

# LTA 18U County Cup Event 2023

## Competition Pack

As of 5 January 2023

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## Introduction & Important Dates

Welcome to the Competition Pack for the LTA 18U 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.

The LTA 18U County Cup Event was first played in 1967 with Warwickshire boys and Devon girls being the first winners. Since then, Essex boys have won the Championships 13 times and Surrey girls 16 times

## Event Details –

The 18U County Cup Event is a 'one-off Event' played over 3 days - usually the end of February / beginning of March.

The 44 counties are placed in 22 groups of 4 counties per gender. Groups are normally placed in order of the previous year's results with Group 1 being the 'premier league'. Groups are allocated to venues so as to try and involve the least amount of travelling time for teams within that group.

The match format is played on a round-robin basis with each team playing 6 singles and 3 doubles. All singles matches will be the best of 3 tie-break sets except doubles rubbers when no-ad scoring shall be used throughout the match and when the score is one set all; one MTB (10 points) shall be played.

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

Teams are nominated in LTA Tennis Ranking order.

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 this pack

Event & Dates	Nominations Open	Nominations Close
<b>LTA 18U County Cup Event For players born in 2005 or later</b>	Monday 23 January 2023	Monday 13 February 2023



**LTA 18U County Cup Event**  
**Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March 2023**

Boys – Groups, Venues & Personnel			
Group 1 – University of Bath, Bath, BA2 7AY Centre Organiser: Julie Piper – 020 8 487 7027 Referee: Court Supervisors: LTA Representative:			
A	Kent	C	Surrey
B	Middlesex	D	Cheshire
Group 2a – Sheffield, S8 8JR Centre Organiser: Steve Holmes - 0114 283 9500 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Yorkshire	C	North of Scotland
B	Essex	D	Devon
Group 2b – Exeter, EX4 4QN Centre Organiser: Guy Leverton – 07944 317 547 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Lancashire	C	Dorset
B	Hertfordshire	D	Berkshire
Group 3a – Southampton, SO16 0XS Centre Organiser: Cianan - 02380 747 160 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Sussex	C	Hampshire & IOW
B	Cambridgeshire	D	East of Scotland
Group 3b – Newport, NP19 4PT Centre Organiser: Luke DiFranco - 01633 656 757 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Leicestershire	C	Warwickshire
B	South Wales	D	Staffordshire
Group 4a – Norwich, NR9 5DX Centre Organiser: Matt Breese - 01603 731 264 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Cumbria	C	Norfolk
B	West of Scotland	D	Avon
Group 4b – Northampton, NN3 6LL Centre Organiser: Ben Whittaker - 01604 797 900 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Suffolk	C	Buckinghamshire
B	Northamptonshire	D	Somerset
Group 5a – Hull, HU1 2TX Centre Organiser: David Kitchen - 01482 321 119 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Derbyshire	C	Nottinghamshire
B	Northumberland	D	Wiltshire
Group 5b – Sunderland, SR3 1PD Centre Organiser: Graham Fowler - 0333 005 0152 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Herefordshire & Worcestershire	C	Durham & Cleveland
B	Gloucestershire	D	Oxfordshire
Group 6a – Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG Centre Organiser: Simon Haddleton - 01743 467 755 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Shropshire	C	Lincolnshire
B	Bedfordshire	D	Channel Islands
Group 6b – Wirral, CH41 7EJ Centre Organiser: Phil Leighton – 07872 161 712 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Cornwall	C	North Wales
B	South of Scotland		

Channel Islands girls confirmed they are not fielding a team 10.10.2022  
IOM confirmed they are not fielding a boys or girls team 25.10.2022

Girls – Groups, Venues & Personnel			
Group 1 – University of Bath, Bath, BA2 7AY Centre Organiser: Julie Piper – 020 8 487 7027 Referee: Court Supervisors: LTA Representative:			
A	Middlesex	C	Surrey
B	Yorkshire	D	Cheshire
Group 2a – Edgbaston, B15 2UZ Organiser: Leyla Ogan - 0121 446 3180 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Hertfordshire	C	Avon
B	Essex	D	Warwickshire
Group 2b – Bromley, BR6 9SA Centre Organiser: Emma Wanostrocht - 01689 880 407 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Sussex	C	Kent
B	Lancashire	D	South Wales
Group 3a – Cambridge, CB2 8PF Centre Organiser: Dan West - 01223 500 009 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Hampshire & IOW	C	Cambridgeshire
B	Nottinghamshire	D	Suffolk
Group 3b – Taunton, TA1 2RW Centre Organiser: Kerry Quirk - 01823 333 435 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Somerset	C	Staffordshire
B	Buckinghamshire	D	Herefordshire & Worcestershire
Group 4a – Cardiff Met, CF23 6XD Centre Organiser: Billy Barclay - 029 2041 6391 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Dorset	C	Wiltshire
B	Leicestershire	D	Berkshire
Group 4b – Aberdeen, AB25 3DE Centre Organiser: Matt Kerswall - 01224 507 748 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	North Wales	C	East of Scotland
B	West of Scotland	D	Northumberland
Group 5a – Bideford, EX39 3BE Centre Organiser: Tom Vinall - 07587 782 675 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Bedfordshire	C	Gloucestershire
B	Derbyshire	D	Devon
Group 5b – Grantham, NG31 8HU Centre Organiser: Sarah Patton - 07930 900 979 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Norfolk	C	Lincolnshire
B	North of Scotland	D	Northamptonshire
Group 6a – Prestwick, KA9 2TS Centre Organiser: Janice Rogerson - 01292 474 700 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Durham & Cleveland	C	South of Scotland
B	Cumbria		
Group 6b – Ellesmere, SY12 9AB Organiser: Stephen Welti – 01691 622 321 Referee: LTA Representative:			
A	Cornwall	C	Shropshire
B	Oxfordshire		

## Venue Contact Details

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<b>Boys Group 6a</b>	<b>SHREWSBURY – SIMON HADDLETON</b> The Shrewsbury Club, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG Tel: 01743 467755 EMail: <a href="mailto:simon.haddleton@theshrewsburyclub.co.uk">simon.haddleton@theshrewsburyclub.co.uk</a>
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**LTA 18U COUNTY CUP**  
**Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March 2023**

**TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET**

Event Personnel	Event Director – Julie Piper E-Mail – <a href="mailto:countycup@LTA.org.uk">countycup@LTA.org.uk</a>
Team Captains Meeting	<p>To be held <b>no later than 9.30am Friday 3 March</b> 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"> <li>• Measures in place re. social distancing, one-way system, access to changing rooms, etc.</li> <li>• Emergency evacuation procedures and any potential health &amp; safety issues</li> <li>• Arrangements for stringing</li> <li>• Catering</li> <li>• Use of gym (if on-site)</li> </ul> <p>Referee to explain the Rules &amp; 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>
Provisional Nominations	<p>It is a county's responsibility to check the eligibility of all team players and that all players are LTA members. 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 Rule 66 Area Qualification ruling.</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>
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>By signing the appropriate line on the nomination form, the Team Captain is accepting responsibility and acknowledging confirmation of final / daily nominated players and all players' have been nominated in the correct order.</p>
Practice Courts	<p>Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March available each day 30 mins before start of play.</p> <p>Limited courts are available on Thursday 2 March – to be booked no later than Monday 20 February. Counties are responsible for the payment of any courts used + provision of tennis balls.</p>
Start Time of Play	<p>Friday 3 March – No later than 9.30am          Saturday 4 March – No later than 9.00am          Sunday 5 March – No later than 9.00am</p>
Order of Play	<p><b><u>Group 1 only</u></b>          Friday 3 March – A v C and B v D          Saturday 4 March – Winner Day 1 v Winner Day 1 and Loser Day 1 v Loser Day 1          Sunday 5 March – Winners Day 1 v Losers Day 1</p> <p><b><u>Groups 2A to 6B</u></b>          Friday 3 March – A v C and B v D          Saturday 4 March – Winners Day 1 v Losers Day 1          Sunday 5 March – 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 best of 3 sets. Any 3rd set in doubles rubbers shall be replaced by a Match Tie-break. Doubles rubbers will use no-ad scoring (receiver's choice) throughout the match.</p> <p>Rubbers should not be conceded if this affects the final position of counties in a group.</p> <p>Additional matches played over and above those scheduled in County Cup Events are not eligible for rating / ranking(s) results - under no circumstances should they be played.</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 & 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.
Catering	Hot & cold refreshments may be available between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Counties are advised to check with the relevant venue.
Changing Facilities	Access to changing facilities may vary from venue to venue. Counties are advised to check with relevant venue.
Scoreboards & Seating	In order to minimise 'touch points' (and cleaning after use) these may not be available.
Noticeboard	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 <a href="#">safeguarding documents</a>. 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>Team Captains should ensure they have been given copies of completed &amp; <a href="#">signed emergency contact</a> details for any player aged 18 &amp; under.</p>
Discipline & Code Violations	<p>Your attention is drawn to Rules 13, 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 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. 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>Team captains or their nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players at change of ends within the 90 second break and may remain on court.</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> <p>Presentations to take place on Sunday 5 March. Out of courtesy to the venue, LTA representative and counties within your Group all teams are requested to remain on-site until these have taken place.</p>

## General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all Events County Cup Events 2023

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](mailto: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.
15. 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](mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk) within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint.

## **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 and thereafter ITF World (singles) Tennis Number order, must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before start of play on the first day. The nominated order must be maintained throughout the Event.

For the 18U County Cup - final nominations, in LTA 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.

For the Winter County Cup Event – To be eligible for nomination players must be born on or before 31 December 2009.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

6. A player who has been defaulted may not be substituted.
7. For the Winter County Cup Event - 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 the 18U County Cup Event - team captains or their nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players at change of ends within the 90 second break and may remain on court.



8. 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.
9. If a player or doubles pair plays out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded two love sets.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
14. The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. A team receives 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

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:

- 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