

GB Representative Team Selection

European Beach Tennis Championships 2026

1. Purpose

The LTA will select players to represent Great Britain as part of European Beach Tennis Championships. The primary objective is:

- To select players who have the potential to win medals at international events.

2. Eligibility

Players will be considered for selection if they meet the following criteria:

- 2.1. Hold, or be in the process of obtaining, a British passport, be a British Citizen and have not represented any other nation in a representative team event*. Evidence may be asked for to prove eligibility.
- 2.2. Not be suspended for a doping violation and/or a breach of the anti-corruption rules.
- 2.3. Are not currently disqualified or suspended under the rules of the LTA or any other recognised federation.
- 2.4. Agree to comply with LTA Code of Conduct.
- 2.5. Players must have paid any outstanding fees owed to the LTA.

3. Team Composition

Great Britain is eligible to enter up to 2 pairs for each of the men's, women's and mixed doubles events at the European Beach Tennis Championships 2026 (the **EBTC**).

The Lawn Tennis Association Limited (the **LTA**) may select up to 4 male players and 4 female players to make up the relevant teams.

All male pairs and female pairs wishing to be considered for selection for the EBTC should send an email to Sophie Hall at Sophie.hall@lta.org.uk stating that they wish to be considered as a pair and giving their telephone number and email. The email must be sent by one member of the pair (copying in the other member) and received by the LTA on or before Friday 17th July 2026*. The Selection Panel shall pick the mixed pairs from the players who are selected for the male and female events.

***Players who have not paid outstanding fees from previous years to the LTA by Friday 17th July will not be eligible for selection for the tournament.**

3.1. Player Funding

The LTA will cover the cost of event entry fees (excluding the cost of the hospitality package) but will not contribute towards the funding of players representing Great Britain in this Event.

The selected players will be required to cover the hospitality fee (as set out by the relevant national association hosting body), travel to and from the beach tennis hosting venue (including flights, and any other means of transport required), and any additional spend (including but not limited to additional sustenance, accommodation (including rooms tabs and massages).

Players will be expected to pay 50% of the cost of the event before the start of the tournament (Wednesday 23rd September) to the LTA. If this is not completed, they will not be eligible for selection for the following year.

4. Selection Criteria

Selections will be made in accordance with the purpose outlined in Section 1. All decisions will be evidence-based, free from bias, and reflect fair consideration of all eligible players. Taking the following into consideration:

4.1. Competition Profile

Pairs shall be selected based on recent competitions results from ITF Beach Tennis Events or domestic events held in GBR over the past 12 months and/or their combined ITF Beach Tennis Ranking, and evidence of performance as a pair. Should two or more pairs have an equal competition results/ranking and there is insufficient room on the team for all the tied pairs, the Selection Panel shall use their discretion to make the selection, considering the Additional Selection Criteria. The LTA is under no obligation to enter a certain number of teams and may at its discretion choose to enter fewer than the maximum of two male and two female pairs.

4.2. Key Performance Factors

The panel may also consider:

- Drive and attitude in training and competition.
- Current form and consistency across singles and doubles.
- Commitment, professionalism, and preparation.
- Compatibility and contribution to team dynamics.
- Physical condition and match fitness.
- Conduct during previous GB representation.
- Perceived reactions in high pressure situations.
- Any other factor relevant to the team's success.

5. Selection Process

5.1. Selection Panel Meeting

The LTA, as the National Governing Body for Tennis and Padel in Britain, will make all final selection decisions. The panel may consult with relevant coaches and LTA staff to inform their assessment.

The Panel will consist of a minimum of three voting members. A member of the LTA's legal team may attend the meeting to advise on procedural issues and adherence to the policy but shall not have voting rights. Other members of the LTA Staff may also be invited by the Chair to assist with facilitating the meeting.

The Selection Panel will consist of:

Sophie Hall, LTA Competition Support Manager (Chairperson)
 Amanda Morrissey, Competition Operations Manager
 Kasia Chmielewska, Beach Tennis UK

It is at the Selection Panel’s discretion to consider late declarations in exceptional circumstance

5.2. Communication of Selection

Players will be notified of their selection during the week commencing 27th July 2026. All selection decision communications will be sent via email.

5.3. De-Selection

A player may be removed from a selected team in the following circumstances:

- They are no longer eligible (see Section 2);
- They breach the LTA Code of Conduct;
- Their condition or performance is no longer consistent with selection standards;
- They fail to disclose an injury, illness, or fitness concern.

Any decision to de-select a player will be communicated directly and clearly by the LTA.

Where a selected player withdraws or is de-selected, the Selection Panel may reconvene to consider a replacement in accordance with the selection criteria. If one member of a selected pair is withdrawn or de-selected, the Selection Panel will determine whether to select the next eligible pair or approve a replacement pairing, considering eligibility, rankings/results, partnership suitability, team balance and any relevant event-entry deadlines.

6. Support

The table below outlines what support from the LTA will be provided to selected players:

Programme/Team	Support
GB Beach Tennis Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Fee Costs. • GB Kit (TBC regarding amount). • No additional financial support is guaranteed.

7. Player Agreement

All selected players must sign a declaration to confirm that they have read and understood the information set out in this document and the LTA Code of Conduct, and that during their time as part of the team/programme they agree to be bound by the conditions laid out in these documents. All players must note that when representing the LTA as part of the GB Beach Tennis Team we expect all players to behave professionally. Examples of these behaviours include:

- Attending all meetings, meals, training, on time and prepared, and generally demonstrating a good team spirit.

- Demonstrating respect and support to all team members, competitors, and coaches, including but not limited to via social media and/or other platforms.
- Giving 100% in everything you do whilst representing the LTA.

Any breach of the LTA Code of Conduct, or any other conduct requirements notified to players by the LTA, may result in disciplinary action and/or de-selection.

8. Appeal Process

Any appeals against selection decisions must be made in writing to the LTA by **Monday 3rd August**.

You can write to **Abbie Lench** (Interim Head of Competitions) at the National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5JQ, or email Abbie.Lench@LTA.org.uk.

An appeal can only be made on one or both of the following grounds:

- a. There has been a failure by the selection panel to follow this selection policy (i.e., there has been a procedural defect); or
- b. The decision has been reached on the basis of an error of fact.

It can be decided either:

1. To set aside the selection panel's decision as it was based on an error of fact or procedurally flawed and remit the matter to the selection panel; or
2. To uphold the selection panel's decision. Should a decision be set aside and be re-considered by the selection panel which then has an effect on a selection decision taken in relation to another player, that decision in relation to the other player may also be re-considered and changed if necessary.