



## Padel Tennis

Padel tennis is a new sport in the world that has gained popularity in many countries. While the kuffaar have made entertainment their main goal and aim in life, it is very unfortunate to find that many Muslims are emulating them and adopting their culture. With the aim of keeping fit, Muslim men and women are seen leaving their homes to play this sport.

It should be understood that Islam does not prevent one from adopting halaal means to keep fit, on condition that one remains within the parameters of Shari'ah. The purpose of keeping fit or maintaining one's health is so that one is able to utilize one's body, energy and strength to please Allah Ta'ala and carry out His commandments. However, if one breaks the commands of Shari'ah in trying to keep fit, then one has mixed up one's priorities and made body fitness the aim and goal in life – not the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.

When one views this sport, one finds that it contravenes many laws of Shari'ah:

- (1) the environment where these types of sports are played is not conducive to the value system of Islam
- (2) music is played at the venue
- (3) videoing or photography of people takes place
- (4) people are not dressed appropriately, and many a time, the satar area is exposed
- (5) the laws of hijab are violated, and there is intermingling of the sexes
- (6) salaah is delayed, or missed, or not performed on time with jamaat in the masjid
- (7) exorbitant amounts of money are spent to purchase equipment and hire the court, etc. whereas this is israaf and the money could be spent to assist one's poor relatives or the Muslims in need
- (8) in many cases, one does not fulfil the rights he owes towards his parents, wife, children or family due to getting involved in these sports.

A believer should understand that his object in life is not amusement, recreation and entertainment. Rather, a believer has been created for higher goals and greater objectives.

A believer's endeavour should constantly be aimed towards earning the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and the rewards of the Hereafter. He should not while away his time in amusement and vain activity, emulating the ways of the kuffaar.

It does not behove a believer to stoop so low and make the goals of the kuffaar his goals in life, thereby being consumed by their culture of sport and entertainment.