

LTA Winter County Cup Event 2021

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 December 2021

Competition Pack

(updated 5 November 2021)

All arrangements subject to the latest LTA, Venue & Government guidance on Covid19

Information and Covid-19 guidance correct as of 25 October 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 & Important Dates

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

LTA County Cup Events give players the opportunity of representing their county in a competitive team environment and the age groups range from 9U through to open age groups.

The LTA Winter County Cup Event is the 2nd oldest County Cup event and was first played in 1946 with Warwickshire men and Middlesex Ladies being the first winners. Surrey lead the way with the number of Championship wins; the men have won the Event 16 times and the ladies 26 times!

Event Details –

The Winter County Cup Event is a 'one-off Event' played over 3 days.

The 44 counties are placed in 22 groups of 4 counties per gender. These groups are placed in order of the previous year's results with Group 1 being the 'premier league'. Wherever possible, groups are allocated to venues to try and avoid the least amount of travelling time for all the teams within that group.

The match format is played on a round-robin basis with each team playing 6 singles and 3 doubles. All rubbers to be the best of 3 sets. Any 3rd set in the doubles rubbers shall be replaced by a Match Tie-break.

Counties may nominate a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 players.

Final nominations, in ATP / WTA Singles Ranking order, followed by ITF World Tennis Ranking 1500 or better and thereafter 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.

Wherever possible, all groups will be played on indoor acrylic courts with the venues & referees being appointed by the LTA Competitions Team.

The Order of Play is outlined later in the Team Captains fact sheet

Event & Dates	Nominations Open	Nominations Close
LTA Winter County Cup Event Friday 10 to Sunday 12 December 2021 Players must be born on or before 31 December 2006	Monday 25 October 2021	Monday 29 November 2021

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Men's – Groups, Venues & Personnel

Group 1 – University of Bath, Bath, BA2 7AY
 Centre Organiser: Julie Piper – 020 8 487 7027 / 07971 141 326
 Referee:
 Court Supervisors:
 LTA Representative:

A	Essex	C	Lancashire
B	Yorkshire	D	Kent

Group 2a – Nottingham Trent University, NG11 8NS
 Centre Organiser: Harrison Fernandez-Lewis – 0115 848 3771 / 3219
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Surrey	C	Derbyshire
B	Hertfordshire	D	Middlesex

Group 2b – Grantham, NG31 8HU
 Centre Organiser: Sarah Patton - 07930 900 979
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Lincolnshire	C	Staffordshire
B	Cheshire	D	Warwickshire

Group 3a – Prestwick, KA9 2TS
 Centre Organiser: Janice Rogerson - 01292 474 700
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Norfolk	C	Durham & Cleveland
B	North of Scotland	D	West of Scotland

Group 3b – Liverpool, L15 5LE
 Centre Organiser: David Hardman - 0151 293 8358
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Berkshire	C	North Wales
B	East of Scotland	D	Buckinghamshire

Group 4a – Cambridge, CB2 8PF
 Centre Organiser: Dan West - 01223 500 009
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	South Wales	C	Hampshire & IOW
B	Nottinghamshire	D	Cambridgeshire

Group 4b – Taunton, TA1 2RW
 Centre Organiser: Kerry Quirk - 01823 333 435
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Suffolk	C	Somerset
B	Dorset	D	Northamptonshire

Group 5a – Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG
 Centre Organiser: Simon Haddleton - 01743 467 755
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Shropshire	C	Avon
B	Oxfordshire	D	Northumberland

Group 5b – Barnstaple, EX31 2AS
 Centre Organiser – David Lesslie - 01271 377 701
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Leicestershire	C	Devon
B	Sussex	D	Cumbria

Group 6a – Hull, HU1 2TX
 Centre Organiser: Dave Kitchen - 01482 321 191
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	H & W	C	Isle of Man
B	Wiltshire	D	South of Scotland

Group 6b – Bromley, BR6 9SA
 Centre Organiser: Emma Wanostrocht - 01689 880 407
 Referee:
 LTA Rep:

A	Channel Islands	C	Gloucestershire
B	Cornwall	D	Bedfordshire

Ladies' – Groups, Venues & Personnel

Group 1 – University of Bath, Bath, BA2 7AY
 Centre Organiser: Julie Piper – 020 8 487 7027 / 07971 141 326
 Referee:
 Court Supervisors:
 LTA Representative:

A	Kent	C	Hampshire & IOW
B	Middlesex	D	Northumberland

Group 2a – Nottingham Tennis Centre, NG 7 2QH
 Centre Organiser: Eddie Croydon-Fowler – 0115 876 1600
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Essex	C	Hertfordshire
B	Yorkshire	D	Nottinghamshire

Group 2b – Sheffield, S8 8JR
 Centre Organiser: Steve Holmes - 0114 283 9900
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Surrey	C	Somerset
B	Lancashire	D	Cheshire

Group 3a – Edgbaston, B15 2UZ
 Centre Organiser: Leyla Ogan - 0121 446 3180
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Warwickshire	C	Cambridgeshire
B	Avon	D	Leicestershire

Group 3b – Southampton, SO16 0XS
 Centre Organiser: Ben Sherlock - 02380 747 160
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Sussex	C	Dorset
B	Buckinghamshire	D	South Wales

Group 4a – Boston, PE21 8EY
 Centre Organiser: Mary Smura - 01205 366 424
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Derbyshire	C	Staffordshire
B	Lincolnshire	D	East of Scotland

Group 4b – Norwich, NR9 5DX
 Centre Organiser: Matt Breese - 01603 731 264
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Norfolk	C	West of Scotland
B	Wiltshire	D	Gloucestershire

Group 5a – Ellesmere, SY12 9AB
 Centre Organiser: Stephen Welti - 01691 622 321
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Bedfordshire	C	Shropshire
B	Berkshire	D	North Wales

Group 5b – Sunderland, SR3 1PD
 Centre Organiser: Graham Fowler - 0333 005 0152
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Durham & Cleveland	C	North of Scotland
B	Herefordshire & Worcestershire	D	Devon

Group 6a – Kings Park, Northampton, NN3 6LL
 Centre Organiser: Ben Whittaker - 01604 494 100 797 900
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Suffolk	C	Northamptonshire
B	Channel Islands	D	Isle of Man

Group 6b – Newport, NP19 4PT
 Centre Organiser: Andrew Mort - 01633 671 803
 Referee:
 LTA Representative:

A	Cornwall	C	South of Scotland
B	Cumbria	D	Oxfordshire

H & W = Herefordshire & Worcestershire

Venue Contact Details

Men's & Ladies' Group 1	BATH – JULIE PIPER Sports Training Village, University of Bath, Claverton Down, BATH, BA2 7AY Tel: 020 8 487 7027 E-Mail: julie.piper@lta.org.uk
Men's Group 2a	NOTTINGHAM TRENT – HARRISON FERNANDEZ-LEWIS Nottingham Trent University, Lee Westwood Sports Centre, Clifton Lane, Clifton Campus, NG11 8NS Tel: 0115 848 3771 / 3219 E-Mail: harrison.fl@ntu.ac.uk
Men's Group 2b	GRANTHAM – SARAH PATTON Grantham Tennis Club, Gonerby Road, Grantham, NG31 8HU Tel: 07930 900 979 or 01476 591 391 E-Mail: manager@granthamtennisclub.co.uk
Men's Group 3a	PRESTWICK – JANICE ROGERSON Prestwick Tennis & Fitness Club, 1 Winfield Place, Prestwick, KA9 2TS Tel: 01292 474700 E-Mail: janice.rogerson@prestwicktennis.org
Men's Group 3b	LIVERPOOL – DAVID HARDMAN Liverpool Tennis Centre, Wavertree Sports Park, Wellington Road, Liverpool, L15 5LE Tel: 0151 293 8358 E-Mail: david.hardman@liverpool.gov.uk
Men's Group 4a	CAMBRIDGE – DAN WEST Hills Road Tennis Centre, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PF Tel: 01223 500009 E-Mail: DMW@hillsroad.ac.uk
Men's Group 4b	TAUNTON – KERRY QUIRK Taunton Tennis Centre, Blackbrook Pavilion, Blackbrook Way, Taunton, TA1 2RW Tel: 01823 333 435 E-Mail: kerryquirk@everyoneactive.com
Men's Group 5a	SHREWSBURY – SIMON HADDLETON The Shrewsbury Club, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG Tel: 01743 467755 E-Mail: simon.haddleton@theshrewsburyclub.co.uk
Men's Group 5b	BARNSTAPLE – DAVID LESSLIE Tarka Tennis Centre, Seven Brethren Bank, BARNSTAPLE, EX31 2AS Tel: 01271 377701 E-Mail: david.lesslie@lexleisure.org.uk
Men's Group 6a	HULL – DAVE KITCHEN Kingston Park Tennis Centre, Kingston Park, Hull, HU1 2TX Tel: 01482 321 191E-Mail: Hull.Tennis@nuffieldhealth.com
Men's Group 6b	BROMLEY – EMMA WANOSTROCHT Bromley Tennis Centre at Newstead, Avebury Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SA Tel: 01689 880 407 E-Mail: emma.wanostrocht@bromleytenniscentre.co.uk
Ladies' Group 2a	NOTTINGHAM TENNIS CENTRE – EDDIE CROYDON-FOWLER Nottingham Tennis Centre, University Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 2QH Tel: 0115 876 1600 E-Mail: Eddie.Croydon-Fowler@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
Ladies' Group 2b	SHEFFIELD – STEVE HOLMES Graves Tennis & Leisure Centre, Bochum Parkway, Sheffield, S8 8JR Tel: 0114 283 9900 E-Mail: StevenHolmes@pfleisure.org
Ladies' Group 3a	EDGBASTON – LEYLA OGAN Edgbaston Priory Club, Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2UZ Tel: 0121 446 3180 E-Mail: leyla.ogan@edgbastonpriory.com
Ladies' Group 3b	SOUTHAMPTON – BEN SHERLOCK David Lloyd Club, Frogmore Lane, Nursling, Southampton, SO16 0XS Tel: 02380 747 160 E-Mail: Racquets.Southampton@davidlloyd.co.uk
Ladies' Group 4a	BOSTON – MARY SMURA Boston Tennis Club, 125 Sleaford Road, Boston, PE21 8EY Tel: 01205 366 424 E-Mail: marysmura@hotmail.com
Ladies' Group 4b	NORWICH – MATT BREESE Easton Tennis Centre, Easton & Otley College, Easton, Norwich, NR9 5DX Tel: 01603 731264 E-Mail: Matthew.breese@ccn.ac.uk
Ladies' Group 5a	ELLESMERE COLLEGE – STEPHEN WELTI Ellesmere College, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 9AB Tel: 01691 622 321 E-Mail: stephen.welti@ellesmere.com
Ladies' Group 5b	SUNDERLAND – GRAHAM FOWLER Sunderland Tennis Centre, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland, SR3 1PD Tel: 0333 005 0152 E-Mail: grahamfowler@everyoneactive.com
Ladies' Group 6a	KINGS PARK, NORTHAMPTON – BEN WHITTAKER King's Park Conference & Sports Centre, Kings Park Road, Northampton, NN3 6LL Tel: 01604 494100/797900 Email: ben@acuk.net
Ladies' Group 6b	NEWPORT – ANDREW MORT Newport Tennis Centre, Newport International Sports Village, Velodrome Way, NEWPORT, NP19 4PT Tel: 01633 671803 E-Mail: andrew.mort@newportlive.co.uk



**LTA WINTER COUNTY CUP EVENT
Friday 10 to Sunday 12 December 2021**

TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET

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Event Personnel	<p>Event Director – Julie Piper Telephone (before Event) – 020 8 487 7000 Telephone (during Event) – 07971 141 326 E-Mail – countycup@LTA.org.uk</p>
Team Captains Meeting	<p>To be held no later than 9.30am Friday 10 December to include Referee, all Team Captains and a representative from the Tennis Centre. This should last no longer than 30 minutes.</p> <p>The venue Rep to explain arrangements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures in place in light of Covid19 - social distancing, one-way system, access to changing rooms, etc. • Emergency evacuation procedures and any potential health & safety issues • Arrangements for physio and stringing – arrangements subject to Covid19 • Catering – arrangements subject to Covid19 • Use of gym (if on-site) <p>The Referee to explain the Rules & Regulations, start times of play and anything else relevant to the Event</p> <p>Please emphasise the necessity for teams to keep the venue tidy and to return all cups, crockery, glasses, etc. to the catering area.</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. Please refer to LTA Rule 35.</p> <p>It is the Referee's responsibility to check whether a player is a BTM. If a player is not listed, then the player in question must join the BTM scheme prior to play commencing.</p> <p>To be eligible for nomination players must be born on or before 31 December 2006.</p>
Final Nominations Daily Nominations & use of substitute	<p>Please refer to Regulation 2 and 12.</p> <p>Please refer to Regulations 4 to 7 inclusive.</p> <p>It is the Team Captain's responsibility to acknowledge confirmation of daily nominated players, and that they are nominated in the correct order, by signing on appropriate line for relevant day at the bottom of the form.</p>
Practice Courts	<p>Friday 10 to Sunday 12 December available each day 30 mins before start of play.</p> <p>Whilst most Tennis Centres open at 8.30am I would suggest you check with the Tennis Centre to check availability of courts prior to 9.00am. If there is any charge, the county using these courts is responsible for the payment of them.</p> <p>Limited courts are available on Thursday 9 December – to be booked by Monday 22 November. Counties are responsible for the payment of any courts used + provision of tennis balls.</p>
Start Times of Play	<p>Friday 10 December – No later than 9.30am Saturday 11 December – No later than 9.00am Sunday 12 December – No later than 9.00am</p>
Order of Play	<p><u>Group 1 only</u> Friday 10 December – A v C and B v D Saturday 11 December – Winner Day 1 v Winner Day 1 and Loser Day 1 v Loser Day 1 Sunday 12 December – Winners Day 1 v Losers Day 1</p> <p><u>Groups 2A to 6B</u> Friday 10 December – A v C and B v D Saturday 11 December – Winners Day 1 v Losers Day 1 Sunday 12 December – Winner Day 1 v Winner Day 1 and Loser Day 1 v Loser Day 1</p>
Format	<p>Please refer to Regulation 3.</p> <p>All rubbers to be the best of 3 tie-break sets. Any 3rd set in doubles rubbers to be replaced by a Match Tie-Break.</p> <p>Rubbers should not be conceded on Day 1 and 2 as this could affect the final position of counties in a group.</p>

Daily Scorecards	<p>Once daily nominations have been submitted the Referee will produce a match scorecard which will be given to each Team Captain.</p> <p>The Referee will keep a master copy which will be updated during the day and following agreement with both Team Captains will be used to update the LP file.</p>
Daily and Final Results	The Referee will update and publish the results on the LTA website throughout the day. At the end of the weekend, the full results and group positions will be updated on the LTA website.
Tennis Balls and Medals	<p>18 dozen Dunlop Fort tennis balls will be delivered direct to the Tennis Centre.</p> <p>Presentations of medals will be made to Group Winners (max 10 players inc. Team Captain)</p>
Catering	Subject to Covid19 regulations – hot & cold refreshments may be available and counties are advised to check with the relevant venue.
Changing Facilities	Subject to Covid19 regulations – apart from toilets, access to changing facilities may vary from venue to venue and counties are advised to check with the relevant venue.
Scoreboards and Seating	Subject to Covid19 regulations – in order to minimise 'touch points' (and cleaning after use) these may not be available.
Noticeboard	Subject to Covid19 regulations - in order to maintain social distancing, the referee may not have any access to a noticeboard.
Safeguarding	<p>There have been some important updates to the various safeguarding documents. It is a county / Team Captains responsibility to ensure they have read and understood these and, if required, signed acknowledgement of the contents. Where necessary copies should also be given to parents / players and they too read and understand these and, if required, sign acknowledgement of the contents.</p> <p>All relevant information relating to safeguarding at County Cup / Team Events can be accessed via this link.</p>
Covid-19 Guidance	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.
Discipline & Code Violations	<p>Your attention is drawn to Rules 10, 10.1 & 10.2 of the Rules & 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. 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>
Miscellaneous	<p>If any County fails to field at least two pairs on any day (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</p> <p>At set breaks, Team Captains or a nominated deputy, are allowed to communicate with their player(s) within the permitted two minute break and must leave once play resumes.</p> <p>Players should wear recognised tennis clothing as per the County Cup Regulations.</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. Please ensure rubbish bins are used!</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) 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:

- a. 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.

- b. 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.
 - c. 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 officiatingsupport@lta.org.uk within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint (please see LTA Competition Regulation 8.1).

LTA Winter & 18U 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. **For the Winter County Cup Event** - final nominations, in ATP / WTA Singles Ranking order, followed by ITF World Tennis Ranking 1500 or better and thereafter 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.

For the Winter County Cup Event – To be eligible for nomination players must be born on or before 31 December 2006.

For the 18U County Cup - final nominations, in British Tennis Ranking order, must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before start of play on the first day. Equally ranked players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the Event. The rankings used for Final Nominations will be based on the available list of the Monday of the Event week.

Counties should nominate a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 players.

3. Each match shall consist of nine rubbers - six singles followed by three doubles: commencing with No 6 playing No 6 of the opposing team, No 5 playing No 5 and so on.

All rubbers to be the best of 3 sets. Any 3rd set in the doubles rubbers shall be replaced by a Match Tie-break.

For the 18U County Cup, all doubles rubbers will use no-ad scoring (receiver's choice) throughout the match.

4. Daily singles 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).
5. Doubles nominations must be submitted 15 minutes after the No.1 singles match going onto court. All players nominated for doubles must be on-site at the time of nomination. Doubles pairings shall be nominated in accordance with the lowest cumulative total of the players listed in the final nominations (Reg 2). Where the total is the same, the pairing with the highest nominated player shall be nominated as the higher pair.

The substitute will be nominated at the same time as the doubles nominations. Players nominated as singles 1 & 2 players in the competition nomination list (Reg. 2 or daily nomination list (Reg. 4)) may not be a doubles substitute. Any player nominated for doubles that is on court playing singles at the time of nomination, may be substituted and will replace that player directly. The doubles nomination order remains unaltered.

Any player playing both singles & doubles on the same day will be entitled to a minimum of 30 minutes rest between matches.

A player who has been defaulted may not be substituted.

6. **For Winter County Cup** – at set breaks, team captains or their nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players within the permitted two minute break and must leave once play resumes.

For 18U County Cup – at change of ends, team captains or their nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players within the 90 second break and may remain on court.

7. 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.
8. If a player or doubles pair plays out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded two love sets.
9. 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.
10. If any County fields an ineligible player, including the mis-use of the substitute, 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.
11. If a match in progress cannot be finished or a scheduled match has been unable to start on any day, it shall be completed on the following day before the start of the scheduled match for that day. In order to complete all matches, the use of abbreviated scoring should be considered for complete rounds of unfinished matches and, if necessary, the scheduled matches for that day.
12. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
13. 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.
14. 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
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:

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

Groups 2a & 2b:

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

Groups 3a to 5b:

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

Group 6a & 6b:

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