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Dear Secretary, Club Representative and Committee Members,

Many thanks to all of you who attended last week's AGM. It was great to see such strong attendance and to have representation from all provinces. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you in person again and to provide an opportunity for introductions and networking between clubs.

To those who were unable to attend and who sent their apologies, thank you for letting us know. Please find the Annual Report attached, and we will circulate the AGM minutes in the coming weeks.

As discussed at the AGM, you are driving the growth of padel in Ireland, and we are delighted to support you in that journey. It is especially encouraging to see clubs building such a strong and inclusive club culture, opening their doors to so many new people and players, and creating welcoming environments where padel can thrive. Working alongside our international federation partners, PFI is here to support players, clubs, coaches, and all stakeholders, and to ensure we continue to develop padel as a sustainable and accessible sport for all.



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We will be in touch with clubs directly over the coming weeks, and we would also like to remind all clubs to renew their PFI affiliation for 2026. Affiliation is vital in allowing us to continue providing governance, support structures, development programmes, and clear pathways for the growing number of clubs and players across the island.

As outlined at the AGM, and in response to strong demand, we are bringing forward the launch of the Official Irish Padel League, which will act as the qualifying pathway for the All-Ireland Padel Championships. The PFI team will be in touch shortly to commence the registration process.

Finally, the greatly anticipated IPT 2026 National Ranking Calendar will be released soon, providing clarity and structure for competitive play in the year ahead.

Thank you once again for your continued support and commitment to the growth of padel in Ireland.

Best regards,

Naomi Nicholl

President/CEO of the Padel Federation of Ireland



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World Governing Body of Padel Recognition for Ireland since 2019 2025 Renewal



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Lausanne, 20 January 2025

To whom it may concern,

This is to certify that the Padel Federation of Ireland (PFI) is the sole governing body for Padel in Ireland, recognised by, and affiliated to, the World Governing Body of Padel (FIP).

Naomi Nicholl is the current president of the PFI.

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Lausanne, 23 October 2024

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Dear President,
Dear Naomi,

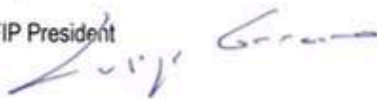
with this letter I would like to ratify that in the constitutive meeting of "Padel Europe", which was held in Cagliari, Italy on 25 July 2024, upon proposal from the International Padel Federation (FIP), the participating Federations voted you as Vice President of the continental federation.

I look forward to meeting you soon in Doha.

Best regards,

Luigi Carraro

FIP President



Padel Europe Meeting



Naomi Nicholl pictured with World Governing Body of Padel (FIP) President, Luigi Carraro

During the FIP Euro Padel Cup, Ireland was also represented at the **Padel Europe 2025** meeting, where our President, Naomi Nicholl, serves as Vice-President on the Padel Europe Board. Established in 2024, Padel Europe now has 41 member countries and is focused on driving the growth of padel across the continent. Its priorities include strengthening player pathways, ensuring only official coaching structures are in place, and further developing the international circuits. Attendees received key updates from the FIP Team. Donatella Del Gaudio, FIP Director of Corporate Affairs, shared developments regarding Affiliated Members, the launch of the Padel Europe logo, and progress on the Olympic recognition process.

35th FIP General Assembly



November 2025, The 35th General Assembly of the International Padel Federation (FIP) took place in Acapulco, Mexico, the birthplace of padel, bringing together federations and delegates from around the world.

It was a historic gathering, celebrating several major milestones: welcoming the 100th affiliated National Federation, launching the new amateur world tour FIP Beyond, and unveiling a preview of the World Padel Report. These achievements highlight the unstoppable global growth of our sport and the incredible momentum padel continues to enjoy worldwide.

The Padel Federation of Ireland is proud to be part of the FIP family and the landmark moments and extend a warm welcome to all the new National Federations joining the global padel community, together, we are building a stronger, more connected, and ever-growing sport.

FIP Euro Padel Cup

The inaugural FIP Euro Padel Cup 1^o phase took place from July 7th to 10th at the Padel G24 Club in Madrid, bringing together 37 nations in a dynamic, multi-phase tournament designed to expand representation and raise the level of competition across Europe.

The PFI sent both men's and women's national teams, giving Irish players the opportunity to compete on the international stage, gain valuable experience, and test their skills against some of Europe's strongest teams.



Women's Team Highlights

Opening & Victory vs Romania (July 8): Zuka & McRann won 6-3, 6-4, and Flynn & Murtagh followed with a 6-3, 7-6 victory.

Second Day vs Greece (July 9): All pairs were defeated, gaining valuable experience for future matches.

Final Group Match vs Montenegro (July 10): McRann & Murtagh won 6-0, 6-2, and Zuka & Kurkul secured a 6-2, 6-3 victory, ending the group stage on a positive note; the third match could not be played due to a medical issue.

Men's Team Highlights

Debut vs Slovakia (July 8): All matches were competitive, but Ireland didn't secure any wins. The team used the experience to gain valuable international exposure.

Victory vs Kosovo (July 9): Rowies & Bingham led the team with a 6-1, 6-2 win, and Condren & Jarrold clinched the decisive point with a 6-3, 6-4 victory. Oliver & Oscar Jacobson fought to three sets but were unable to win.

Closing Matches vs San Marino and Cyprus (July 10): Jarrold & Oliver Jacobson achieved a 6-3, 6-4 win over San Marino, while the other matches ended in defeat.



Competing in the FIP Euro Padel Cup was a milestone for Irish padel, giving our teams the chance to face top international opponents and grow together on and off the court. While we didn't progress to the next phase, the tournament offered key learning opportunities and marked an important step for our development.

We are grateful to our coaches, players, and families for fostering a fantastic team spirit. The support, resilience, and sportsmanship shown throughout the event made this a proud moment for Ireland on the international stage, and we look forward with optimism to future competitions.

FIP Seniors Euro Padel Cup



The second edition of the FIP Seniors Euro Padel Cup, continuing the legacy of the former FIP Senior European Championships, took place from 6th to 11th October in Valencia, Spain. The event was organized by the International Federation of Padel (FIP), with the support of Padel Europe, the Spanish Padel Federation (FEP), and the Padel Federation of the Region of Valencia, bringing together Europe's top senior players for a week of high-level competition. Ireland proudly sent both a men's and women's officially sponsored by Raisin

The tournament featured two competition formats:

- In the national team competition, male and female teams from 22 countries competed head-to-head
- The pairs competition allowed nations to enter two pairs per age category.

Ireland's Women's Team had an incredible tournament, facing Hungary and the reigning champions Spain in the group stage, securing a strong win against Hungary. They then battled Great Britain and Portugal, finishing ranked **Europe's Top 10 Senior Women's Team!**

Ireland's Men's Team also put on a great performance, competing against strong teams such as Switzerland, Denmark, Hungary, Poland, and Lithuania, and finishing 20th overall. A solid performance against some of Europe's strongest senior squads.

A huge thank you to all our players for their commitment and performance, and to our coaches Alvaro Cabello, Jero Cañas, and David García for their outstanding leadership and guidance throughout the tournament.

We also extend our gratitude to Raisin, for sponsoring our senior teams, and to CUPRA for their continuous support of Irish padel.



CUPRA Irish Padel Tour

This year, the CUPRA Irish Padel Tour introduced a hugely successful new format with 13 tournaments nationwide, including 8 Challengers, 4 Majors, and a Final Master, which will be the most exclusive national event where the top-ranked players will compete to crown the season's champions. The Majors offered higher ranking points and bigger prizes compared to the Challengers.



The Irish Padel Tour is the **official national ranking circuit** organised by the Padel Federation of Ireland, the leading authority in promoting and developing padel in Ireland. As the sport continues to boom nationwide, our goal is to provide a solid competitive structure for players of all levels, from beginners to high-performance, and we celebrate our fourth year of partnership with CUPRA Ireland

Additionally, this year we have launched a new website and a partnership with Vola, a mobile app, where players can register for tournaments, check the ranking, view live match results, and stay updated with all tour information.

With these updates, the Irish Padel Tour became more exciting and dynamic, offering an enhanced experience for both players and fans.



CUPRA Irish Padel Tour

This year we have a total of 12 IPT tournaments: 7 Challengers, 4 majors and 1 Masters Final:

- Bushy Park Challenger (21–23 March): +190 players
- **MAJOR Padel 54, Belfast (5–6 April):** +160 players
- Madison Challenger, Bushy Park (8–11 April): +210 players
- **MAJOR Padel Tennis Ireland, Cork (24–25 May):** +140 players
- Cavan LTC Challenger (7–8 June): +60 players
- Woodlands Hotel Challenger (21–22 June): +100 players
- **MAJOR Padel LK (5–6 July):** +170 players
- Rosslare Sports & Community Centre (26–27 July): +80 players
- **MAJOR All Ireland (4–7 September):** +230 players
- Project Padel Galway (27-28 September): +60 players
- Let's Go Padel Carryduff (1-2 November): +150 players
- **MASTER FINAL House of Padel (6-7 December):** 32 players

By hosting these events, clubs have not only showcased their facilities but also demonstrated their commitment to supporting the national ranking system, helping players progress along the official pathways and raising the standard of competition. These tournaments are at the heart of developing both recreational and high-performance padel, and it is through your continued support that we can deliver such high-quality experiences for players, coaches, and spectators alike.





CUPRA Irish Padel Tour

We would like to sincerely thank CUPRA, Playmate, [Lovepadel.ie](https://www.lovepadel.ie) and Raisin for sponsoring the circuit. Thanks to their invaluable support, we are able to take the Irish Padel Tour to the next level of professionalism and implement all the exciting improvements we have been working on.



Looking ahead to 2026, the Irish Padel Tour will introduce a refined competition format designed to further strengthen the national ranking structure and support continued growth. The calendar will be organised into four event categories: P2 tournaments (500 ranking points), with between 2 and 5 events; P1 tournaments (1,000 points), comprising 8 events; Majors (1,500 points), with 4 flagship tournaments; and a season-ending Master Final (2,000 points) featuring the top-ranked players.

This new structure will provide greater clarity, progression, and competitive balance across the season, while reinforcing the Irish Padel Tour as a professional and well-defined national circuit.

FIP Bronze - Hiscox Padel Irish Open



From 12th to 16th November, we had the FIP Bronze - Hiscox Padel Irish Open, an amazing opportunity for padel fans in Ireland to gain access to International standards and ranking points.

The Padel Federation of Ireland, in partnership with ForeFront Group, successfully hosted this landmark event at Padel LK in Limerick, marking a major milestone for padel in Ireland. The tournament welcomed almost 160 players from 20 countries, showcasing the very best of the sport and reinforcing Ireland's growing presence on the international padel circuit.

We extend our sincere thanks to the World Governing Body of Padel (FIP) for awarding us with an international event in Ireland and for recognising the enormous present and future potential of padel in the country. Our gratitude also goes to ForeFront for their event organisation, delivering a tournament of high quality, and to Padel LK for providing world-class facilities that served as the perfect stage for an event of this calibre.

FIP Bronze - Hiscox Padel Irish Open

We also thank our sponsors for making these opportunities possible for the Padel community in Ireland, and, as always, a special thank you to our PFI team for their dedication and hard work.

The result was a world-class tournament fully worthy of its position on the international circuit. Supporting this growth and serving players at every level, from local enthusiasts to international professionals, strengthens our commitment to continued investment in padel as a sport for all.

Plans are in motion to host further FIP events in Ireland in 2026.



Women in Sport Programme



We recognise the importance of promoting gender equality and ensuring that women have equal opportunities to participate in padel, particularly as the sport is in the early years of growth.

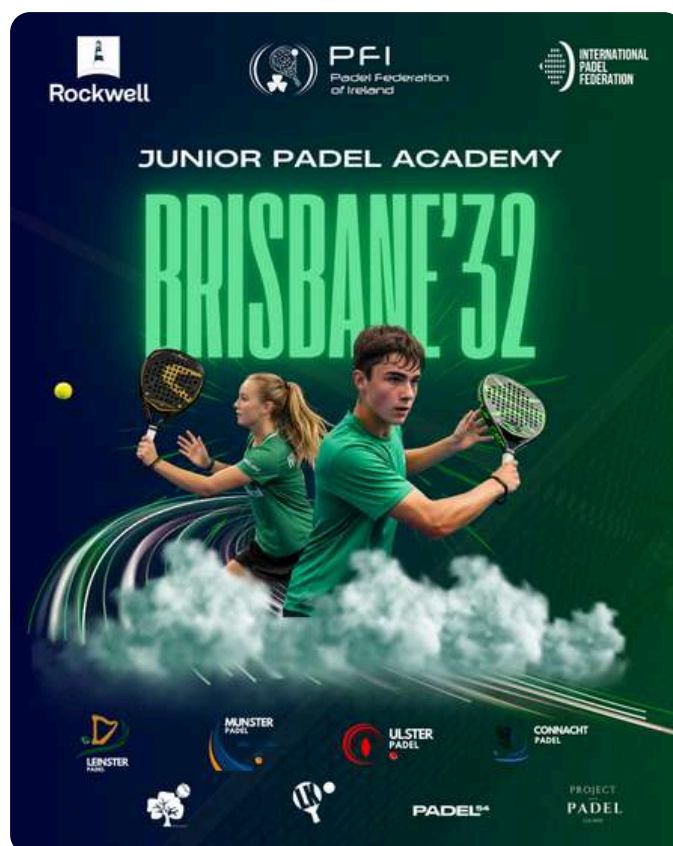
We are committed to developing and implementing a women in sport policy that addresses the barriers that women face in sports and promotes their inclusion and representation in the sport of padel.

We funded another successful six-week training programme for girls and women with the aim of leveling up their padel skills for competition. The programme, which has been rolled out in different locations around Ireland, is focused on high-level padel skills, with the goal of getting more female athletes into competitive padel.

Hosted by Padel LK in Limerick, the selected athletes get full access to the expert training and guidance provided by our PFI coaches. The initiative, which is almost in its third year, has successfully taken place in clubs around the country, with some of the participating players going on to represent at high-level competitions.

Brisbane '32 Junior Padel Academy

Developing Ireland's Next Generation



The Brisbane '32 Junior Padel Academy, is a key part of our long-term strategy to develop young players. The academy provides a clear pathway for juniors to build the skills needed to compete at both national and international levels, while keeping a focused eye on Ireland's ambition to be ready to represent at the 2032 Olympic Games, when padel is expected to make its Olympic debut.

Launched in August, this is a pilot program, with one club participating from each padel province: Padel LK – Munster Padel, Padel 54 – Ulster Padel, Bushy Park Tennis and Padel Club – Leinster Padel, and Project Padel Galway – Connacht Padel. Our coaches continue to coordinate this uniformed pathway. We will be looking to further develop this programme and the schools junior programme and invite sponsors and partners to help fund and develop this area for 2026.

Brisbane'32 Junior Padel Academy

Developing Ireland's Next Generation

Key Highlights So Far

- The Open Day & Tryouts were held on August 25th, and players for the initial programme have now been selected.
- Players showing potential but not initially selected are continuing to develop their skills in the club academies.
- The first training session of six has already taken place at each club, beginning the structured programme of technical, tactical, physical, and competitive mindset development.

The pilot academy provides players with high-level training and support.

Additionally, PFI staff and coaches will participate in essential development training through the EU "Path to Brisbane" programme, ensuring the next generation of coaches is equipped to guide Ireland's junior talent.

Junior players are already progressing through the programme, gaining experience and laying the foundation for future national and international competitions.



National Junior Padel Development Programme



The Padel Federation of Ireland continues to roll out our National Junior Padel Development Programme.

Our mission continues to be to develop padel in young players in every corner of Ireland, and to provide juniors with the opportunity to start playing the fastest-growing sport in the world.

We have hosted multiple workshops across the country to engage young players. These sessions provide further training opportunities for players to hone their padel skills.



In February, the Padel Federation of Ireland ran junior workshops at Padel Tennis Ireland in Cork and the new Shoreline facility in GreyStones. Young players received high-level coaching, helping them refine their padel skills and develop their passion for the sport.

National Junior Padel Development Programme



Mobile Programme

The Padel Federation of Ireland's Mobile Padel Programme ensures that young players can experience padel even in areas without access to courts. By setting up portable nets and walls, coaches create "pop-up" padel courts in any space, allowing children to learn the basics of the game, including positioning, shot technique, and accuracy. The programme also incorporates VR headsets, giving players an immersive and interactive padel experience.

In March, the Mobile Padel Programme visited Athenry Primary School (Galway) and Fethard (Tipperary), providing engaging sessions where children could develop their skills, enjoy the sport, and explore padel in a fun and innovative way.

The goal of the Padel Federation of Ireland is to make padel accessible to all, even in places where courts don't exist yet. We are building the passion, while the infrastructure catches up with the huge demand!

A huge thanks to our sponsor Rockwell for getting behind this very important initiative for the growth of Padel in Ireland, and thank you to the FIP Development Team for the mentoring and training of our national junior coaches!



GAISCE - The President's Award

The Padel Federation of Ireland (PFI) is a proud GAISCE Challenge Partner, meaning affiliated clubs across Ireland can offer padel as part of the programme and give students the chance to learn a fun, new skill.

Challenge Area Activities



GAISCE
THE PRESIDENT'S
AWARD

- **Community Involvement:** Assist with weekly Junior Padel coaching sessions alongside trained coaches during the school term.
- **Physical Recreation:** Play padel at a local club, with options to complete 13, 26, or 52 weeks for Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards.

Clubs interested in getting involved can contact PFI or GAISCE for more information

<https://www.gaisce.ie/challenge-partner/padel-federation-of-ireland/>

TY Handbook

This year we were featured in the Transition Year Handbook

PADEL IN SCHOOLS: Programmes & Opportunities



The Padel Federation of Ireland (PFI) offers a comprehensive suite of programmes tailored for schools, providing students with dynamic opportunities to engage in this rapidly growing sport. Here's an overview of what's available:

GAISCE AWARD PARTICIPATION

PFI is a certified organisation for the Gaisce – The President's Award. Students aged 15–25 can fulfill their physical activity requirement by participating in padel through any affiliated club, contributing to their Bronze, Silver, or Gold awards.

DECATHLON JUNIOR CUP

This annual national tournament invites school teams from across Ireland to compete, fostering school pride and offering students a platform to showcase their skills in a spirited environment.

SCHOOL PROGRAMMES & DEMONSTRATIONS

PFI provides tailored school programmes, including introductory sessions and demonstrations conducted by certified coaches. These sessions are designed to introduce students to padel, with coaches bringing necessary equipment and offering hands-on experience.

TEACHER INVOLVEMENT & TRAINING

Physical Education teachers can enhance their school's sports curriculum by undergoing PFI's coaching certification. Certified teachers receive ongoing support through training and update clinics, ensuring they remain adept at delivering quality padel instruction.

PADEL COURT DEVELOPMENT IN SCHOOLS

For schools considering facility upgrades, constructing a padel court is a space-efficient and cost-effective option. Padel courts are smaller than traditional tennis courts, require less maintenance, and can be utilised for various school activities, promoting increased student engagement.

ERASMUS+ "PADEL FORWARD" INITIATIVE

Through the Erasmus+ programme, PFI's "Padel Forward" initiative facilitates international exchanges for coaches and staff, enhancing

coaching methods and fostering global connections. This initiative indirectly benefits schools by ensuring that students receive instruction informed by international best practices.

GET INVOLVED

Schools interested in integrating padel into their extracurricular activities or physical education curriculum can reach out to PFI for more information and support.

Email: info@padelfederation.ie

Website: www.padelfederation.ie

Embrace the opportunity to introduce students to padel—a sport that combines fun, fitness, and teamwork, enriching the school experience.





Coaching courses

The Padel Federation of Ireland is dedicated to growing the sport across Ireland, and key to this strategy is to increasing the number of qualified padel coaches in Ireland.

This is the only accredited course recognised by the International Governing Body of Padel (FIP), and our coaches work with FIP to deliver ongoing training as per the official recognised pathway. The official courses are fully compliant with the International Padel Federation. We are also linked to the Spanish Padel Federation for ongoing training and delivery of courses.

Coaching Courses



We have two courses accredited by FIP that we offer:

Instructor Coaching Course

This course prepares participants to become entry-level padel instructors who can teach beginners the basics of padel. Participants will also learn how to organize recreational padel activities.

Level 1 Coaching Course

This course teaches coaches how to train intermediate players. Participants will be able to instruct players on advanced padel techniques, tactics, drills, and game analysis.

Additionally, as part of our continued commitment to inclusion in padel, in May we introduced signing at one of our coaching courses in order to facilitate the certification of coaches from the deaf community. We will continue to offer this at select coaching courses throughout the year.



For details contact info@padelfederation.ie or go to www.padelcoachireland.ie

Sport Inclusion

Inclusion is key in our development strategy for padel, and we continue to implement a wide range of initiatives. We have engaged with communities and organisations representing marginalised groups, partnered with many disability organisations and the Irish Special Schools Council (ISSC), and worked closely with Active Disability Ireland to promote accessible opportunities. As part of this, PFI is working on a community programme with local groups to develop padel opportunities for children with physical disabilities. This is currently being developed alongside parents of children with physical disabilities, their physiotherapists and local Sports Partnerships. This initiative will be key to ensuring that as padel continues to grow, we provide opportunities for all juniors.

Inclusive training is provided to all staff and volunteers. Disability Inclusion training is embedded in our padel certification courses, ensuring that all PFI-certified coaches are equipped to create safe and welcoming spaces. Those certified before 2024 can join the next module to receive this training.



To support the growing Deaf Padel Community, we sponsored their flagship event at Padel 54, and we ran two signed coaching certification courses, providing complimentary places for coaches from the deaf community.

During the All-Ireland's in Bushy, some PFI team members took part in the SportsAbility Day at the Sport Ireland Campus, giving people of all abilities the chance to experience inclusive sports activities. We were delighted to demonstrate the benefits of padel for everyone, highlighting a new sport for people with disabilities to engage in.

“Padel Joins Gymnastics and Motor Sport as Top Three Fastest-Growing Sports in Irish Sponsorship Market”

A recent survey by sponsorship consultancy ONSIDE, in collaboration with Sport for Business members, identifies Artificial Intelligence, emerging sports, and new sporting infrastructure as the key sponsorship opportunities in Ireland.



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SPORTS IMPACT MONITOR

A new survey undertaken by sponsorship consultancy ONSIDE and Sport for Business has identified rugby, GAA and Olympics as the three most attractive sporting properties in Ireland. Whereas, gymnastics, motor racing and padel are the three strongest properties in terms of growth. First launched in 2020 during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SPORTS IMPACT MONITOR has examined the influence of macro forces on industry perspectives over the past five years. This eighth instalment of the sports industry study continues to monitor the latest concerns and challenges that sports sponsors, rights holders and agencies in Ireland face for the remainder of 2025. In addition, this wave includes a deep dive into AI and looks at the evolving sponsorship landscape.

ONSIDE’s Director of Intelligence and Insight, Kim Kirwan, highlights that while AI adoption presents a “balancing act,” those who implement it effectively and securely will be well positioned for the future.

Traditional properties such as Rugby, GAA, and the Olympics remain the most attractive overall. However, the survey shows the strongest growth in appeal is being driven by emerging sports, most notably gymnastics, motor sport, and padel. Padel, in particular, is quickly establishing itself as one of the fastest-rising sponsorship properties, reflecting a broader appetite for new sporting experiences. Industry sentiment supports this trend, with 62% of practitioners agreeing that sponsorship of sports like padel, American football, ice hockey, and esports is an effective way to engage new audiences, while 59% view it as a means to achieve standout in a crowded marketplace.

Dare to Believe with Team Ireland

We were invited to participate as a partner in Dare to Believe, an amazing event organised by the Olympic Federation of Ireland, aimed at inspiring teenagers through the power of sport. We were delighted to introduce the teenagers to padel at the event, where they got to try out PadelVR, our virtual reality experience at our stand. They also got the chance to try out real on-court action, guided by our professional coaches, providing a fun and interactive way to discover the sport of padel!

We are proud to have once again joined forces with Ireland's Olympic team, sharing the excitement of padel and showcasing the wide range of sports practiced across the country.



HerMoves Festival

The Padel Federation of Ireland (PFI) was proud to be included in the inaugural HerMoves Festival, an amazing Sport Ireland initiative designed to encourage teenage girls to find a sport they like or even try a new sport, including padel.

PFI president Naomi Nicholl attended the event along with Minister Charlie McConalogue; Dr Una May, the CEO of Sport Ireland; and Nora Stapleton, Director with Sport Ireland, who has been a pioneer for Women in Sport in Ireland. We are looking forward to seeing all of the new players taking up padel!



New Courts



The PFI, established in 2011, proudly continues to lead and support the nationwide growth of padel. Courts are now available in every province, with further developments underway to meet increasing demand.

Throughout this journey, the PFI has supported both new and established clubs, providing assistance with planning, site visits, construction guidance, club management, and coach certification. We also encourage public and private facilities to engage with us and become part of the wider padel community.

We are delighted to see so many clubs creating excellent inclusive and high-performance opportunities for their players. We ask clubs to continue promoting the national strategies, including the official player and coaching pathways, to ensure that players have access to the right opportunities. Clubs are also encouraged to host official trials, national team training sessions, and PFI-funded initiatives such as the Women in Sport Programme, the National Junior Development Programme, and GAISCE Ireland.

To stay connected, we remind each club to nominate a representative to keep up to date with PFI activities, events, and opportunities. Together, we can ensure that padel continues to grow as a fun, inclusive, and accessible sport for everyone.

Sponsors



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Dublin City Council (DCC) can be regarded as one of the pioneers of padel in Ireland, supporting the sport and the Federation long before its current remarkable growth. This collaboration has been crucial in developing the sport, enabling the testing and national rollout of various programmes, which has fostered growth from grassroots to high-performance levels. Due to this partnership, padel has expanded at the community level, with significant community and grassroots initiatives playing a central role as the sport takes off.



CUPRA

CUPRA, the renowned car brand, plays a key role in the growth of padel in Ireland. By supporting the Federation, the National Team, and the Irish Padel Tour, CUPRA not only strengthens the professionalisation of the sport but also raises its visibility and prestige. Thanks to this partnership, top-level events can be organised, attracting leading players and positioning padel as a fast-growing discipline in the country.

Beyond the sporting aspect, CUPRA's involvement helps build stronger connections with the community and encourages more people to discover and practice padel. With a brand identity rooted in performance, innovation, and passion, CUPRA finds in this sport a perfect reflection of its values, contributing decisively to a more competitive and sustainable future for padel in Ireland.

Sponsors



Raisin, the online savings marketplace, has partnered with the Padel Federation of Ireland (PFI) to help grow one of Ireland's fastest-expanding sports. Through this partnership, Raisin is funding grassroots development, supporting elite players, and backing the Irish Veterans National Team. Their support also contributes to the Irish Padel Tour, helping to bring top-level competition and growing participation to players and fans across the country.



Playmate is Ireland's leading padel community app, best known for its open matches and ladder league, connecting players of all levels. Their sponsorship of the Irish Padel Tour enhances the organisation and quality of tournaments nationwide, creating a more professional experience for both players and fans, and contributing to the continued expansion of padel across the country.



Lovepadel.ie is a dedicated e-commerce platform for padel products, providing key support that improves the quality and accessibility of tournaments in Ireland. By supplying premium equipment and resources, Lovepadel directly contributes to the growth of the padel community, raising standards and inspiring greater participation in the sport.

Why should clubs sign up with the PFI?

By affiliating your club, you are joining the only official federation on the Island of Ireland that is a member of the World Governing Body of Padel (FIP), and a founding member of Padel Europe (PE). This ensures that your club, coaches, and players are aligned with the highest international standards and fully connected to the global padel community.

Please note: As per Sport Ireland, the National Governing Body for a sport in Ireland is appointed by the International Federation, and Sport Ireland recognition of a sport is secondary to this appointment in Ireland. The PFI was proudly established as the NGB in 2019 by the International Governing Body (FIP).

Affiliation benefits for clubs include:

- Official recognition as part of the Padel Federation of Ireland and FIP and Padel Europe
- Access for your players to the National Ranking Circuit
- Support in the organization of official tournaments and events.
- Access to training and certification programmes for coaches



Why should clubs sign up with the PFI?

Affiliation benefits for clubs include:

- Complementary coaching place for all new clubs with access to ongoing training
- Access for your coaches to apply to the FIP referee coaching courses.
- Garda Vetting for your padel coaches
- Safe Guarding and Disability Inclusion courses
- Inclusion in national development programmes (Women in Sport, Juniors Development, Disability Inclusion, Autism in Sport).
- Visibility on the Federation's official communication channels and platforms.
- Access to structured pathways for players: rankings, tournaments, and opportunities abroad.
- Direct link to international competitions and programmes through FIP.



Affiliating your club not only brings visibility, but also ensures your players have access to official tournaments, rankings, and even international competitions. It also helps your club grow sustainably, supported by development initiatives and governance structures created to professionalise padel in Ireland.

By becoming part of the Federation, your club is actively contributing to the growth of padel in Ireland, helping to expand facilities, create more opportunities for players of all ages and abilities, and position padel as one of the fastest-growing sports nationwide.

For more information on how your club can federate, contact info@padelfederation.ie

Why should players sign up with the PFI?

It is through having a PFI player license that padel players in Ireland are brought together and the international standards for the sport of padel are upheld and maintained.

Whether you are a current player or new to the game, getting your annual player license unlocks the following:

- Access to Official tournaments on the Irish Padel Tour (IPT)
- Participation in the official player ranking
- Access to participate in the official National Team trials
- Becoming part of the growing padel community
- Newsletter and updates on padel programmes
- Information and inclusion in padel training and workshops here and abroad
- The required access license to participate in International and European padel competitions

As the only official federation in Ireland, affiliated to the International Governing Body of Padel (FIP), we work directly with FIP to regulate and promote padel as per the International standards. We organize tournaments, coaching courses, the Women in Sport programs, the National Junior Development program, and help support the management of clubs and the opening of new clubs.

For more information, contact info@padelfederation.ie





Conclusion

We want to thank the growing community for your passion and support. Whether you are a seasoned player or just discovering padel, your enthusiasm is driving the sport forward across the country.

From the impressive performances in recent competitions to the opening of new clubs and the incredible energy in local communities, padel in Ireland is on the rise and it is thanks to players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters like you.

Looking ahead, there's so much to be excited about: national league developments, international representation, training programs, and grassroots initiatives designed to bring padel to every corner of the country. Whether you are competing, coaching, or simply enjoying the game, your involvement is shaping the future of Irish padel.

Stay connected, keep practicing, and get involved in upcoming events. If you haven't already, follow us on social media, and get involved with your local club. Together, we're building something truly special for padel in Ireland and we want everyone to get involved.

See you on the court... and looking forward to an exciting year for padel!

We welcome and encourage **all clubs from public, private, hotels, leisure parks, public parks, community clubs, tennis, squash, rugby, multi-sport etc.** to affiliate to the PFI and avail of our ongoing support and provide the best opportunities for your members and users to grow and advance.

Availing of all of the initiatives and programmes will **help your club, coaches and players** get the best **development opportunities** both from us as the National Federation and from the World Governing Body of Padel.

Please see below the details for some of the available PFI courses, resources and contact details:

Affiliation form for new club:

- **Email:** communications@padelfederation.ie
- **Form:** <https://forms.gle/WEnppWAXjnHu2KKC9>

Affiliation form for club renewal 2026:

- **Email:** communications@padelfederation.ie
- **Form:** <https://forms.gle/FLPAbby7TPvNxcn6>

Garda vetting:

- **Email:** vetting@padelfederation.ie

Registration for next Safeguarding 1 course:

- **Form:** <https://forms.gle/EJkcVtcKPipgDCzD6>



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For further information on the **PFI Certified Coaching Course**, please go to:

- Email: info@padelfederation.ie

PFI Coach registration for Disability Inclusion Workshop:

- Form: <https://forms.gle/L8pAsmPf2Mi99dpi7>

National Team

The Padel Federation of Ireland is the only National Governing Body (NGB) appointed by the World Governing Body. On behalf of FIP we select and send the official National Team for Ireland and organise the National Ranking Circuit in Ireland. Please advise your players hoping to participate in official championships, trials and national ranking circuit and for any queries to go to nationalteam@padelfederation.ie or info@irishpadeltour.ie

PFI player license application (required for all national and International Competitions and Championships): www.padelfederation.ie