

# RULES

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# PADEL

**TAPNELL FARM**

PADEL TENNIS CLUB



## COURT & EQUIPMENT

**Court:** Enclosed (20m x 10m), with walls (glass or mesh) used in play.

**Net:** Divides the court in two, like tennis.

**Rackets:** Solid (no strings), perforated.

**Ball:** Similar to tennis but slightly less pressure.

## GAME FORMAT

Usually doubles (2 vs 2). Singles courts exist but are rare.

Scoring follows tennis rules: 15, 30, 40, Deuce, Advantage, Game.

## SERVE RULES

Underhand serve (ball must be struck below waist height).

Serve must bounce once behind the service line, then land in the diagonal service box.

Ball must not hit the fence directly on serve.

Two serves allowed (like tennis).

## BALL IN PLAY

After the serve, the ball may:

Bounce once and then hit a wall before being returned.

Hit the wall after bouncing (not before) and still be in play.

Players can use their own walls to return the ball.

Volleying is allowed, except on return of serve.

## POINT LOST

Ball bounces twice on your side.

Ball hits you or your partner.

Ball hits the fence or wall before bouncing.

You hit the net with body or racket.

Ball is hit twice or doesn't go over the net.

## MATCH FORMAT

Typically best of 3 sets.

Set is won by the first team to win 6 games with at least a 2-game lead.

Tiebreaks at 6-6 (first to 7 points, 2-point lead).