# **VKPADEL COUNTY** 040 CHAMPIONSHIPS

# INTRODUCTION Rocket Padel Bristol 21/22 June 2025

This will be an O40 event and players must be aged 40 or above 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 21<sup>th</sup> June 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

# 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
- 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.

If a mixed team is entered as well the cost will be  $\pm$ 70/player plus travel and accommodation

## 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&corporateCo de=113426153 &flexibleDates=true Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Bristol City Centre Corporate Account: 134261531

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