



WTC Padel Americano Box League

Competitive and fun padel – more games and more people to play



Competition Overview

Using the Club's MatchSpace app, the WTC Padel Americano Box League offers Club members an ongoing, competitive, and sociable padel competition, with players grouped into boxes of eight players of similar standard and competing individually using an Americano scoring system. The objectives are to:¹

- encourage and help members to play more padel matches;
- help people meet and play with more members rather than always playing with the same group;
- provide competitive matches against players of broadly similar standard;
- make arranging games as easy as possible via the MatchSpace's new "Chat to All" feature; and
- use regular promotion and relegation to help everyone find their right playing level.

How does it work in more detail?

- Players will be allocated to boxes of eight players of similar ability. Everyone then competes as an individual, using an Americano-style format.
- Each competition will run for approximately eight weeks, after which players will be promoted or relegated between boxes and a new competition will begin.
- The initial box allocation will be based on an assessment of ability by the Head Coach and on performances in Club Competitions and Social Padel Sessions over the past 12–18 months. New players can join at a later date and will be placed directly into an appropriate box.
- Players are encouraged to organise matches using the "Chat to All" feature within the MatchSpace app, rather than using email or WhatsApp.
- Players should typically arrange a 90-minute session with any four players from their box and play three one-set matches, changing partners after each match.
- For example: Match 1 – Players 1 & 2 v 3 & 4; Match 2 – 1 & 3 v 2 & 4; Match 3 – 1 & 4 v 2 & 3.
- There is no maximum number of matches you can play during the 8-week period. However, as a guide, everyone should aim to play at least six one-set matches for each competition – equivalent to just two normal 90-minute sessions.
- We strongly encourage players to mix things up: play with and against different people in your box rather than continually arranging matches with the same four.

The Scoring System - Every Game Matters, but Winning Matters More.

- Points are awarded for both games won and winning the set: 1 point for every game won, and 5 bonus points for winning the set. For example, winning a match 6-0 gives the two winning players 11 points and 0 points for the losers.
- The system deliberately rewards winning while ensuring that every game matters. Even when behind, there is every incentive to keep competing for games.
- Because the current MatchSpace system uses cumulative points, players who play more matches have more opportunities to score in each competition. For now, we are comfortable with that because one of the main objectives is to encourage people to play more padel. However, if experience shows that this distorts promotion or relegation, we will work with MatchSpace on a percentage-point ratio system, so that league position reflects points won as a percentage of the maximum available (rather than total points won).
- We hope as many members as possible will join the competition and enter into the spirit of what we are trying to achieve – playing more padel, meeting new players and enjoying some healthy competition.

Play regularly. Play different people. Compete for every game. Have fun and find your level.