

MAMT 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

Schedule & Sports Programme

Q: What is the overall schedule for MAMT 2026?

A: Friday evening: Padel (group stages). Saturday morning: Youth Football and Adult Badminton. Saturday afternoon: Adult Football and Youth Badminton. Saturday: Golf (details TBC). Sunday: Volleyball, Youth Table Tennis, Pickleball, Squash, and Padel (evening). Monday: Volleyball, Tennis, and Adult Table Tennis.

Q: Why is Youth Football and Youth Badminton both on Saturday?

A: Badminton requires 16 courts which were only available on Saturday afternoon. Moving it to Sunday would have reduced court availability due to volleyball. Although it's a heavy day for younger players, a rest period will be added between the two sessions where possible. The switch to 7-a-side football should also mean fewer fixtures and an earlier finish.

Q: Could the schedule change?

A: Possibly. The Wiladat of the Holy Prophet (SAW) may fall on Sunday or Monday, and a Jamaat programme may be scheduled. The sports committee is in discussion with the Birmingham Jamaat, and any changes (e.g., Sunday sports shifting to Saturday) will be communicated after those meetings.

Football

Q: What format will youth football be played in?

A: Youth football will be 7-a-side for most age groups. Reception, Year 1, and Year 2/3 will play 5-a-side on 3G caged pitches. Year 4/5 will be on a 4G pitch. Year 6 and above, including adults, will play on grass.

Q: Why have the age categories changed? Previously it was based on September, but now children move up after July.

A: In grassroots football, children move up age groups when the season ends in May. MAMT 2026 falls in August, so players will be registered in their new age group as per FA guidelines — the same practice used in any summer tournament. This also avoids replicating the same categories as the October MAMT tournament.

Q: Will there be an Over 50s category?

A: It hasn't been planned, but if there is sufficient interest, the committee is open to introducing it — likely as a 5-a-side format on smaller pitches. Please inform your sports coordinator if your Jamaat has interest.

Q: Why has the veterans age changed from Over 34s to Over 40s?

A: General feedback indicated the level of play in the Over 34s category had become very high. The committee agreed to raise the threshold to Over 40s to better reflect the spirit of a veterans category. The Over 40s will play on the 4G pitch.

Q: Is there anything to know about the Reception / Year 1 football format?

A: There is a suggestion (raised at the Salaam Cup) that Reception/Year 1 football should be 3-a-side for insurance purposes. The committee is looking into this and will confirm before the tournament.

Q: Are there any player bans carried over from previous tournaments?

A: There are no outstanding bans. All players are eligible. A disciplinary committee will be in place for MAMT 2026 to handle any incidents that arise during the tournament.

Q: How is the entry fee structured for football?

A: All sports, including football, are charged per player — not per team. This keeps billing simple and consistent across all sports.

Q: What is the maximum squad size?

A: These vary between categories. It is 8 players for Reception/Year 1 and Year 2/Year 3. 10 players for all other categories.

Badminton

Q: What age categories are used for youth badminton?

A: Badminton uses defined age bands: Under 8s, Under 11s, Under 14s, and Under 16s. These are based on a player's age at the time of the tournament (not at registration).

Q: Will there be both singles and doubles in youth badminton?

A: Yes. Both singles and doubles will run concurrently for each age group. A player can enter both.

Q: Will badminton be doubles only, or fours?

A: It will be doubles and not team based.

Table Tennis

Q: What age categories apply to table tennis?

A: Same as badminton: Under 8s, Under 11s, Under 14s, and Under 16s for youth. Adult table tennis is on Monday. Age is determined at the time of the tournament.

Volleyball

Q: What format will volleyball follow?

A: Volleyball will be an open tournament format, similar to how it was run by Hyderi Sports last year. Teams will not be pre-segregated by ability — the format may adapt depending on entries.

Q: Will there be netty-sharing for volleyball?

A: Netty sharing is permissible within the jamaat sports club team. If there are clashes where a netty playing for two teams has two matches, it is the jamaat sports club's responsibility to make arrangements, and games will not be delayed or rescheduled.

Pickleball

Q: Where will pickleball be held?

A: Pickleball will be held at the tennis centre, which is approximately a 5-minute drive or 15-minute walk from the main sports hub at the university campus.

Q: What time does pickleball start?

A: Pickleball runs on Sunday from 8 AM. Exact end time depends on the number of entries — if entries are high, it may start earlier. Youth and adult categories will run concurrently.

Q: Will pickleball use a rating system (e.g., DUPR)?

A: No formal rating system will be used. It will be an open tournament. Depending on entries, it may split into a two-tier format in later rounds.

Q: Can younger players enter the open pickleball category?

A: We had suggested that younger players may enter the open category but after careful consideration we have decided that pickleball will be only for adults and seniors

Padel

Q: When will Padel take place?

A: Adult Padel: Friday evening, 7 PM to midnight (group stages). Sunday evening from approximately 8:15 PM onwards (knockouts/finals). Youth Padel: Sunday from 6 PM. Note: these dates may shift depending on Islamic calendar considerations (see Schedule section). Final confirmation will follow after the 12-day Muharram period.

Q: Where is Padel being held?

A: Padel is at a separate venue approximately 40 minutes from the main Warwick University campus. There are no Padel facilities at Warwick itself. Participants should plan their travel accordingly.

Q: Why are there two venues for Padel?

A: Due to high demand and large expected numbers, no single venue could accommodate all participants. Group stages will be played at one venue, with the knockouts/finals at the other.

Q: Why is Padel not on consecutive days?

A: To accommodate the younger players, who have a very busy schedule on Saturday with other sports, we have decided to keep Padel on Friday evening and Sunday evening.

Q: Will there be a cap on Padel entries?

A: Yes. Padel is the only sport with a strict numbers cap due to limited court availability. Each Jamaat will be given an allocation.

Q: What skill level is Padel aimed at?

A: Padel is being run as an intermediate-to-advanced level tournament. Clubs are asked to respect this when allocating spaces. Beginners may still enter under a club's allocation but should be aware they will be competing against intermediate/advanced players.

Q: Can someone play both Padel and another sport that runs at the same time?

A: Padel runs in the evening and is unlikely to clash with most other sports. The committee will work to manage any potential overlaps.

Golf

Q: When is golf?

A: Golf is planned for Saturday, but further details are still being confirmed. Updates will be shared as soon as available.

Registration & Entry Fees

Q: How does registration work?

A: Each Jamaat/sports club manages its own registrations internally. Registration is per player across all sports.

Q: What are the registration deadlines?

A: 15 July 2026: Submit number of teams (football, volleyball) and Padel pairings. 1 August 2026: Final deadline for all player names and full entries. Fixtures will be released by 19 August 2026, inshallah.

Q: How much does it cost to enter?

A: Entry is per player. For racket sports (badminton, table tennis, tennis, squash, pickleball, Padel): £15 per singles entry and £15 per doubles entry. Full fee details for all sports are available in the official presentation

Q: Is food included in the fee?

A: Yes. Food is included in the entry fee. There is no extra charge for meals. The niyaz contribution is invoiced separately to the Jamaat (not the sports club).

Players, Pairings & Cross-Jamaat Rules

Q: Can a player enter multiple sports?

A: Yes, but only one sport at a time. If two sports run concurrently (e.g., volleyball and pickleball on Sunday), the player must choose one. Fixtures will not be rearranged to accommodate players entered in clashing sports.

Q: Can a player play both singles and doubles in the same sport?

A: Yes. Within the same sport, a player can enter both singles and doubles (e.g., badminton singles and doubles). These run concurrently.

Q: Can someone from one Jamaat pair up with a player from another Jamaat?

A: Yes, where a player cannot find a partner within their own Jamaat, cross-Jamaat pairings are permitted. Both clubs must agree, and the arrangement should be notified to the COEJ Sports Board.

Q: What if I want to play for another jamaat in a team sport and represent my own jamaat in another?

A: This is also absolutely fine, provided both clubs agree and the arrangement is notified to the COEJ Sports Board.

Q: What age determines which category a youth player enters?

A: Age at the time of the tournament (not at registration). This applies to badminton, table tennis, and all other youth sports.

Gender Policy & Family Attendance

Q: Can mothers and sisters attend matches?

A: Mothers and sisters may attend and spectate matches for the Under 8s, Under 11s, and Under 14s categories. They will not be permitted in areas where Under 16s or Adults are competing, as those sessions take place alongside adult events.

Q: What about Padel with under-16 participants?

A: For any session where adults are also present — including Padel (ages 11–16) — no women will be permitted in the spectating area, regardless of the child's age.

Q: Will there be a dedicated area for ladies?

A: Yes. A specific area is being arranged for ladies for food and Namaz, so they can be comfortable during the event.

Q: How has the venue been organised to allow family spectating for youth sports?

A: The venue has been laid out so that sports exclusively for youth (Under 8s, 11s, 14s) are in physically separated areas with clear boundaries. Even where other adult sports are happening simultaneously, these youth areas will be fully accessible to family members.

Accommodation

Q: Where is the accommodation?

A: Accommodation is at the university residences at the main Warwick University campus (the main sports hub). A promo code link will be shared for booking.

Q: When does accommodation booking open?

A: 1 July 2026 — at the same time as sports registration. European Jamaats will receive access one day earlier given the distance they are travelling.

Q: How many rooms are available?

A: 200 rooms have been secured at the venue — doubled from the initial 100 based on demand feedback.

Q: Can families stay on campus?

A: Yes. Families and those with female members can request allocation to the second wing of the residences, which is more secluded. This is arranged at check-in.

Q: Can Padel players stay on campus even though Padel is in Birmingham?



A: Yes. Players can still book accommodation at Warwick from Friday and travel to Birmingham for the Padel venue.

Q: What do I do if I am unable to get one of the on-campus rooms?

A: As we are accustomed to doing at previous tournaments, you can stay at any hotel of your choice near the venue and travel in.

