

UK Padel Coach Survey 2026

An independent survey of padel
coaches working in the UK

Results

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Four things coaches told us

Courts are the bottleneck, nobody names low pay, few feel well supported, and coaches want to develop.

64%

name court access or
cost as a top
constraint

Court availability, peak-only
hours or court hire costs

0%

name low pay among
their biggest
constraints

Not one coach picked it from a
list of ten constraints

36%

feel well supported

48% feel neither supported nor
unsupported

42%

say ongoing training
and development
would help most

The top answer when asked
what support would help

The UK has a new padel coaching workforce

Padel coaching is a new profession here: most coaches are in their first two years.

85% of UK padel coaches have coached padel for two years or less

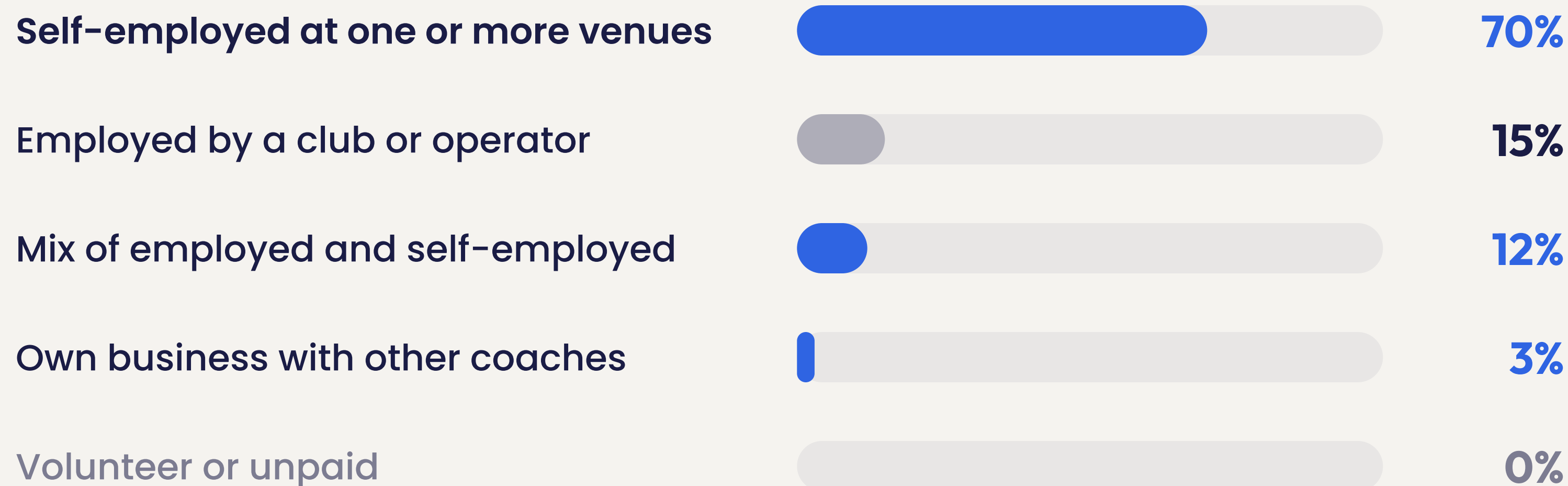
0% have coached padel for five years or more



Q3. How long have you been coaching padel?

Most coaches work for themselves

Only 15% are employed by a club or operator.

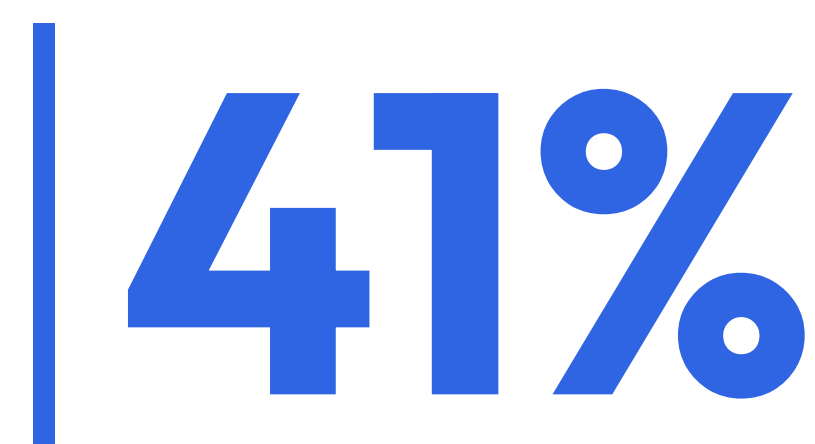


85%
work for themselves at least
some of the time

Q4. Which best describes your working arrangement?

For most, coaching is real income, not a hobby

94% say coaching is their main or a significant second income.



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Category	Percentage
say padel coaching is their main income	41%

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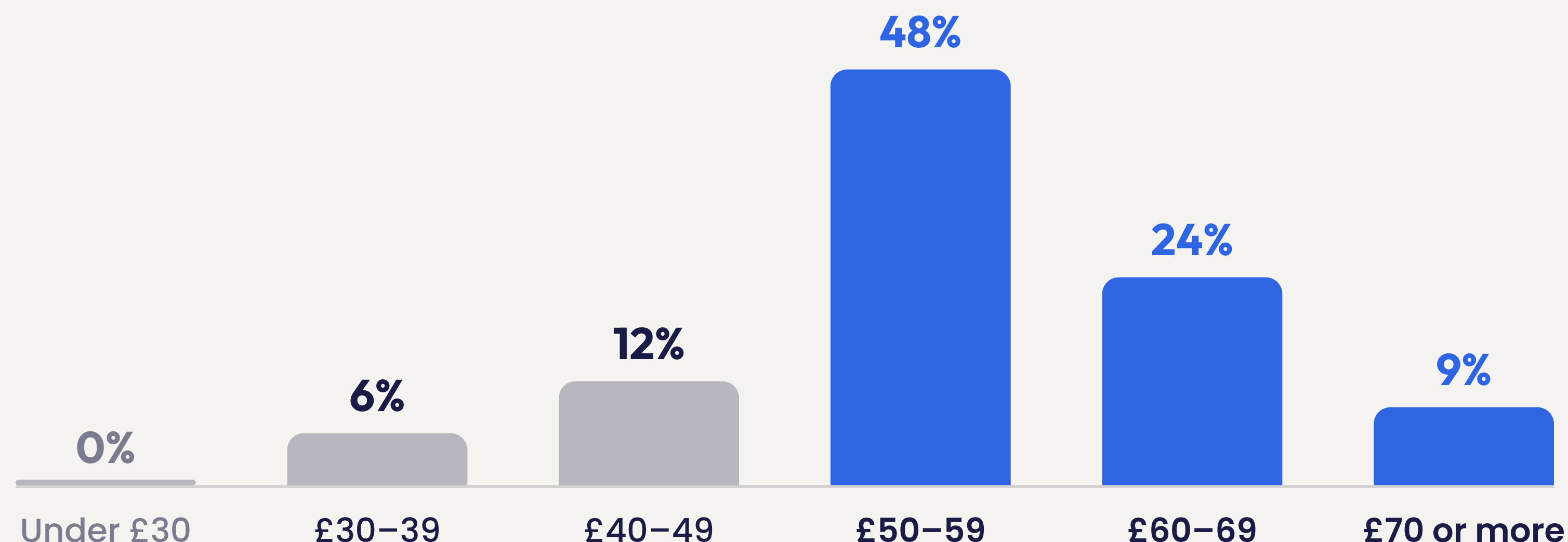
say it is a significant second income

6% call it a small side income. No coach who answered said they earn nothing from coaching.

Q5. How important is padel coaching to your income?

The price of a lesson

£50–59 is the most common price for a one-hour private lesson.



8 in 10

say a one-hour private lesson costs £50 or more where they coach

Q6. What does a one-hour private lesson with one player typically cost the player where you coach?

What holds coaches back

Court time and cost lead, followed by career pathway and training.

Coaches could choose up to three, so shares add up to more than 100%.



Top three themes

- 1 Court time and cost 64%
Named court availability, peak-only hours or court hire costs
- 2 No clear career pathway 24%
- 3 Limited quality training available 24%

Pathway and training are tied.

Q7. What are the biggest constraints on your coaching work?

In their words

Q12. Every answer to: What one thing would make the biggest difference to you as a padel coach right now?

"A clear pay structure to reward qualification levels, Padel Coaching & Sports Coaching experiences. ... other local coaches charge more despite very little experience....which undermines qualifications & experience. ... I'd love to mentor Padel Coaches and continue to support coaching standards. Coach communities and conferences would also be welcomed"

"Better exposure to on hand personal development"

"Having some kind of standardised approach to how you become a coach in the UK. There are far too many freelance coaches with no qualifications teaching the wrong things to vast majority of people. These people don't know any different so will continually go back to those coaches instead of going to the right coaches who teach the right things."

"Decent weather in the UK over winter 🌞"

"Greater tactical knowledge"

"Removing the LTA from padel and particularly padel qualifications in favour of good coach education on technique, tactics and movement in padel. Also in favour of reasonable requirements for qualifying coaches. Plus a concerted effort by all governing bodies to better support women coaches."

"Cheaper prices and more accessibility for everyone"

"Less injuries!"

"Padel players aren't seeing the value of coaching. It's seen as afterthought rather [than] integral to the sport."

"Having access to Spanish coaches to learn how they coach. Coaching masterclasses really"

"Off peak availability and prices being reasonable"

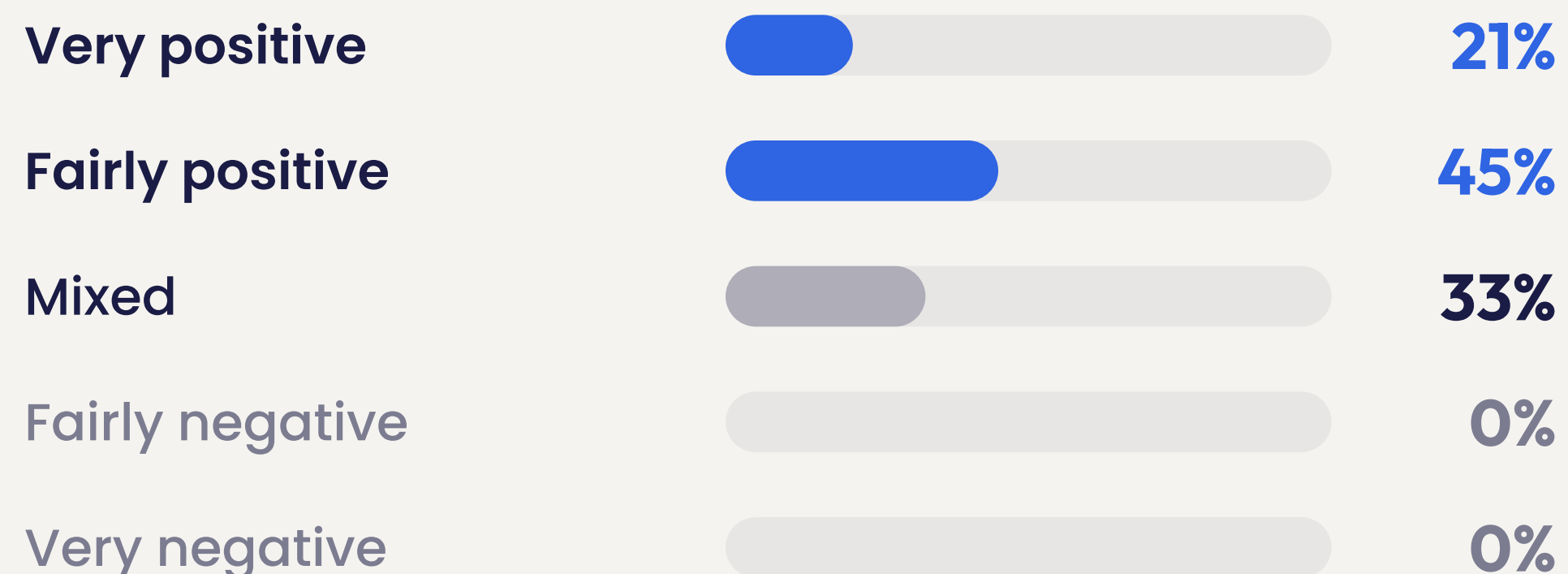
"Managing a diary better"

All 12 answers, as written; one trimmed (...) for anonymity, one lightly corrected for sense. 21 coaches left it blank. Views are the respondents' own.

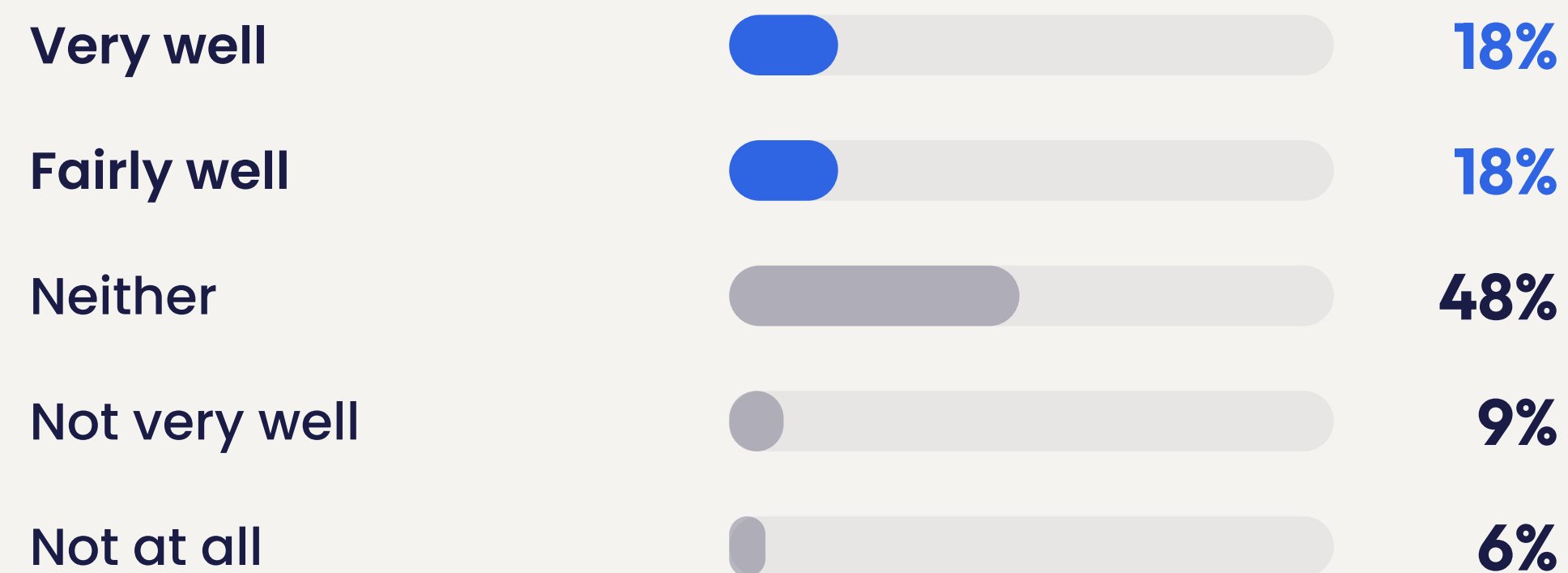
Positive about coaching, but few feel well supported

Two in three are positive. Only a third feel well supported.

How they feel about coaching 67% positive



How supported they feel 36% well supported



Q8. Overall, how do you feel about coaching padel in the UK right now?

Q9. Thinking about your day-to-day coaching, how supported do you feel? (“Neither” = neither supported nor unsupported.)

What would help

Training and development comes first. Most who named one say they would or probably would pay for it.



Q10. Which one of these would help you most as a coach?
Q11. Would you be willing to pay for that kind of support?

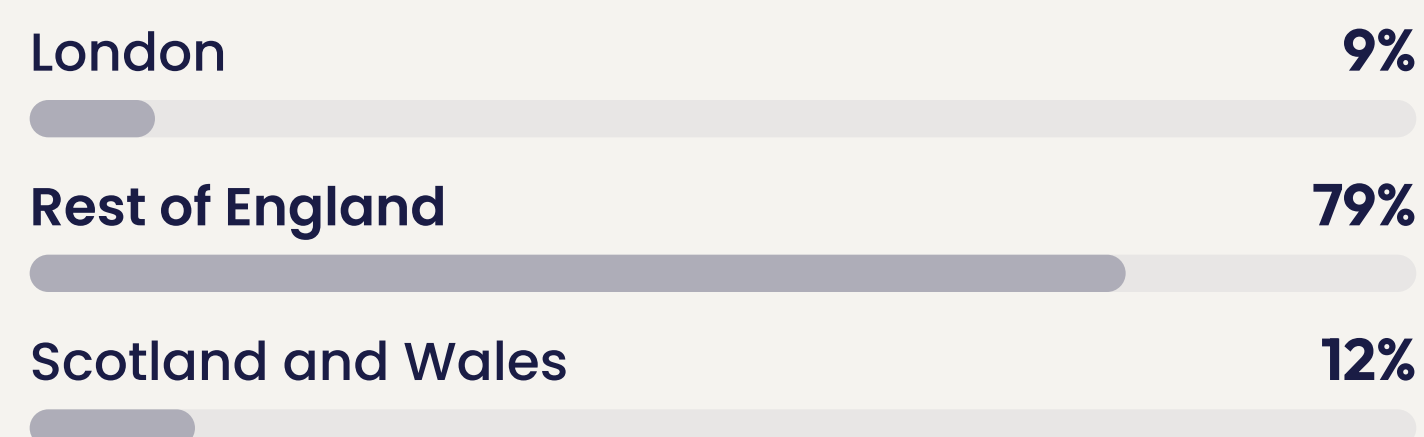
Methodology

The survey

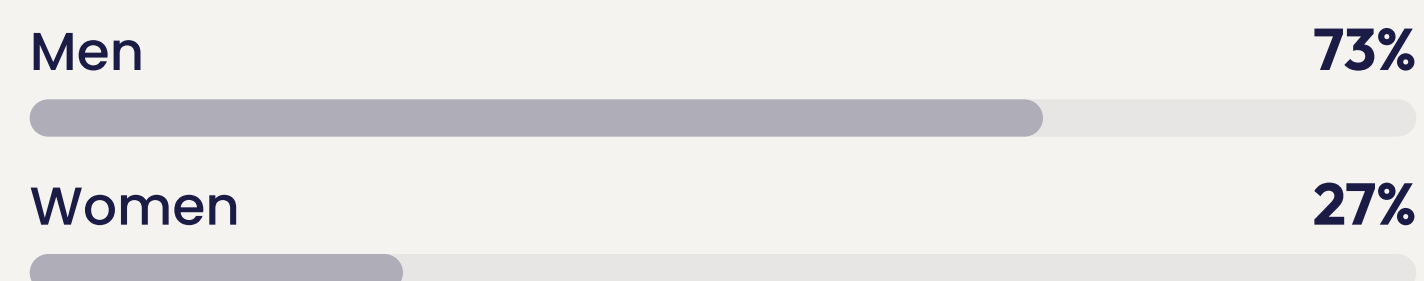
Online survey of padel coaches working in the UK, run by World Padel Network from 5 to 18 October 2026 and shared through coach networks, social media and The Cortado. 34 responses, of which 33 were analysed. Coaches who are not currently coaching but had in the past 12 months were included. Results are indicative rather than representative.

Who answered

Where they coach



Gender



About the numbers

- All figures are from 33 coaches unless stated: income (Q5), 32 coaches who answered; willingness to pay (Q11), 27 coaches who named a type of support and answered.
- Percentages are rounded to whole numbers, so some charts don't add up to exactly 100%.
- Constraints (Q7): coaches could pick up to three, so shares add up to more than 100%.
- One respondent who hadn't coached in the UK in the past 12 months was screened out.

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