

PADEL NEWS FEBRUARY 2023

Padel news and information from around the UK. Please share this newsletter widely within your padel network, on social media and What's App padel groups.

PADEL DASHBOARD

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How to find courts [near me](#).

MIDDX LTA HIGHLIGHTS SWLONDONER PADEL ROUND UP

Middx LTA's latest newsletter features an excellent summary of padel written by Olivia Christie for the SouthWest Londoner website. Counties across the UK are encouraged to include [this link](#) in their newsletters and on their websites.

HELP US BUILD THE FIRST GENERATION OF BRITAIN'S PADEL COACHES



The LTA Coach Development Team is looking for experienced, successful, and driven padel coaches to be a part of the team that trains the nation's padel instructors.

To qualify, you need to be an LTA Senior Coach (Level 4) in tennis or have an equivalent qualification in coaching padel. Successful completion of the qualification allows you to join the LTA Tutor workforce, which means you'll be able to deliver LTA Padel Instructor qualifications and CPDs (Continuous Professional Development) to educate the next generation of padel coaches.

The course, taking place during April and May, is the only Padel Coach Tutor Qualification scheduled for 2023. Find out below how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity.

For dates, prices and course content [Coach Tutor Qualification \(CTQ\) \(lta.org.uk\)](#)

Book now here [LTA Padel Coach Tutor Qualification \(CTQ\) Application Form \(formsite.com\)](#)

ALL STAR TENNIS NEEDS YOUR HELP

All Star Tennis manage 6 locations in South London. They are in the early stages of applying for planning permission for padel courts and need to highlight the desire and demand for padel in part through a public consultation. Kat Halls from All Star **needs your help** before phase 1 of their plans can be approved! Please complete this quick survey to support All Star Tennis' padel project - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/astpadoel-lta>

KING OF THE COURT IN DERBY



The welcome arrival of We Are Padel in Derby has prompted padel players from Sutton Coldfield and Solihull Arden to arrange monthly trips to the new venue for indoor padel. Richard Ashford and Luke Griffin originally started with 3 courts and 12 players, participating in a two-hour King of the Court friendly tournament. Undaunted by a 35-mile trip, within just three months, the tournament has grown in popularity, now using 5 courts and hosting 20 players, including some GB Seniors.

Each match consists of 9 games with winners moving up and splitting up and losers heading down and splitting up.



January's event was won by Dan Dawson-Brown and Andy Smith.

January was a family affair for Dan with his wife and in-laws playing whilst taking it in turns to mind their baby Mia. Whilst the standard is intermediate to experienced, the event has attracted a diverse range of players, including women. Yasmin Clarke, former professional tennis player, padel enthusiast and LTA Councillor, played in the December event.



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

2023 competition calendar is available [here](#).


BRITISH TOUR

VENUE	DATES	CODE
SURGE PADEL (HOP)	17-2-2023 - 19-2-2023	YOR-23-0141
WE ARE PADEL DERBY	10-3-2023 - 12-3-2023	DER-23-0013
WEST OF SCOTLAND PADEL	21-4-2023 - 23-4-2023	WSC-23-0046
GUERNSEY PADEL CLUB	26-5-2023 - 28-5-2023	C.I-23-0001
STRATFORD PADEL CLUB	9-6-2023 - 11-6-2023	ESS-23-0054
ROCKS LANE CHISWICK	21-7-2023 - 23-7-2023	MID-23-0145
ISLAND PADEL, JERSEY	9-9-2023 - 10-9-2023	C.I-23-0002

All event information and entry can be found at www.competitions.lta.org.uk

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NATIONAL GRADE 2

VENUE	DATES	CODE	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED
Rocks Lane Padel	11-2-2023 to 12-2-2023	MID-23-0142	□	□	
Middlesbrough Padel Club	12-3-2023	DUR-23-0029			□
Stratford Padel Club	17-3-2023 to 19-3-2023	ESS-23-0048	□	□	
Chelsea Harbour Club (HOP)	1-4-2023 to 2-4-2023	MID-23-0146	□	□	
National Tennis Centre	28-4-2023 to 30-4-2023	SUR-23-0228	□	□	
David Lloyd Club Bushey	20-5-2023 to 21-5-2023		□	□	
West of Scotland Padel	16-6-2023 to 18-6-2023	WSC-23-0045	□	□	
HOP South (TBC)	24-6-2023 to 25-6-2023		□	□	
Middlesbrough Padel Club	8-7-2023 to 9-7-2023	DUR-23-0036	□	□	

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SENIORS PADEL



SENIORS TOUR

VENUE	DATES	CODE	MEN		WOMEN	
			40+	50+	40+	50+
Stratford Padel Club	24-2-2023 to 26-2-2023	ESS-23-0047	□	□	□	□
Guernsey Padel Club	18-3-2023 to 19-3-2023	C.I-23-0004	□	□	□	
Middlesbrough Padel Club	1-4-2023 to 2-4-2023	DUR-23-0025	□	□	□	□
David Lloyd Club Bushey	22-4-2023 to 23-4-2024		□	□	□	
West of Scotland Padel	19-5-2023 to 21-5-2023	WSC-23-0044	□	□	□	□
Guernsey Padel Club	26-5-2023 to 28-5-2023	C.I-23-0001	□	□	□	
East Gloucestershire Club	11-6-2023	GLO-23-0104		□		
Middlesbrough Padel Club	1-7-2023 to 2-7-2023	DUR-23-0026	□	□	□	□
Rocks Lane Padel	21-7-2023 to 23-7-2024	MID-23-0145	□	□	□	□
Middlesbrough Padel Club	2-9-2023 to 3-9-2023	DUR-23-0027	□	□	□	□

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GB Seniors Women's 2023 Calendar of Events Announced and it includes two July Selection Events for the 2023/24 Squad Update from Sally Fisher

The 2023 GB Seniors Women's Calendar puts an emphasis on international match play and domestic tournament competition experience.

GB Seniors Selection Criteria will be used by the selectors at the two 2023 selection tournaments. Players interested to be considered for selection NEED ONLY ATTEND **ONE** of the two July selection events:

- Player's LTA Padel Tour, FIP and WPT Open and Seniors Rankings and performance

- Player's performance and results in all tournaments played in previous 12 months, including National Training Camps, Regional or National Selection Events (at least 6 official tournament results in previous 12 months expected)
- All 4 'Performance' Factors will be considered- Mental; Physical; Tactical; Technical, along with Team Spirit

GB Seniors Women's Squad will be selected by a committee of at least 3, led by Nigel Garton (National Coach GB Seniors Women), Libby Fletcher and named guest selector(s)

Any player not currently involved in the GB Squad nor the Radar Group and who is competing successfully at LTA Grade 2 level or above, should get in contact through the @gb_seniors_padel Instagram account.

2023 Calendar of GB Seniors Women's Squad Events				
	International Fixtures	Squad Selection	Squad Training Camps	LTA/FIP/WPT Tournaments
January				
Feb	Nations Cup, Amsterdam 10-12 Feb v Sweden, Belgium, NL, Germany			Grade 1 Harrogate Surge HOP 18-19 Feb Stratford Seniors 24-26th Feb
March	Home Nations, (England) 45+ 50+ 55+ Derby 3-5 March			Grade 1 Derby 11-13 March 18-19 March Seniors Guernsey Padel Club
April			GB Training Matchplay, Vienna 28-30 April	Middlesbrough Seniors 1-2 April FIP RISE, Rocks Lane, 7-9 April TBD
May	GB v Ireland, Derby date TBD		GB Training Camp, Graz, Austria 12-14 May	West of Scotland Seniors 9-10 May FIP/WPT Venue TBD 13-15 May
June	England v Jersey v Guernsey in Islands Cup 50+ Guernsey 2-4 June			Stratford Grade 1 9-10 June East Glos Seniors 11-12 June
July		Middlesbrough Seniors 1-2 July Rocks Lane G1 & Seniors 21-23 July		Middlesbrough Seniors 1-2 July Rocks Lane G1 & Seniors 21-23 July
August		GB Team for FIP Champs Announced GB Squad for 2023/24 Announced		FIP/WPT Venue TBD 3-6 Aug FIP/WPT Rocks Lane, 25-27 Aug TBD
Sep			Selected FIP GB Team Training, NTC or Derby (2-3 Sep TBD)	Grade 1 Island Padel 9-10 Sep
Oct	FIP World/European Championship Dates TBD			FIP/WPT, Derby 14-15 Oct TBD Grade 1/FIP/WPT Venue TBD 11-12 Nov

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GB seniors Women's Radar Group Training Camp in Sotogrande

The weekend of 20-22nd January saw 10 players from the GB Seniors Radar Group travel to Sotogrande in Spain for an intense and fun 3 days of padel training in the sunshine. **Carole Woods reports.**

As we were sitting on the BA flight ready to take off on a cold, misty and foggy Thursday January afternoon – our nerves were replaced with excitement as we took off. We were on our way to Sotogrande in Southern Spain to enjoy coaching and games in the RADAR senior ladies padel tennis training and coaching organised by the GB Seniors lead - Sally Fisher. We were all very excited to be included in an intensive two and a half days of learning and fun.

The sun shone brightly, sun cream was applied and sunnies out! We met Sally and all the other ladies for our sessions. Pernille and Pablo headed up the coaching and Sally was our welcoming development coach who explained the next two and a half days. We drilled, smashed, sliced, served, boasted and lobbed; we all played our hearts out – all guided by our experts. The courts were filled full of laughter and positivity – it was infectious. We all finished exhausted, yet elated, at The Bunkers Beach Bar with a nice glass of something and a delicious meal.

We met friends for life and learned so much with lots of take- aways. Thank you, Sally, Pernille and Pablo for the best padel weekend ever.

GB Seniors Women runs a Radar Group of 35 women (so far and growing!) who are keen padel competitors with potential and determination, but who are not members of the GB Seniors squad. Regular training sessions in Stratford (organised by Radar Group member Sally Brown) and elsewhere are offered to this group. If you are competing at LTA grade 2 or above events and would like to get involved in the Radar Group, please contact GB Seniors Padel by Instagram @gb_seniors_padel

SENIORS OVERSEAS EVENTS

Throughout 2023 there are friendly overseas events which are not FIP or LTA sanctioned, but nonetheless present great opportunities for strong British players to test themselves against some of the best from other padel playing nations. GB Seniors will field a team to compete in in Palma in April. ISPT (International Senior Padel Tour Events) events are scheduled for later in the year.

Age categories are +40,45,50. Anyone who would like to be involved should contact Bjorn Schroder on <mailto:bjoschroder@gmail.com> or +44 7575 570057 and he will add you to the Facebook and What's App group. Bjorn tells me that it's usually a case of the more the merrier - if there is plenty of interest, either two teams are fielded, or occasionally players will make up the numbers for another team. Keep in mind these events do not currently adhere to the formal selection process in place for LTA and FIP sanctioned events, as they are informal and friendly, but Bjorn can apply selection criteria, most likely based on official ranking, if needed in the future.

THE PROFESSIONAL GAME

Read about our top padel players and follow their progress [here](#)

FIP

www.padelfip.com

WORLD PADEL TOUR

www.worldpadeltour.com

COACHING UPDATE

The LTA have undertaken 3 successful pilots of the forthcoming **LTA Padel Instructor** qualification. As a result, final tweaks are being made to the course before it launches in early 2023 for delivery by Coach Development Centres. This means that there will be a proliferation of courses across the UK and throughout the year.

The LTA Instructor qualification entails 4 days' core training, face to face with the Tutor plus one further five-hour Elective workshop, from a choice of two. The Electives will be how to Coach the Double Glass and How to Coach Kids' Padel. Both will also be open to non-qualification coaches wishing to do the courses as CPD. Coaches wishing to prepare for the Padel Instructor qualification will need to do a [Padel Instructor Readiness Test](#), which can be booked via the LTA Course Search Tool. The test costs £36 and is carried out remotely/video based. All assessments are now centralised, which means that upon successful completion of the Padel Instructor: Core Training, coaches will need to book and successfully complete their Padel Instructor Summative Assessment as the final step.

Existing racket sport coaches, who would like to sign up for the one day LTA Introduction to Padel Coaching CPD can now do so via [the LTA website](#). Completion of the one-day course provides 3 points towards the LTA tennis coaching license.

PADEL 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

Another great source of up to the minute padel news is the Padel Paper www.thepadelpaper.com
Be sure to register for free to get up to the minute padel news.

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