



# BRITISH PADEL REPORT 2018

This year's report explores the growth of the sport of padel in the UK over the past twelve months and provides player figures from all clubs across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and Channel Islands.

*The figures in this report are correct as of December 31, 2017.*





*It's hard to convey in these few words how exciting it is to be involved in a developing sport that is driven by the passion of a small community.*

*We have no Wimbledon, no Six Nations, no Ryder Cup, and yet the enthusiasm and drive to bring padel to the nation is admirably demonstrated in this year's UK report. The ambition to gain government recognition is something we cannot achieve alone and therefore we would like to thank:*

- the clubs for current and future data provision and overall support,*
- our members who directly contribute towards our financial stability,*
- our sponsors who engage with our UK tournaments, and national teams on the world stage,*
- and of course all the players and volunteers who like me take immense pride and joy from being integral to what we have all created together over the past 4 years.*

*It's all about momentum... and we have that force amongst us in large amounts.*

**Peter Vann**

President of British Padel





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## ABOUT BRITISH PADEL

British Padel is a not-for-profit organisation limited by guarantee and receives no public funding. It is the acting governing body supported by its affiliated members of players, coaches, clubs and approved by the International Padel Federation (FIP).

Our organisation is responsible for measuring participation, implementing regulation, and overall minimal standards for all aspects of the sport including and not limited to; court installations, coaching courses, guidance for players, coaches, and clubs. British Padel is currently seeking full recognition from the UK Recognition Panel, a joint policy comprised of the five Sports Councils (Sport England, Sport Scotland, UK Sport, Sport Wales and Sport Northern Ireland).

Our mission is to provide support and guidance enabling a faster growth for the sport of padel. We strive to implement structure and regulation whilst defining minimum standards for our evolving sport. We will assist with padel development matters, pointing individuals and organisations in the right direction wherever required. Our association has been formed by padel enthusiasts, professionals and padel players alike, determined to work together to create the perfect foundation for our sport.

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## CLUBS AND COURTS





## PLAYERS IN THE UK

2,163 total players in UK

### DEMOGRAPHICS



74%

adult players (16-64 years)



12%

junior players (from 5-15 years)



14%

Older adult players (65-74 years)



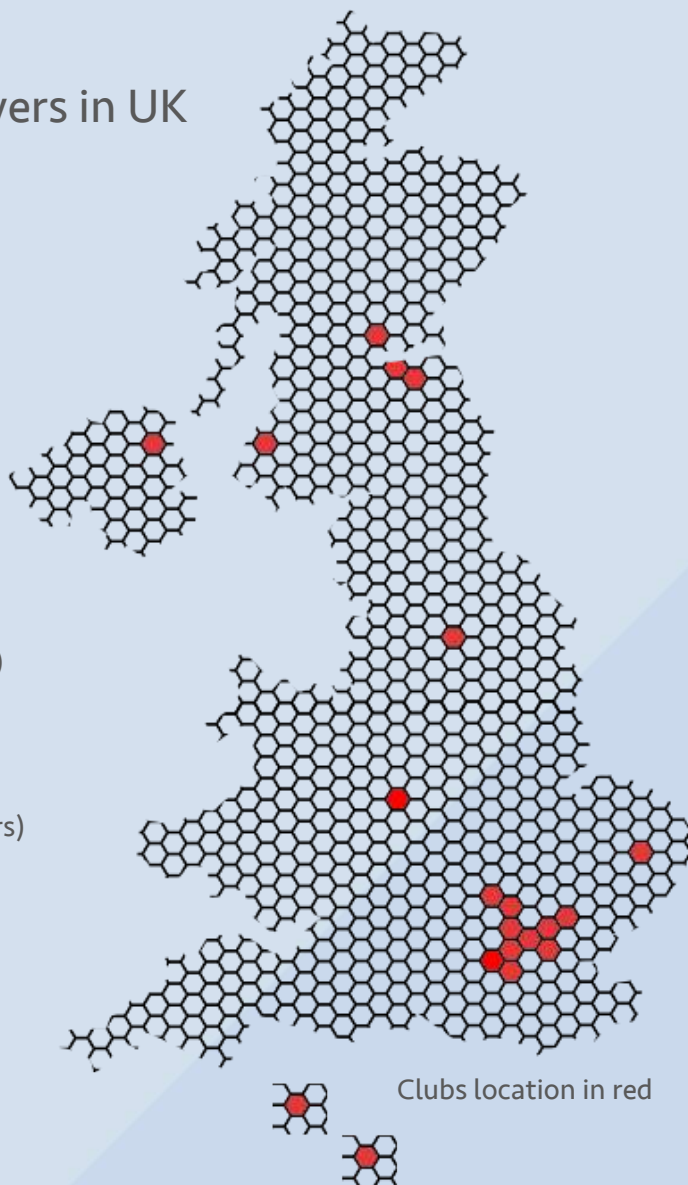
70%

male players



30%

female players



### PARTICIPATION



86%

play at least once a month

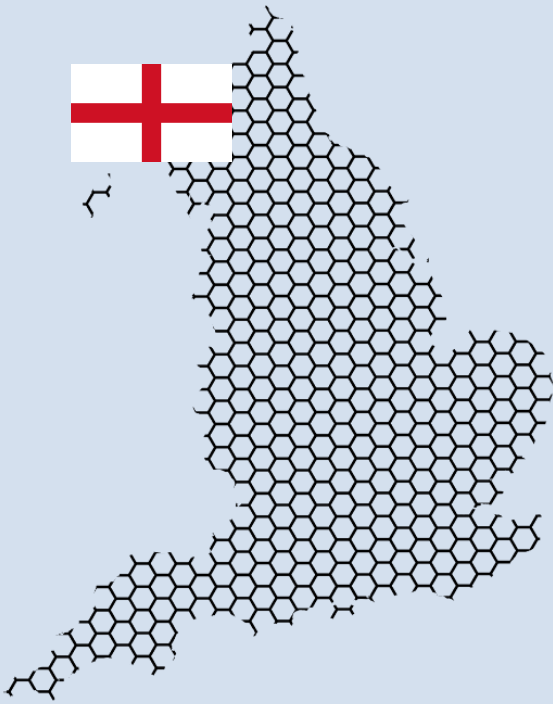


48%

play at least once a week



## ENGLAND

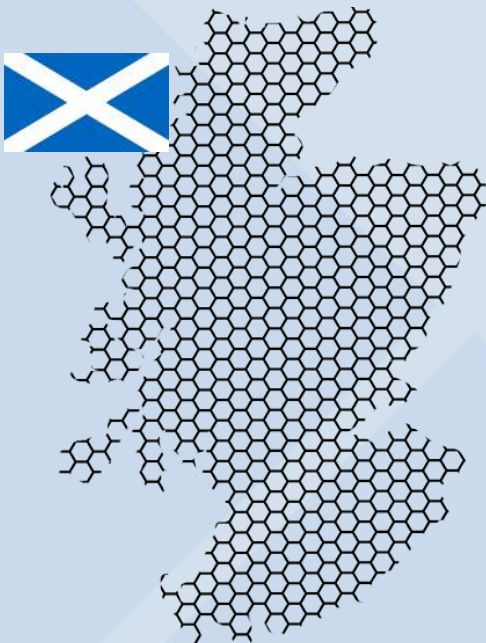


1,535 total players

28 total courts

14 total clubs

## SCOTLAND



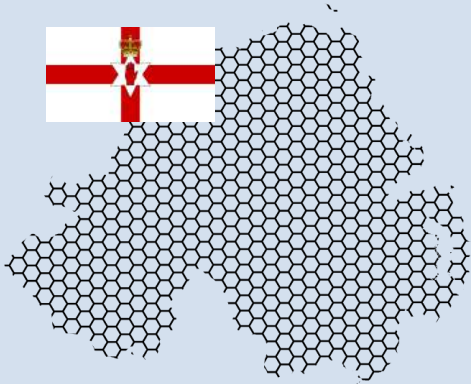
448 total players

9 total courts

5 total clubs



## NORTHERN IRELAND

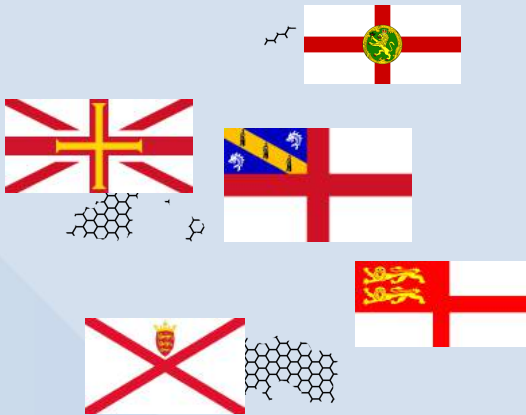


150 total players

2 total courts

1 total club

## CHANNEL ISLANDS

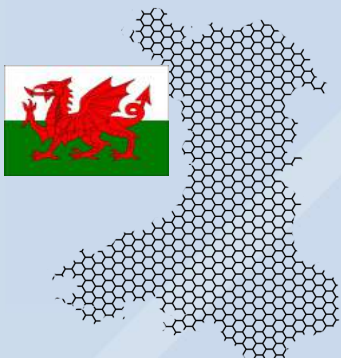


50 total players

5 total courts

2 total clubs

## WALES



0 total players

0 total courts

0 total clubs



## EVENTS & TOURNAMENTS

# 512

padel events in 2017

# 444

**social events**  
(10 players per  
social on average)

# 68

**tournaments**  
(50 players per  
tournament on average)



## BRITISH PADEL TOUR

The British Padel TOUR is a UK circuit of open tournaments grouped by categories for both performance players wishing to compete for a national ranking and social addicts seeking some competitive play, both male and female. BPT tournaments are classified into GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE.

Average entries;



# 90-120

players per tournament



# 60-80

players per tournament



# 30-50

players per tournament





## INTERNATIONAL

Team GB's participation at the multiple international events organised by the International Padel Federation, and the remarkable results achieved, proves the level of play is largely improving year on year in both the junior and adult categories. In 2017, Team GB achieved the following results;

- **5<sup>th</sup> at the European Padel Championships in Lisbon, 2017 (Men's Team)**
- **10<sup>th</sup> at the European Padel Championships in Lisbon, 2017 (Ladies Team)**
- **6<sup>th</sup> at the World Junior Padel Championships in Malaga, 2017 (Boys' Team)**
- **8<sup>th</sup> at the World Junior Padel Championships in Malaga, 2017 (Girls' Team)**





# WPT LONDON EXHIBITION



London hosted its first World Padel Tour Exhibition in June 2017. The exhibition took place during Canary Wharf's Pop-Up Padel 2017 event. The exhibition attracted thousands of people and has offered an unprecedented showcase for the sport. The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition has been confirmed to be held at Canary Wharf during the Pop-Up Padel Canary Wharf 2018 event.



WPT professional players together with our top British players



Jonas Björkman, ex professional ATP tennis player

# SPONSOR ENGAGEMENT

The sport's increasing popularity has led British Padel to secure partnership agreements with large reputable brands. Some of the brands that have supported British Padel include Estrella Damm, Varlion, HEAD, adidas, David Lloyd Clubs and Padelshack.





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