

# **LTA OVER 35s COUNTY CUP EVENT 2021**

**Ladies – Friday 30 July to Sunday 1 August 2021**  
**Men – Friday 20 to Sunday 22 August 2021**

## **Competition Pack**

(Information and Covid-19 guidance correct as of 15 February 2021.

It is the responsibility of each individual county to check latest guidance in place at the time of the Event).

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## **Introduction and Important Dates**

Welcome to the Competition Pack for the LTA Over 35s County Cup Event. It is hoped the following information will help answer any questions you may have about the Event.

LTA County Cup Events gives a player the opportunity of representing their county in a competitive team environment and the age groups range from 9U through to adult categories.

<b>Event &amp; Dates</b>	<b>Nominations Open</b>	<b>Nominations Close</b>
<b>LTA Over 35s County Cup Event</b>		
Ladies Event Friday 30 July to Sunday 1 August 2021	Monday 5 July 2021	Monday 19 July 2021
Mens Event Friday 20 to Sunday 22 August 2021	Monday 26 July 2021	Monday 9 August 2021

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**Mens and Ladies Groups**

2021 MENS GROUPS			
<b>GROUP 1</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Kent		
<b>B</b>	Yorkshire		
<b>C</b>	West of Scotland		
<b>D</b>	Surrey		
<b>GROUP 2A</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Leicestershire		
<b>B</b>	Dorset		
<b>C</b>	North of Scotland		
<b>D</b>	Sussex		
<b>GROUP 2B</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Hertfordshire		
<b>B</b>	Middlesex		
<b>C</b>	Suffolk		
<b>D</b>	Cornwall		
<b>GROUP 3A</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
<b>B</b>	Essex		
<b>C</b>	Lancashire		
<b>D</b>	Berkshire		
<b>GROUP 3B</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Bedfordshire		
<b>B</b>	Hampshire & IOW		
<b>C</b>	Derbyshire		
<b>D</b>	Cheshire		
<b>GROUP 4A</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Gloucestershire		
<b>B</b>	Nottinghamshire		
<b>C</b>	Cambridgeshire		
<b>D</b>	North Wales		
<b>GROUP 4B</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Devon		
<b>B</b>	Oxfordshire		
<b>C</b>	East of Scotland		
<b>D</b>	Shropshire		
<b>GROUP 5A</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Warwickshire		
<b>B</b>	Lincolnshire		
<b>C</b>	Staffordshire		
<b>D</b>	Norfolk		
<b>GROUP 5B</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Buckinghamshire		
<b>B</b>	Durham & Cleveland		
<b>C</b>	South Wales		
<b>D</b>	South of Scotland		
<b>GROUP 6A</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Northumberland		
<b>B</b>	Channel Islands		
<b>C</b>	Wiltshire		
<b>D</b>	Northamptonshire		
<b>GROUP 6B</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Somerset		
<b>B</b>	Cumbria		
<b>C</b>	Avon		
<b>D</b>	Isle of Man		

2021 LADIES GROUPS			
<b>GROUP 1</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Middlesex		
<b>B</b>	Hertfordshire		
<b>C</b>	Somerset		
<b>D</b>	Durham & Cleveland		
<b>GROUP 2A</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Leicestershire		
<b>B</b>	Essex		
<b>C</b>	Sussex		
<b>D</b>	Bedfordshire		
<b>GROUP 2B</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	South Wales		
<b>B</b>	Warwickshire		
<b>C</b>	Yorkshire		
<b>D</b>	Lancashire		
<b>GROUP 3A</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Berkshire		
<b>B</b>	Cheshire		
<b>C</b>	North of Scotland		
<b>D</b>	Hampshire & IOW		
<b>GROUP 3B</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>A</b>	Devon		
<b>B</b>	Surrey		
<b>C</b>	Cambridgeshire		
<b>D</b>	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
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<b>A</b>	Dorset		
<b>B</b>	Avon		
<b>C</b>	Norfolk		
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<b>A</b>	Lincolnshire		
<b>B</b>	Kent		
<b>C</b>	Northamptonshire		
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<b>C</b>	Staffordshire		
<b>D</b>	West of Scotland		

Channel Islands Ladies confirmed they are not fielding a team 21 September 2020



## LTA MENS & LADIES OVER 35s COUNTY CUP EVENT

**Ladies Event – Friday 30 July to Sunday 1 August 2021**

**Men’s Event – Friday 20 to Sunday 22 August 2021**

### TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET

Personnel	<p>Event Director – Julie Piper          Event Referee – TBC          Court Supervisor – Ladies Event – TBC          Court Supervisor – Mens Event – TBC          Physio – TBC          Stringer – TBC</p>
Tournament Office	<p>Ground Floor Offices          ITC Building – Devonshire Park          College Road          EASTBOURNE BN21 4JJ</p> <p>Tel: 07971 141 326 (Julie)          E-Mail: <a href="mailto:julie.piper@LTA.org.uk">julie.piper@LTA.org.uk</a></p>
<b>Captain’s Meeting</b>	<p><b>Ladies – Friday 30 July at 9.15am in the Devonshire Lounge – TBC</b>  <b>Mens – Friday 20 August at 9.15am in the Devonshire Lounge – TBC</b></p>
Physiotherapist - TBC	<p><b>Arrangements subject to Covid19 Regulations</b></p> <p>The treatment area will be in the new Locker Room building.</p> <p>On-court treatment or those players whose injury requires immediate treatment takes priority.</p> <p>This service will be available from 9.30 am each morning.</p> <p>The physio service cost is <b>£150.00</b> per team and payment will be required on the first day at the relevant Event. Payment can be made either by cash or cheque at the Team Captains Meeting.</p>
Stringer - TBC	<p><b>Arrangements subject to Covid19 Regulations</b></p> <p><b><u>Ladies – Friday 30 July to Sunday 1 August</u></b>          Collect 10.00am each morning and return at approximately 5.00pm same day</p> <p><b><u>Mens – Friday 20 to Sunday 22 August</u></b>          An on-site service will be provided from 9.00am to close of play on all three days. He will be located in the Reception Area of the ILTC Building.</p> <p>The charge will be <b>£TBC</b> per racket with strings.</p> <p>If you bring your own equipment you are requested not to operate on-site at Devonshire Park.</p>
Player Eligibility	<p>It is a county’s responsibility to check the eligibility of all team players. The use of an ineligible player may result in a county forfeiting all rubber(s) in which that player competed and/or relegation. <a href="#">Please refer to LTA Rule 35.</a></p> <p>Provisional nominations have been entered into the LP file. However, it is the Referee’s responsibility to check all players are Advantage members. If a player is not listed and the player does not have an Advantage number, then the player in question must join Advantage prior to play commencing..</p>

Nominations and Use of Substitute	<p>Counties may nominate a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players.</p> <p>Please refer to Points 2 and 4 in the Rules and Regulations</p>			
Practice Courts - TBC	<p>6 courts are available at Devonshire Park. These can only be booked on-site – 30 mins per county.</p> <p>Ladies Event – Thursday 29 July 3.00pm to 6.30pm</p> <p>Mens Event – Thursday 19 August 3.00pm to 6.30pm</p> <p>During the Event, weather and condition of courts permitting, practice courts will be available from 10.00am each day.</p>			
Start Time of Play	<p>Weather and condition of courts permitting, matches should start no later than 10.30am.</p> <p>Please refer to Points 11 and 14 in the Rules and Regulations.</p>			
Match Format	<p>Please refer to Points 3, 11 and 14 in the Rules and Regulations</p> <p>Rubbers should not be conceded if this affects the final position of counties in a group. Please refer to points 15 and 16 in Rules and Regulations.</p>			
Order of Play	<p><b>Round 1</b></p> <p>Match 1</p> <p>Match 2</p> <p>Match 3</p>	<p>Singles 2 v Singles 2</p> <p>Singles 1 v Singles 1</p> <p>Doubles 2 v Doubles 2</p>	<p><b>Round 2</b></p> <p>Match 4</p> <p>Match 5</p>	<p>Doubles 1 v Doubles 2</p> <p>Doubles 2 v Doubles 1</p>
Discipline & Code Violations	<p>Your attention is drawn to Rule 10, 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 of the Rules &amp; Regulations regarding discipline of all players, both on and off-site, during the Event. All players must abide by the LTA Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The referee will inform the Team Captain if it has been necessary to issue a code violation. These will be recorded on the LP file and sent to the LTA. The LTA will be notified (verbally) immediately if it has been necessary to default a player. A default counts for the duration of the Event regardless of however many matches/days remain.</p>			
Covid-19 Guidance	<p>It is a county's own responsibility to check the latest and most up to date information on both The LTA and Government websites relating to Covid-19 prior to the Event.</p>			
Miscellaneous	<p><b><u>Tennis Balls</u></b> – The Dunlop Fort all-court ball will be used. If, for any reason there are insufficient balls, the best used balls from earlier matches will be re-used.</p> <p><b><u>Clothing</u></b> - Please remind players about the clothing regulations.</p> <p><b><u>Finals Day Presentations – Sunday 1 and Sunday 22 August</u></b> Weather permitting; these will take place after play has ended. Medals will be given to each county winning their respective group.</p> <p><b><u>Catering – Arrangements subject to Covid19 Regulations</u></b></p> <p>Kiosk on Centre Court / No. 1 Court Complex Friday 30 July to Sunday 1 August – 10.00am to 6.00pm Friday 20 to Sunday 22 August – 10.00am to 6.00pm</p> <p>Team Captains are reminded about the necessity for teams to keep the venue tidy. All cups, crockery, glasses, etc. should be returned to the catering area.</p> <p><b><u>Car Parking</u></b> - Reduced price car parking is no longer available and so the full price as detailed on the parking meter in the College Road car park applies.</p> <p><b><u>Changing Facilities</u></b> - Arrangements subject to Covid19 Regulations Available in the New Fitness / Changing Room Building. The showers in the Tennis Centre are <b><u>NOT</u></b> available for use.</p> <p><b><u>Groundstaff Gratuity</u></b> - Each team is required to pay a £15.00 groundstaff gratuity – this will be collected on Saturday or Sunday.</p>			

## General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all Events County Cup Events 2021

1. The management of the County Cup Events shall be entrusted to the LTA Competitions Team, with power to suspend or modify any of these Regulations to meet exceptional circumstances and to decide any question of eligibility, qualifications of competitors and interpretation of the Regulations. The LTA Competitions Team's decision shall be final.
2. For the purpose of the County Cup Events, which shall be area competitions subject to the Lawn Tennis Associations Limited Rules 35 and 36 (including appendix 1), the following shall be regarded as Counties: East of Scotland, North of Scotland, South of Scotland, West of Scotland, North Wales, South Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man.
3. Although it is not compulsory to compete, all Counties shall be entered in the relevant County Cup Event. Any County intending not to compete in an Event must email notification to the Event Director ([countycup@LTA.org.uk](mailto:countycup@LTA.org.uk)) 9 months before the relevant event. Where appropriate, any County that withdraws from an Event shall be placed in the lowest group for the following year and will have any applicable funding for that Event withdrawn.
4. A player is qualified to represent an area in any County Cup Event if they meet the criteria outlined in the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rule 36. No player may represent more than one County in any Event.
5. Referee(s) shall be appointed for each venue by the LTA Competitions Team. The Referee shall decide any point that relates to the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis, County Cup Rules & Regulations and / or LTA Code of Conduct which may be referred to him/her. He/she shall decide whether or not the match shall be stopped owing to the state of the courts, the state of the weather, darkness, or other unavoidable hindrance. After consulting with the Event Director and / or Event Referee if necessary, the Referee shall have the final say in all on-site matters.
6. Once final nominations have been submitted no other player may represent the County during the Event except in exceptional circumstances (such as illness, injury or bereavement) which reduces the number of available nominated players for a County to less than the minimum required for the relevant County Cup Event. In this case the Referee shall consult the Event Director, who may authorise the nomination of the necessary number of substitutes for the remainder of the Event.

If any County fails to field at least two singles players on any day, or, in the case of the Summer County Cup Event, 2 pairs, (unless for exceptional circumstances, as decided by the Event Director), all their matches in the competition shall be declared null and void and they shall finish bottom of the group.

Any County failing to show, report to the referee or nominate a full team on any day, (unless for exceptional circumstances, as decided by the Event Director), will have all their matches in the Event declared null and void and they shall finish bottom of the group. Furthermore, subject to investigation, they may be precluded from the following year's Event and will be placed in the bottom group of the relevant Event.

7. A County shall not be bound to play the same team throughout the Event but no change shall be made in the composition of the teams engaged in a match after daily nominations have been submitted. If any player, team or doubles pairing play out of order, those rubbers they competed in and below shall be declared null and void. If a match is postponed to the next day before any play has taken place the composition of the competing teams may be changed.
8. If a player(s) is / are defaulted, except in cases of punctuality, then that player(s) is no longer allowed to take any further part in that competition.
9. For Events being played outdoors, indoor courts must not be used unless the courts are on-site and any additional cost to the LTA or a County Association has been authorised in advance by the Event Director.
10. The County Association via its appointed captain (or other designated person accompanying the Team) is responsible for the behaviour of its Team on and off the site for the duration of the event which includes but is not limited to travelling to, staying at accommodation and returning to the County.

Any incident shall be dealt with in accordance with these Regulations and the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Appendices). Entry into the County Cup Events constitutes acceptance, by both the County and its individual members of the team, of the LTA's jurisdiction to deal with any disciplinary matter in accordance with these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) and the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Appendices). In particular, the following shall apply:

- 10.1 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident occurring on site shall be referred to the Referee for decision and any appeal against his / her decision shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance to the LTA Disciplinary & Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules.

- 10.2 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident off site shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance with the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules.
- 10.3 Any disciplinary matter relating to match fixing, financial speculation and betting, as set out in the Disciplinary Code, shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance with the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out in Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited rules.
11. Any complaint relating to eligibility of players and / or nominations must be lodged, in writing, with the Event Director within 48 hours after the end of the Event.
12. No complaint in connection with any LTA County Cup Event can be entertained by the LTA unless lodged with the LTA at [officialingsupport@lta.org.uk](mailto:officialingsupport@lta.org.uk) within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint (please see LTA Competition Regulation 8.1).

## **LTA Mens & Ladies Over 35s County Cup Event Special Regulations**

1. Competing Counties will be divided into Groups. Excluding Group 1, Groups will be divided into Sections A and B of not more than four Counties. Each County shall play one match against each other County in the same Section or Group over 3 days.
2. Final nominations, in LTA Rating order, must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before start of play on the first day. Equally rated players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the Event.  
  
Counties should nominate a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players.
3. Each match shall consist of five rubbers - two singles and three doubles: commencing with No 2 playing No 2 of the opposing team and then No 1 playing No 1 of the opposing team followed by doubles.  
  
All rubbers to be best of 2 sets and a Match Tie-break.
4. Daily singles and doubles nominations must be submitted to the Referee 15 minutes before the start of play on each day. The singles players shall be nominated in order according to the final nominations (Reg 2).  
  
Two named substitutes, who may be used for the doubles in Round 2 only, must be nominated at the same time as the singles and doubles nominations. A change of pairing for Round 2 may be made to the Referee before the start of that round.  
  
A 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> player may be introduced to play doubles in Round 2 as a substitute for any player nominated to play in Round 1 but no player shall meet in Round 2 a player whom he met in Round 1. If both singles players are nominated to play doubles in Round 2 they must play together as a pair.
5. A player who has been defaulted may not be substituted.
6. If any player(s) is absent when called upon to play by the Referee that rubber and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opponent(s) and they shall be entitled to two love sets. This shall apply separately to singles and doubles. If in any rubber one or more player(s) is absent from each side the rubber shall be void.
7. If a player or doubles pair plays out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded two love sets.
8. If a player is unable to complete a rubber that has started due to injury, sickness or disqualification, the opposing player or pair shall be awarded the requisite number of games to win the rubber.
9. If any County fields an ineligible player, the rubbers contested by that player and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opposition by a score of 6-0 6-0. This shall apply separately to singles and doubles.
10. If a match in progress cannot be finished on the scheduled day, the result of the match shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed provided that Round 1 of the day's programme has been completed in both matches of the Group or, either team has won 2 singles rubbers. If the above has not been completed the following actions will take place:
  - (a) If no result has been achieved, the Referee will consider all possible options to achieve a result as specified above. These options could include completing outstanding matches at the end of a subsequent day's play or, the use of abbreviated scoring to complete rounds or unfinished matches and, if necessary, the scheduled matches for that day.
  - (b) In the event of neither of these options being considered practical by the Referee, the unfinished rubber(s) could be halved.



11. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
12. The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.
13. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If on the final day a match in progress cannot be finished, the result of the match shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed as follows:
  - a) By the majority of rubbers won; or
  - b) If there is equality of rubbers, by the majority of sets won; or
  - c) If there is equality of rubbers and sets, by the majority of games won
  - d) If there is equality of rubbers, sets and games, the match shall be tied and a draw recorded
14. If no play is possible in any group for the duration of the Event, the Event Director shall decide promotion and relegation of Counties for the following year, whether a Champion County can be declared or to declare the competition void.
15. The final standings in each Group or Section shall be determined by the following:
  - a) The team with the greatest number of match points.
  - b) If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
  - c) If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
  - d) If more than two teams are level, the percentage of sets won out of sets played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie)
  - e) If more than two teams are level, the percentage of games won out of games played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie)
16. The Group formation for the following year's Event shall be as follows:

Group 1:

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams remain in Group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team goes to Group 2a
- 4<sup>th</sup> placed team goes to Group 2b

Groups 2a & 2b:

- 1<sup>st</sup> placed teams go to Group 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams remain in Group 2 and swap sections
- 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams remain in Group and section
- 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams remain in section and are relegated to Group 3

Groups 3a to 5b:

- 1<sup>st</sup> placed teams change in section and are promoted to Group above
- 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams remain in Group and swap sections
- 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams remain in Group and section
- 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams remain in section and are relegated to Group below

Group 6a & 6b:

- 1<sup>st</sup> placed teams change section and are promoted to Group above
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams remain in Group and swap sections
- 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams remain in Group