Sun 24th July GB Squad Open Selection Event and GB Squad Training & Matchplay at Rocks Lane, Chiswick• Thurs 5th and/or Fri 6th August GB Squad Event (London area venue near NTC - plans tbc)• 15th August - Target date to confirm GB Team selection for Sotogrande Senior Masters Padel Tournament - based on official Selection Criteria• Thurs 6th - Sun 9th Oct Official Selected GB Team to play in the Sotogrande Senior Masters Padel Tournament for Senior International teams and Regional Spanish teams
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PADEL TASTER SESSIONS

For rackets venues considering padel, remember you can book the National Tennis Centre padel courts on a pay-and-play basis. Find out more details [here](#).

COMPETITION

This year's competition calendar is available [here](#). Teams can now enter the LTA Padel National League [here](#)

National Teams: World Championships (Men's & Women) will take place Oct/Nov 2022 in either Spain, Italy, or Qatar (TBC)

- GB will have to Qualify (July/Aug/Sep – exact dates TBC)
- Several training camps are taking place over next few months (supporting transparent selection)
- Additional training camps are running for other categories (Juniors & Seniors) at venues around the country to support overall pathway.

THE PROFESSIONAL GAME

At the top end for the game, the season has kicked off in style with both the World Padel Tour and FIP offering events all over the world – With such a global platform the sport is quickly living up to its reputation to being the fastest-growing-sport-in-the-world. Top British players continue to compete at FIPs and World Padel Tour events. Roland Garros in July will feature some Brits.

FIP

www.padelfip.com

WORLD PADEL TOUR – 2022 CALENDAR



COACHING UPDATE

Existing racket sport coaches, who would like to sign up for LTA Introduction to Padel Coaching CPD can now do so via [the LTA website](#).

The LTA Coach Development & Support team has produced the new Padel Coaching Qualifications, the first 4-day Padel Instructor qualification launched at the end of March; anyone interested can register their interest [here](#). The next pilot session will be held in Scotland, details to come soon.

OFFICIATING NEWS

Remember existing tennis referees can do the free one-hour LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course. If you are an LTA Licensed Official and would like to upskill yourself and learn more about Padel Officiating, you can complete the LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course [here](#).

Call to action!

Similarly, to the LTA website please make sure you have a padel page on your County Website and promote the opportunities padel can offer to venues.

For more information or if you have any padel news, please share with katherinemontague22@gmail.com or stephtrill@gmail.com