

LTA 9U COUNTY CUP EVENT 2024

Competition Pack

All information correct as of 10 January 2024

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Introduction and Important Dates

Welcome to the Competition Pack for the LTA 9U County Cup Events. 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 8U through to adult categories.

Event & Dates	Nominations Open	Nominations Close
LTA 9U County Cup Event For players born in 2015 or 2016 only Qualifying – Unless specified below, all groups playing Sunday 24 March 2024 Finals – Girls – Saturday 20 April 2024 Boys – Sunday 21 April 2024 North Area Group Finals to be played at Nottingham Tennis Centre South Area Group Finals to be played at DL Club Southampton	Monday 19 February 2024 Monday 25 March 2024	Monday 4 March 2024 Monday 8 April 2024

Please Note:

Due to availability of venues and courts some groups may be playing on different dates –

Girls Qualifying North (Sunderland & Wrexham) Groups B & D – Saturday 23 March
Boys Qualifying North (Sunderland & Wrexham) Group B & D – Sunday 24 March

Girls Qualifying North Group C will play on Sunday 24 March at Grantham
Boys Qualifying North Group C will play on Sunday 24 March at Boston



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Qualifying – Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March 2024 – Groups B (Sunderland) & D (Wrexham) North

Qualifying – Sunday 24 March 2024 all other groups

NB: Boys & Girls Group C North played at two separate venues – Boys at Boston and Girls at Grantham**Finals – Girls – Saturday 20 April 2024****Finals – Boys – Sunday 21 April 2024**

Group A - North	
Venue – Aberdeen Tennis Centre, AB25 3DE	
Venue Contact – Matt Kerswall - 07907 289 989	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	East of Scotland
B	South of Scotland
C	North of Scotland
D	West of Scotland

Group A - South	
Venue – Taunton Tennis Centre, TA1 2RW	
Venue Contact – Kerry Quirk - 01823 333 435	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Avon
B	Somerset
C	Cornwall
D	Devon

Group B – North	
NB: Girls Group to be played Saturday 23 March 2024	
NB: Boys Group to be played Sunday 24 March 2024	
Venue – Sunderland Tennis Centre, SR3 1PD	
Venue Contact – Graham Fowler – 03330 050 152	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Durham & Cleveland
B	Cumbria
C	Lancashire
D	Northumberland
E	Yorkshire

Group B - South	
Venue – Easton Tennis Centre, Easton & Otley College, NR9 5DX	
Venue Contact – Mat Breese – 01603 731 264	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Norfolk
B	Suffolk
C	Hertfordshire
D	Bedfordshire

Group C – North Boys	
Venue – Boston Tennis Club, PE21 8EY	
Venue Contact – Mary Smura – 01205 366 424	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Leicestershire
B	Nottinghamshire
C	Lincolnshire
D	Cambridgeshire
E	Northamptonshire

Group C - South	
Venue – Aldershot Tennis Centre, GU11 2LD	
Venue Contact – Louise Moodie - 01252 750 431	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Hampshire & IOW
B	Berkshire
C	Dorset
D	Wiltshire

Group C – North Girls	
Venue – Grantham Tennis Club, Gonerby Road, NG31 8HU	
Venue Contact – Sarah Patton – 07930 900 979	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Leicestershire
B	Nottinghamshire
C	Lincolnshire
D	Cambridgeshire
E	Northamptonshire

Group D - South	
Venue – Cardiff Met Tennis Centre, CF23 6XD	
Venue Contact – Billy Barclay - 029 2041 6391	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Surrey (NB: moved from Group E 10.01.2024)
B	Buckinghamshire
C	Oxfordshire
D	South Wales

Group D – North	
NB: Girls Group to be played Saturday 23 March 2024	
NB: Boys Group to be played Sunday 24 March 2024	
Venue – Wrexham Tennis Centre,	
Venue Contact – Aimee Kaye - 01978 265 260	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Derbyshire
B	Cheshire
C	Herefordshire & Worcestershire
D	North Wales
E	IOM Boys

Group E - South	
Venue – Bromley Tennis Centre, Avebury Road, BR6 9SA	
Venue Contact – Emma Wanostrocht – 01689 880 407	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Middlesex
B	Sussex (NB: moved from Group D 10.01.2024)
C	Kent
D	Essex

Group E – North	
Venue – The Shrewsbury Club, SY1 4RG	
Venue Contact – Simon Haddleton – 01743 467 755	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Shropshire
B	Warwickshire
C	Staffordshire
D	Gloucestershire

North Area Finals – Nottingham, NG7 2PS			
Venue – Nottingham Tennis Centre, University Boulevard, Nottingham			
Venue Contact – Julie Piper – countycup@lta.org.uk			
Referee –			
Court Supervisors –			
LTA Representative –			
	BOYS		GIRLS
	SUNDAY 21 APRIL		SATURDAY 20 APRIL
A		A	
B		B	
C		C	
D		D	
E		E	

South Area Finals – Southampton, SO16 0XS			
Venue – DL Club Southampton, Frogmore Lane, Nursling			
Venue Contact – Julie Piper – countycup@lta.org.uk			
Referee –			
Court Supervisor –			
LTA Representative –			
	BOYS		GIRLS
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VENUE CONTACT DETAILS**

North Group A	ABERDEEN – MATT KERSWALL Aberdeen Tennis Centre, Westburn Park Road, Westburn, Aberdeen, AB25 3DE Tel: 07907 289 989 Email: MKerswell@sportaberdeen.co.uk
North Group B	SUNDERLAND – GRAHAM FOWLER Girls Group to be played Saturday 23 March 2024 Boys Group to be played Sunday 24 March 2024 Sunderland Tennis Centre, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland, SR3 1PD Tel: 07802 875 211 E-Mail: grahamfowler@everyoneactive.com
North Group C	BOSTON – MARY SMURA Boston Tennis Club, 125 Sleaford Road, Boston, PE21 8EY Tel: 01205 355 502 E-Mail: marysmura@hotmail.com
North Group C	GRANTHAM – SARAH PATTON Grantham Tennis Club, Gonerby Road, Grantham, NG31 8HU Tel: 07930 900 979 or 01476 591 391 E-Mail: manager@granthamttennisclub.co.uk
North Group D	WREXHAM – AIMEE KAYE Girls Group to be played Saturday 23 March 2024 Boys Group to be played Sunday 24 March 2024 North Wales Regional Tennis Centre, Plas Coch Road, Wrexham, LL11 2BW Tel: 01978 265260 E-Mail: aimee.kaye@wrexhamtenniscentre.co.uk
North Group E	SHREWSBURY – SIMON HADDLETON The Shrewsbury Club, Sundome Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG Tel: 01743 467755 E-Mail: simon.haddleton@theshrewsburyclub.co.uk
South Group A	TAUNTON – KERRY QUIRK Taunton Tennis Centre, Blackbrook Pavilion, Blackbrook Way, Taunton, TA1 2RW Tel: 01823 333 435 E-Mail: kerryquirk@everyoneactive.com
South Group B	EASTON – MATT BREESE Easton Tennis Centre, Easton & Otley College, Easton, Norwich, NR9 5DX Tel: 01603 731 264 E-Mail: Matthew.breese@ccn.ac.uk
South Group C	ALDERSHOT – LOUISE MOODIE Aldershot Tennis Centre, Prince's Avenue, Aldershot, GU11 2LD Tel: 01252 750 431 E-Mail: louise@aldershottenniscentre.co.uk
South Group D	CARDIFF – BILLY BARCLAY Cardiff Met University, Cyncoed Campus, Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, CF23 6XD Tel: 029 2041 6391 Email: bbarclay@cardiffmet.ac.uk / acbbbarclay@gmail.com
South Group E	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



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Unless specified below, all Qualifying Groups playing Sunday 24 March 2024

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Finals –

Girls – Saturday 20 April 2024

Boys – Sunday 21 April 2024

North Area Group Finals to be played at Nottingham Tennis Centre

South Area Group Finals to be played at DL Club Southampton

Event Personnel	Event Director – Julie Piper E-Mail – countycup@LTA.org.uk
Team Captains, Players & Parents Meeting	To be held no later than 60 mins before the start of play to include Referee, all Team Captains and a venue representative. This should last no longer than 30 minutes. Venue Rep to explain arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency evacuation procedures and any potential health & safety issues • Arrangements for stringing • Catering – to be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm • If on-site, the gym is not to be used Referee to explain the Rules & Regulations, start times of play and anything else relevant to the Event Team Captains, players & parents to be reminded about the necessity for teams to keep the Tennis Centre tidy. All cups, crockery, glasses, etc. should be returned to the catering area
Provisional Nominations	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 66 Area Qualification ruling. 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.
Final & Match Nominations	Please refer to Points 2 and 4 of the Rules & Regulations. By signing the appropriate line on the nomination form, Team Captains are accepting responsibility and acknowledging confirmation of final / daily nominated players and all players' have been nominated in the correct order.
Order of Play	ORDER OF PLAY FOR GROUPS COMPRISING 4 COUNTY TEAMS: Round 1 – A v B and C v D Round 2 – A v C and B v D Round 3 – A v D and B v C ORDER OF PLAY FOR GROUPS COMPRISING 5 COUNTY TEAMS: Round 1 – A v B and C v D Round 2 – A v C and B v E Round 3 – A v D and C v E Round 4 – A v E and B v D Round 5 – B v C and D v E Singles f/b doubles

Match Format	Please refer to Points 3, 4 and 14 of the Rules & Regulations
Match Scorecards	Once match nominations have been submitted the Referee will produce a match scorecard which will be given to each Team Captain. 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.
Match Results	The Referee to update and publish the results on the LTA website. At the end of the day, the full results and group positions will be updated on the LTA website.
Tennis Balls	6 dozen Dunlop orange ball. Best used balls from singles matches to be used for doubles matches.
Catering	Hot & cold refreshments should be available 10.00am and 4.00pm but counties are advised to check arrangements with the relevant venue.
Changing Facilities	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	Available on-site at the venue. Please ensure players keep scoreboards updated.
Noticeboard	The Referee will have access to a noticeboard and the following information will be posted: Updated daily and overall group results as they progress Copies of Team Captains Fact Sheet, LTA Code of Conduct + Event Rules & Regulations
Safeguarding Information	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. Team Captains should ensure they have been given copies of completed & signed emergency contact details for all players. If you or anyone in your county requires a copy of the venue risk assessment where your team(s) will be playing you can view all venue risk assessments here .
Discipline & Code Violations	Your attention is drawn to Rules 13, 13(a), 13(b) and 13(c) 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. 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.
Finals Details	The Finals for the winners of North Area Groups A to E will take place indoors at Nottingham Tennis Centre The Finals for the winners of South Area Groups A to E will take place indoors at DL Club Southampton County Offices + Team Captains of counties progressing to the Finals will be e-mailed all relevant information w/c Monday 26 March once the Qualifying Event has taken place.
Miscellaneous	Team captains or their nominated deputy, at their discretion, are allowed to remain on court for the duration of a match. Players should wear recognised tennis clothing as per the County Cup Regulations. Additional matches played over and above those scheduled in LTA County Cup Events are not eligible for ranking results - under no circumstances should they be played. Under no circumstances should players use or enter the gym. Medals will be given to Group Winners.

General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all Events County Cup Events 2024

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 (including adaptation of scoring format(s)) 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 64 and 66 (including schedule 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 withdrawing 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 66. 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. Including adaptation of scoring formats.
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. 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.
10. If there are still unfinished matches at the close of play on the final day, the result of the matches shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed providing one or two rounds of the day's programme have been completed in all matches of the group or section at that venue. Second round rubbers will only count if all second round rubbers of all matches at that venue have been completed. If no play is possible or fewer than 3 rubbers have been completed in any match at any venue, the results of all the matches for that day at that venue shall be declared null and void.
11. 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.
12. All players are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the LTA (including, without limitation, the LTA's Anti-Doping Programme, the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures and the Regulations Concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting) and fully and unconditionally submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the LTA by competing in the Competition.

13. 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:

- 13.1 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.
 - 13.2 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.
 - 13.3 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.
14. 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.

No complaint in connection with any LTA County Cup Event can be entertained by the LTA unless lodged with the LTA at countycup@lta.org.uk within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint.

LTA 9U County Cup Event 2024 Special Regulations

1. The Event shall be played in two stages - Qualifying and Finals.

The match format for both the Qualifying and Finals will be each county playing all other counties in a round robin with the winner of each group progressing to the Finals as previously designated. Boys and girls will compete in separate events.

The match format for the Finals will comprise of 2 Groups (North and South) with a maximum of 5 counties per group with each county playing all other counties within their group in a round robin to determine County champion – one for the north area and one for the south area.

Both the Qualifying Event and Finals will be played using indoor venues.

2. Final nominations must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before the start of play. Final nominations of all eligible players should be nominated in any order (Team Captains decision). The nominated order must be maintained throughout the day.
3. Counties should nominate a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 players per gender.
4. Each match shall consist of six rubbers – four girls singles and two girls doubles (to be played in the morning) and four boys singles and two boys doubles per rubber (to be played in the afternoon). In singles, No 1 shall play No 1 of the opposing team, No 2 shall play No 2 and so on, commencing with the No 4 singles. Players are only permitted to play two rubbers per match.
5. All rubbers shall be the best of 1 FAST4 set with a tie-break at 3-3 (2 clear to 7) with no ad-scoring.
6. Match nominations must be submitted to the Referee 15 minutes before the start of each match. The team shall be nominated in singles order according to the final nominations (Reg 2). Doubles pairings can be nominated once all singles matches have been completed.

If a player who has been nominated to play singles is unable to either begin the singles rubber or retires during the rubber, for whatever reason, that player is permitted to compete in doubles in the same match if fit to do so.

7. Team captains or their nominated deputy, at their discretion, are allowed to remain on court for the duration of a match.
8. If any player is absent when called upon to play by the Referee, that rubber and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opponent(s) by one love set. 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.

9. If a player or doubles pair play out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded a one love set.
10. If a player is unable complete a rubber that has started due to injury, sickness or disqualification the opposing player or pair shall be awarded the requisite number of points to win the rubber.
11. 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 4-0. This shall apply separately to boys and girls.
12. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
13. At 3 rubbers each a doubles tie-break shoot-out (to 10 points with 2 clear) shall be played to establish a winner.

Tie-break shoot out (1 pair):

Player 1: one of the players from the number 1 doubles pair

Player 2: one of the players from the number 2 doubles pair

14. The team with most rubber points shall win the match. A team receives 2 match points on the league table for a match win.
15. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If a match in progress cannot be finished on the day, and less than twelve rubbers have been completed, 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 tiebreaks won; or
 - c) If there is equality of rubbers and tiebreaks, by the majority of points won
16. The final standings for the Group 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 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)



FAST4 Tournament Scoring Format & Rules
Effective from 1st September 2019

1. Matches will be played as the best of two (2) short sets (first to four (4) games) with a tie-break (first to seven (7) points, two points clear at six (6) points all) played at three (3) games all. If at the conclusion of the second set, the score is 1 set all, a match tie-break (first to ten (10) points, two points clear at nine (9) points all) will be played to determine the outcome of the match.
2. All singles and doubles matches will be played using no-ad scoring, with the receiver choosing the side to receive the service from when the game reaches deuce. In doubles the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the game.
3. Between points, a maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds is allowed. The maximum time starts from the moment that one point finishes until the first service is struck for the next point.
4. When the players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of sixty (60) seconds are allowed. Players are not permitted to sit down during the change of ends during a set.
5. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of ninety (90) seconds. Players are permitted to sit down at the end of a set.
6. Players are entitled to a 20 minute rest in between matches. The minimum rest periods may be reduced in exceptional circumstances.
7. A player shall be scheduled to play up to four (4) FAST4 singles matches in a day.