

INSPIRING NORTHERN CHAMPIONS

PLAYER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONE LEAGUE ~ TWO SERIES



THE NORTHERN LEAGUE

NORTHERN SPIRIT

The North is known for its togetherness. Our vibrant communities, distinctive dialects, and strong work ethic embody what we call the Northern spirit.

The Northern League is a union of the districts in sport and community development. Together, with innovative brands, dedicated players and managers, we are making great things happen and making history in our region.



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YOUR TEAM

Joining a team is an exciting opportunity for all keen players. Managers will select their squads through the draft, supported by a neutral panel, who will have final input into team composition.

Players will represent either their home district or their registered club location. To be eligible, players must be long-term members of a pickleball club and able to evidence active involvement.

Squads will be made up of 5 men and 5 women.

Registered players are expected to be available for the majority of fixtures and in particular the Grand Final.



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THIS SEASON'S TEAMS

TEAM

CUMBERLAND STORM
NORTHUMBERLAND GIANTS
MANCHESTER MADNESS
CHESHIRE- MERSEY FUSION
SCOTTISH SURGE
MIDLAND OUTLAWS
YORKSHIRE THUNDER
LANCS & LAKES INFERNO

MANAGER

JOHN WRIGHT
JOE ALLISON
VICKY AULT
JEREMY PHILLIPS
LISA CROCKET
JAMES HORNE
JAMIE PITTOCK
LUCY BAMBER

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THE NORTHERN ELITE THE NORTHERN LEGENDS

Our second Season will be another showcase of the growth of Pickleball in the North and our commitment to developing high level play in our region.

Our 2026/2027 Season will now feature an ELITE SERIES and a LEGEND SERIES.

Naturally, as the league develops in performance levels, the Legend series provides opportunities for continued play and love for the over 45 demographic.

District managers will manage both the Elite and Legend Squad.



ELITE SERIES

Aimed at players who want to compete at a high level aged 15+.

Dual eligibility is permitted, but draft restrictions apply, and players can only represent one squad in the Grand Final.



LEGENDS SERIES

Aimed at the over 45s demographic who want to compete at high level.

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REGISTRATION PROCESS

DRAFT OPENS 16TH MAY

CHECK your eligibility to play based on your postcode and address.

APPLY to the player draft via the Googleform link. Ensure you have supplied all of your details.

Team managers will be in touch with you directly

If selected, please pay your player fee promptly to secure your place in the squad. £125.

SEND- You will need to supply your shirt and hoodie size to your manager for your complimentary supplied kit.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DRAFT DATES: 16th May - 16th June

WARM UP MEET UPS: 11th July and 9th August

Fixture Schedule (2026–2027 Season)

ALL ROUNDS HELD AT OUR HOME - THE PICKLEBALL SHED, YORK

- Sat 10th Oct 2026 – Round 1 Legends (10:00–17:00)
- Sun 11th Oct 2026 – Round 1 Elite (10:00–17:00)
- Sat 21st Nov 2026 – Round 2 Legends (10:00–17:00)
- Sun 22nd Nov 2026 – Round 2 Elite (10:00–17:00)
- Sat 5th Dec 2026 – Round 3 Legends (10:00–17:00)
- Sun 6th Dec 2026 – Round 3 Elite (10:00–17:00)
- Sat 2nd Jan 2027 – Round 4 Legends (10:00–17:00)
- Sun 3rd Jan 2027 – Round 4 Elite (10:00–17:00)

THE GRAND FINAL- COURTSIDE, BIRMINGHAM

- Sun 7th Feb 2027 – (10.00am-17:00)



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CHARITABLE PARTNERS

This season, we are incredibly proud to introduce charitable partners to the Northern League.

This is something that truly matters to us. The game has given us so much, and now it's our turn to give something back to the communities that have supported us from the very beginning.

We'll be unveiling our charity partners very soon, but for all registered players, this means you will be part of something bigger than this league. Together, we'll be helping to support incredible causes across the North, using our platform to make a real and lasting impact on and off the court.

This isn't just about competition.

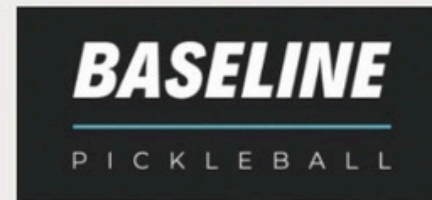
It's about community, purpose, and creating a legacy beyond the court, inspiring the next generation of pickleball players and supporting Northern Charities.



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WE LOOK FORWARD
TO WELCOMING SOME
SERIES 2 PARTNERS
FOR THE 2026/2027
SEASON

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**JOIN OUR
MOVEMENT, BE
PART OF OUR
GROWING
COMMUNITY**

COME AND PLAY IN
THE FEEL GOOD LEAGUE