



Padel Booking Rules (Ver 1.4)

Booking rules are subject to change. Please check latest rules on the club website and MyCourts.

General Rules

- Courts will be made available for pre-booking by Padel Members 7 days in advance subject to these rules. Courts cannot be booked by Non Padel Members, including other Elm Park member categories, coaches or members of the public.
- Adult Members may book half hour time slots to a maximum of 1.5 hours.
- A court may be occupied only if a valid booking has been made for that court and any appropriate guest fees has been paid through the MyCourts Booking System.
- One member may make the booking but the remaining names must be added prior to the commencement of the session. Failure to do so will result in a Guest fee of €4 per 30-minute slot for each player name missing. This fine will be applied to the account of the person who booked the court. The blank spaces will be replaced with "**Player unidentified prior to play €4 per 30 mins**" by Admin staff imposing the fine.
- Members who arrive to the Club and have not pre-booked may book a court through the Sports Admin Desk.
- For the purposes of court bookings players will be categorised as Adult, Junior, Coach or Guest. Rules for Juniors, Coaches and Guests are outlined below.
- The Padel Tennis Committee and the Sports Administrators may book courts in advance for Club activities such as **Competitions, Group Coaching, Friendlies, Inter Club competitions** etc. Administrators can book more than one week in advance.

Peak Hours

- Peak Hours are
12.30-2pm Mon- Fri
5-8pm Mon-Fri
10-2pm Sat & Sun
- Members may make one booking per day, this includes all named players in a group.
- In addition to this one private booking a member can additionally participate in any club organized events during the same day,
- No member may play in more than 3 consecutive half hour slots. The maximum booking is therefore 1.5 hours whether the player books the court or is a named player. The member may play in a follow-on club event.

Guest Fees

- **Guests are only allowed to play during Off-Peak hours.**
- Padel Members may invite any guest in on two occasions per calendar month. This includes outside guests and other non Padel members within Elm Park.
- Padel members may invite up to 3 guests for any one booking.
- Padel members may invite an unlimited number of different guests in a month. We especially encourage Padel members to invite Non Padel Members in EP to try out Padel which they can do twice per month as a Padel member guest.
- The same person may only be a Guest twice per month regardless of who invites them to be a guest.
- When playing a Guest, members must select "**GUEST off peak €4 per 30 mins**" as the playing partner/opponent to show on the booking sheets. This includes Non Padel members of Elm Park including All Sports, social, tennis and golf along with guests who are not members in Elm Park.
- The system will automatically charge the €4 Guest Fee to your booking system account. You may book a court without entering your opponents but the names must be entered prior to match commencement and if not entered the member will be charged a guest fee for each name not submitted. Names cannot be retrospectively added, and the charge will be applied even if the players were members.

- If you're no longer playing a Guest, you can change your playing partner/opponent to a member, and the Guest Fee will be removed/refunded to your account. This can be done at any time before playing.
- **Padel is primarily a doubles game.** The optimal court capacity is x4 players. Consequently, bookings of less than 4 players are not optimal during peak hours. If practicing with less than 4 players in off peak hours you can inform the Sports desk to avoid a fine but if during Peak hours the blank spaces will be replaced with “**Player unidentified prior to play €4 per 30 mins**” and a charge applied for sub optimal court usage during peak hours.

Cancellations and No Shows

- Failure to take up booking will result in a warning email. A second warning will result in the members booking rights being suspended for one month.
- **10 Minute Rule.** To take up a court booking, the player who booked the court must arrive on court with the three opponents no later than 10 minutes after the pre-booked time. After 10 minutes, the court may be used by other players waiting to play. These players then have the right to use the court for the remainder of the court booking.
- **CHECK IN.** Players must check in at the Sports Desk or by selecting the GPS Checkin option when you are logged into the MyCourts website. The system will automatically check you in if you are in the vicinity of the Sports Admin desk. You can save the MyCourts homepage to your phones homepage by selecting “Add to home screen” in your browsers dropdown menu. See the tennis Administrator if you need assistance.

Booking After a Time Period Has Commenced

- If a court is not pre-booked a member may book that court on the day up to the end of the relevant time period even if the time period for that court booking has already commenced. However, the full guest fee will be charged if there are guests,

Member Accounts and Top-Ups

- if you are a golf member joining Padel you will be allocated an account within the MyCourts booking system. If you are a Tennis or All Sports member then Padel will be added to your MyCourts account. Tennis, Golf or Social members will not be able to book a Padel court on the MyCourts system and may only play as a Guest. You must be a Padel member to book a Padel court. Padel Members will not be able to book a tennis court unless they are Tennis or All Sports members.

- To credit Your MyCourts account to pay for guests, padel members can go into “Your Account” on MyCourts and “Buy Credit”. Please note that once your balance goes into arrears you will not be able to book further courts until the balance is cleared.

Visiting Teams/Clubs

- The Padel Committee will in time organise teams to play in Inter Club Leagues and Friendly Matches against other Clubs.
- Visiting teams are not subject to green fees
- The Padel Committee or Sports Admin will book courts and time slots appropriate for these events under various Group Booking headings.

Clothing

- Recognised Padel (or Tennis) gear must be worn. For padel there are no colour restrictions but if coloured the gear must be specifically marketed for Padel or Tennis. Shoes which mark the courts are strictly prohibited, use appropriate All Court Runners please.

Coaching

- Any experienced padel Member may give coaching lessons for free.
- The Padel Committee will organise Group Coaching sessions and engage qualified coaches for payment or experienced players without payment to run these sessions.
- Private coaching for payment is not permitted. This may be reviewed when court usage settles down.
- NON PADEL MEMBERS cannot attend group coaching sessions or engage Private coaching.

Juniors

- Junior membership is available to any child aged less than 18 on the previous December.
- Junior members who reach 18 in their membership year shall move on to the same booking rights as Adults from their birthday.
- Junior members are welcomed to our Padel Club. Some restrictions do apply to Junior members under 18.
- Junior members may not book courts or play during Peak Hours
- Junior members can only book or play for up to 1 hours during off peak hours on weekdays
- Junior members may only book or play up to 1 hour in off peak hours on weekends
- **Junior Padel Members U12** may only play Padel if there is an adult supervising play.
- **Junior Members Over 12 and under 18** (on the day of the booking) may play unsupervised but are subject to supervision and instruction from the Sports Administrators or Coaches.