

Barnsley Padel Club – Statement of Alignment with Community Use Agreement

Barnsley Padel Club is pleased to confirm its full alignment with the principles and operational commitments outlined in the Community Use Agreement. The club was founded with the primary objective of bringing padel facilities to Barnsley and fostering inclusive access for the local community. The following points demonstrate how the club meets and supports the terms of the agreement:

1. Inclusive Access and Community Engagement

The club is not a members-only facility. It has hosted open evenings for local residents to experience padel free of charge and provides rackets and balls at no cost to encourage casual participation. These initiatives reflect the club's commitment to promoting physical activity and community involvement.

2. Booking and Access Arrangements

All users, regardless of membership status, can book courts via the Playtomic app, which is free to download and register. This system ensures equitable access and provides secure gate codes for each booking, in line with the agreement's access protocols.

3. Pricing and Affordability

The club has benchmarked its pricing and cancellation policies against similar facilities and offers competitive rates. While not explicitly stated, the use of Playtomic ensures standard cancellation options, including full refunds for cancellations made at least 24 hours in advance.

4. Operational Management and Monitoring

A club director oversees the booking system and monitors court utilisation to ensure fair access for all users. This proactive management supports the agreement's expectations for day-to-day oversight and responsiveness to usage trends.

5. Membership Policy

Membership is capped at 125 to maintain availability for all users. This decision was made following analysis of booking patterns and reflects the club's commitment to balancing member and non-member access. The cap will be increased in line with any increase in facilities. Membership will be available to everyone in the community on a first come first served basis.

6. Insurance and Safety

The club operates within the standards of the wider sports complex and maintains appropriate public liability insurance. Users are expected to adhere to safety guidelines, ensuring a secure environment for all participants.

7. Engagement with Governing Bodies

The club is operating successfully and while there is no current requirement for external support, the club has engaged the LTA for guidance and support. A meeting is planned in the near future with the LTA Delivery Manager Paul Sheard, who has already expressed support for further developing the facilities at the club.

Barnsley Padel Club remains committed to the principles of community access, affordability, and inclusive participation. We welcome ongoing dialogue with stakeholders to ensure continued alignment and improvement.

8. Analysis of Bookings From July 2025

Available Bookings During the period:

Total Bookings available		
Peak	246	27%
Off Peak	663	73%

Court Booked by a member	503	55%
Peak	179	20%
Off-Peak	324	36%

Court book by a non-member	406	45%
Peak	67	7%
Off-Peak	339	37%

		Member		Non Member	
Bookings with 1 player	270	125	46%	145	54%
Bookings with 2 players	81	57	35%	105	65%
Bookings with 3 players	52	34	22%	122	78%
Bookings with 4 players	506	902	45%	1122	55%