

Avon Tennis

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2026**

Newsletter



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A NOTE FROM AVON TENNIS

LTA Awards - Nominations now open

Our awards are open to everyone who meets the eligibility criteria.

We want to hear from people with a wide range of backgrounds, experiences and perspectives, and particularly encourage applications from those who may not previously have considered making a nomination for an award.

Who will you nominate?




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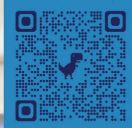
WHO'S YOUR TENNIS HERO?

LTA NOMINATION CATEGORIES

1. Cathie Sabin Volunteer of the Year
2. Club of the Year
3. Coach of the Year
4. Competition of the Year
5. Lifetime Achievement Award
6. LTA President's Award
7. Official of the Year
8. Park Venue of the Year
9. Performance Coach of the Year
10. Protect Where We Play Award
11. School of the Year
12. Tennis Opened Up Award
13. University of the Year
14. Young Person of the Year

AVON TENNIS NOMINATION CATEGORIES

1. Unsung Hero of the Year - Tennis
2. Unsung Hero of the Year - Padel
3. Eco Champions - Tennis Venue
4. Eco Champions - Padel Venue

SCAN NOW TO NOMINATE

ALL NOMINATIONS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW
<https://www.lta.org.uk/what-we-do/lta-awards/>

Perhaps it's the **volunteer** who always goes the extra mile, a **coach** who inspires others week after week, a **young person** making a real difference, or a club, venue or organisation doing brilliant work in its community.

A nomination only takes a little time to complete, but the recognition can mean a huge amount. This is your opportunity to say thank you and shine a spotlight on the hard work, enthusiasm and dedication that help tennis and padel thrive across Avon.

All nominations will be judged against the relevant award criteria, so please take a moment to read the criteria before submitting your nomination to give your nominee the best possible chance.

Nominations close on 30th November 2026

61	16	44	08
Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds

Nominate here: LTA Awards 2027 – Nomination Form

Nominate here: Avon Tennis Awards 2027 – Nomination Form

CLUBS & VENUES

JOIN OUR TEAM
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
CLUBS & VENUES LEAD

 **Avon Tennis**

Avon Tennis is looking for a passionate volunteer to join the Avon Tennis Executive Committee as our Clubs & Venues Lead.

If you enjoy working with people, supporting local clubs and helping communities thrive, this could be the perfect role for you.

Approx. 8-10hrs/month
A great opportunity to make a difference in grassroots sport!

INTERESTED?
clubs@avontennis.org.uk

JOIN OUR TEAM
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

 **Avon Tennis**

Avon Tennis is looking for a volunteer to join our Finance & Audit Committee.

If you have experience in finance, accountancy, banking, audit, governance or risk management, we'd love to hear from you!

Approx. 4 meetings/yr
A rewarding opportunity to ensure delivery of great opportunities across Avon Tennis & Padel Communities

INTERESTED?
treasurer@avontennis.org.uk

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Avon Tennis is looking for two passionate volunteers, **Clubs & Venues Lead** and **Finance & Audit Committee Member**, to join the team.

If you are interested or want to find out more please email the office - tennis@avontennis.org.uk

Clubs & Venues Coffee & Chat

We are back on 19th November for our first in the 2026/2027 season and we would love to see you there.

The first session will focus on **Welfare & Safeguarding** and will be at Rocket Padel Bristol from 10 - 12pm, with Padel from 12.30 - 1.30pm.

Whether you're a club committee member, coach, volunteer, welfare officer or venue representative, this is a chance to:

- Meet and connect with other local clubs and venues
- Share ideas, experiences and good practice
- Discuss welfare and safeguarding

Book your place

Simply email clubs@avontennis.org.uk to reserve your place.

We'd love to start the 2026/27 season by bringing our clubs and venues together — come along, grab a coffee, have a chat, and play a bit of Padel!

 **Avon Tennis**
CLUBS & VENUES COFFEE & CHAT

 **2026/2027 DATES**

Thursday 19 November 2026 10 - 12pm Rocket Padel, Bristol Welfare & Safeguarding	
Wednesday 13 January 2027 Competitions	Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 February 2027 Open Court Tennis & Adaptive Padel
March 2027 Getting Ready for Summer	

EMAIL TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: clubs@avontennis.org.uk

EVENTS/COMPETITIONS

Avon O70s Men Secure Promotion from Group 2A!

First and foremost, it looks like we've been promoted to Division One — a notable achievement. Hurrah!

The league is apparently intended to operate on a 'two up, two down' basis, and after finishing second in a very tight and competitive league, we have a strong chance of playing Division One in 2027.

The season started with a closely fought 2-2 draw against Hampshire & IOW. The highlight was John Anderson and Doug Wood's marathon victory against a quality pair: 7-6, 6-7, and 10-8 in the Champions tie-break. We followed this with convincing wins over Berkshire (4-0) and Devon (3-1), the latter played indoors in Plymouth during the June heatwave.

Consistent team selection, good fitness and mobility, and resilience in challenging conditions all helped us. The final two matches, against Gloucester at home and Bucks away, were particularly close, especially with the absence of our highest-performing player, Adrian Neech. Jeremy Labram and John Watson stepped in superbly, and both matches finished 2-2, with 4-4 in sets. Against Gloucester, the result came down to just **one game**.

After five matches, we finished second, but had the best overall percentages for rubbers, sets and games — and, most importantly, a very likely promotion to Division One.

Finally, running the 70s squad was a new experience for me, and I'm extremely grateful to everyone who helped make the season such a success. Rachel and Lucy at Avon Tennis, Dave Gibbon at David Lloyd Long Ashton, and all my teammates played an important part in making it happen. I hope we can carry that success forward into 2027!

COACHES

8U & 9U County Trial Nominations Open

We would like to invite **Club Coaches** to nominate players who could potentially be of County standard based on the following criteria:

8U/9U

- Year of birth 2019 or later* (for 8U) and 2018* (for 9U)
- Playing Tennis regularly at the club
- **Able to Rally, Serve and Score**
- Looking to or already competing for their club in internal events / youth tennis
- Have a love of Tennis

* The county squad selection criteria is based on a player's year of birth, therefore the age they turn in January 2027.

Nominate 8U Here

Nominate 9U Here

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

Avon Tennis Junior Squad Social 2026!



OPEN COURT/EDI

Inaugural Walking Tennis Competition - 16th September 2026

After an unavoidable postponement due to rain, the inaugural **Avon Tennis Walking Tennis Competition** finally took place at Clifton Lawn Tennis Club on a beautiful sunny September day.

It was certainly worth the wait! Players enjoyed blue skies, sunshine and plenty of great tennis and, most importantly, lots of friendly competition.

The event brought together players from Saltford, Clifton, Henleaze and Central Tennis Clubs and they enjoyed some closely contested matches and a wonderful atmosphere on and off the court.

Competition Results

WINNERS - Janice & David - Central Tennis Club

RUNNERS UP - Gerry & Christine - Clifton LTC

Thanks to everyone involved in both events, to Kings and Clifton TCs for the venue and it was fantastic to finally get the competition underway - in the sunshine. Here's to the next one!



Winter Inclusive Multi-sport Festival 2026

A great opportunity for d/Deaf, Disabled and Neurodivergent people and their families to try local inclusive sports and activities - Full list of sports/ accessibility options to be announce soon

Sign up is now open!

 Sunday 22nd November 2026, 1 - 4 pm

 224 Youth Zone, Hartcliffe Way, BS4 1GQ

 Please let us know if you require a BSL interpreter at the event

Register your FREE place using this link or QR code:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0Kkt3aALQu>



IGNITE WINTER INCLUSIVE MULTISPORT FESTIVAL 2026

Please share with any of your players,
schools, community and clubs.

Sign up now open.

If you are interested in finding out more about open court tennis/adaptive padel please get in touch

Contact
Rachel

SAFEGUARDING



LTA Safe to Play National Safeguarding Conference

The 2026 LTA Safe To Play Annual Safeguarding Conference will take place online virtually on **Saturday 3rd October 2026 between 9am and 3.30pm.**

You will hear from a range of safeguarding experts to understand what working together in safeguarding really means, and hear from parents to understand the important role they have in supporting their child and embodying positive behaviours.

Everyone who attends will receive one year extension on their safeguarding training and coaches and officials will be rewarded with four credit points.

Head to the below link to register your attendance for the day.

[Sign Up Here](#)

PADEL

060s Padel County Cup - 4th-6th September 2026

It was a fantastic three days for Avon Padel, with plenty of competitive padel, brilliant teamwork and a great team spirit throughout the weekend.

Men's Team Finish 5th Overall

The Men's Team produced an impressive performance, qualifying from their group before narrowly going out in a tense quarter-final. They went on to finish **5th overall**, missing out on promotion by just one place. A hugely encouraging result and a great platform to build on for next year!

Women's Team Reach the Quarter-Finals

The Women's Team also enjoyed a brilliant run, reaching the quarter-finals before narrowly losing a tense tie-break against the previous champions, Surrey. It was a fantastic effort against strong opposition and a performance the team can be proud of.

Mixed Team Make History

There was another milestone moment for the Mixed Team, who reached the **semi-finals for the first time** in Avon's history. After an excellent run through the competition, they narrowly missed out on a place in the final, losing to Gloucestershire in the deciding shoot-out.

A Weekend to Remember

Three days, countless matches, and some seriously competitive Padel.

A huge thank you goes to **all the players** for representing Avon so brilliantly, and to our fantastic team of **volunteers**, whose hard work helped make the weekend so well organised and enjoyable.

Congratulations to everyone involved — what a weekend for Avon!



AVON PADEL
COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIPS

17TH & 18TH OCTOBER
AT ROCKET PADEL - BRISTOL

MEN'S WOMEN'S & MIXED DOUBLES,
BOY'S & GIRLS' DOUBLES,
40+, 50+ & 60+
MEN'S & WOMEN'S DOUBLES

ENTER ONLINE
<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/>
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3RD OCTOBER 10AM

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AVON LEAGUES

**Adult Winter League starts on October 16th -
Good luck to all teams entered.**

**Youth Winter & National Leagues are now up
and running - you can view the leagues [here](#).
Good luck to all our juniors playing.**

UPCOMING DATES

- * 3rd October - National Safeguarding Conference - online sign up
- * 1st - 4th October - LTA National Padel Comp Grade 1 - Rocket Padel
- * 11th October - School County Padel Champs
- * 17th/18th October - Avon Padel County Closed Champs
- * 1st November - U8 & U9 County Trials - David Lloyd Long Ashton
- * 31st Oct/1st November - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Padel Tournament - Rocket Padel

Avon Tennis

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United Kingdom

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