

## **FACTSHEET**

### INTRODUCTION

The first event in the UK PADEL 2025 County Championships series will take place on the weekend of 26/27th April 2025. This will be an O50 event and players must be over 50 by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 in order to qualify on age grounds.

#### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

In addition to the age requirement, players are eligible to represent a county if they fulfil one of the three following criteria:

- 1. They have been a permanent resident within that county for at least 12 months prior to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- 2. They were born within the county
- 3. They have lived in that county for a period of over 5 years at some point during the course of their life

### **TIMELINE**

- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025- Launch & expression of interest open
  - Dialogue open to appoint County Captains. This will happen over the coming weeks between the UK PADEL County Championships management team, players and where applicable their County Associations.
- 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Team entry deadline date (and deposit paid)
- **11**<sup>th</sup> **April 2025** Player names submitted and each player to individually register online and team entry monies to be received.
  - The teams will be selected by the County Captains for each event. The Captains should select the best possible team of eligible and available players. The details of all players that expressed an interest to play will be passed to their relevant County Captain for consideration.
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Group stage draws made and announced
- 26/27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 UK PADEL O50 County Championships weekend

#### PLANNED FORMAT OF FINALS WEEKEND

- The finals will be a two-day tournament for all players
  - Women's event minimum 4, maximum six players
  - Men's event minimum 4, maximum six players
  - Mixed event minimum 4, maximum twelve players (2/6 men and 2/6 women)
    - The mixed event can be made up of players from the women's and men's teams or different players (or a mixture)
- The first stage will be a group stage
  - Each match at group stage will be two pair-two rubber with "Champions shoot out" if tied after two rubbers
  - o Any two pairs from a team of up to six may play in each group match
- Winning teams from each group will progress to second stage
- Second stage of the Championships will be knockout
- SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

### THE PLAYER EXPERIENCE

The focus of the weekend will be a celebration of all things that are UK padel; bringing together players from all parts of the UK for a team event that is highly competitive yet exemplifies the camaraderie that the sport promotes.

Players will receive a goodie bag on arrival that contains their county-branded playing shirt and other items. Additional shirts are available to order prior to the event and there will be plenty of County Championship merchandise to purchase over the weekend.

Teams will then play in a group format in the first stage of the competition across three events, women's, men's and mixed.

The mixed event will conclude on the Saturday evening alongside the Players' paella and drinks social party, to which all players are invited.

A free-to-enter prize draw will take place at the party, with rackets and clothing up for grabs.

Throughout the weekend, our sponsor Back in Action will be providing free massage sessions on their revolutionary "mobiliser" beds in the centre of the hall. These can be booked in advance of the event or players can pitch up on spec.

All this takes place inside the first-class venue that is Rocket, Bristol that has 12 doubles courts, two single courts, bar and café, large car park and excellent player changing facilities.



### **EVENT COSTS**

The cost per player entering a single event (men's, women's or mixed) is £60 which also includes the county-branded playing shirt, goodie bag, paella and drinks social event and entry into the player prize draw. The cost for a County to enter a mixed team when they have entered a men's and women's team and utilise the same players will be a total of £90. This cost will be shared amongst those playing. For example, the entry fee for a player playing in the women's event and the mixed event where her county wishes to play ten players in the mixed, will pay a fee of £60 + £9 = £69.

For those wishing to purchase an additional county-branded shirt, these also can be ordered by players for a special-discounted price of £20.

## **FINALS LOCATION**

The UK PADEL County Championships will take place at Rocket Padel Bristol on the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. This is an impressive 14-court facility (12 panoramic and 2 singles).



Rocket Padel Bristol St Annes Road St Annes Park Bristol BS4 4EB

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

We have procured a 15% discounted rate with Hilton Doubletree City Centre hotel in Bristol. This is an easy ten-minute drive from Rocket.

# **Booking**

**Link:** https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BRSRWDI&corporateCode=113426153 &flexibleDates=true

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Bristol City Centre

Corporate Account: 134261531

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