



# CLUB PADEL

AT BRANSTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### DO I NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO PLAY?

- We are a public facility, anyone can book a court to play

### HOW DO I BOOK A COURT?

- Download the Playtomic App, register and book

### WHO CAN PLAY PADEL?

- Padel is a sport for anyone and everyone. Everyone is welcome on our Padel courts regardless of age or ability. You don't have to have played tennis – or any other sport before – just grab a racket, a doubles partner, and away you go!

### CAN I HIRE A PADEL RACKET?

- Hire a racket for £2.50 per person, simply make a purchase on the app and collect from the Adventure Golf and Padel kiosk or reception.

### CAN I PURCHASE PADEL BALLS?

- Padel balls are only available to purchase via the app and ready to collect from the Adventure Golf and Padel kiosk or reception. Balls cost £6.50 for a pack of 3.

### CAN I PAY CASH AT THE VENUE?

- Club Padel and Branston Golf & Country Club is a cashless site.

### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO PLAY PADEL?

- On the Padel court, there's no dress code – it's all about wearing what you feel most comfortable in. We'd suggest some kind of sports kit and a comfy pair of trainers, this is a good place to start.
- You can buy Padel specific trainers that can better suit the playing surface – if you want to buy some yourself, we'd recommend talking to one of the Padel coaches.



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## ARE THERE ANY BOOKING RESTRICTIONS?

- There are booking restrictions, which are set in the Playtomic app.
- You can only book 18 days in advance
- You can have a maximum of 10 active bookings.
- You are only allowed a maximum of 3 active bookings per day.
- This allows us to give everyone fair opportunity to book courts in a high-demand club.

## HOW DO I FIND OTHER PLAYERS TO PLAY GAMES?

- You can connect with padel players via the Playtomic app and book a game

## WHERE WAS PADEL INVENTED?

- Padel was invented in Mexico in 1969 by Enrique Corcuera when he modified his squash court to welcome elements of platform tennis. In the 1970s, a Spanish friend of Corcuera brought the padel sport to Spain where it is now considered one of the most popular sports in the country. Other countries where padel sport is a hit include Mexico, Argentina, the UK, and the USA.

## RULES OF THE GAME

- Service: the right to serve first is decided by a draw
- Serve is done by bouncing the ball off the ground and hitting it diagonally into the service box on the opponent's side
- The ball must be hit when it is at or below the waist level

## SCORING

- Scoring in Padel follows that of tennis: 15, 30, 40, game 40-40 is a deuce

## PADEL COURT

- A Padel court is a rectangle that is 10 meters wide and 20 meters long.
- It is surrounded by walls made of concrete, glass, or wire mesh.
- The flooring can be made of cement, concrete, wood, or artificial turf.
- A net with a maximum height of 33cm in the middle and 92 cm at the edges divides the court into two.
- The service area is within 3 meters from the back wall.



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## PADEL RACKETS

- Padel balls must have an exact diameter between 6.35cm and 6.77cm making it smaller than a regular tennis ball.
- This slightly lower compression- adapts best to the wall play when enforced in the game.
- Unlike tennis where the game is played with powerful serves and hit with force, an underarm service requiring the ball to bounce once is key for Padel.
- This game is all about executing precise shots with measured control and power.