

# LTA Seniors County Cup Event 2022

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## Introduction & Important Dates

Welcome to the Competition Pack for the LTA Seniors 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.

In October 2019, Seniors Tennis GB announced; as one of the measures the LTA is undertaking to provide greater support to seniors' tennis, which is run by the volunteers of Seniors Tennis GB, it has been decided the Inter-County events will, from 2020, be organised by the LTA Competitions Team as a consolidation of the stable of County Cup Events (with Julie Piper as Tournament Director). Both the LTA and Seniors Tennis GB welcomed this initiative.

### Event Details –

The LTA Seniors County Cup Event is held in two stages – a Qualifying Event which is held from the Monday 4 April to Monday 3 October 2022 with the Finals being played in Sheffield the weekend of Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October 2022.

There are 7 Events per gender –

- Women – Over 40s, Over 50s, Over 55s, Over 60s, Over 65s, Over 70s and Over 75s
- Men – Over 45s, Over 50s, Over 55s, Over 60s, Over 65s, Over 70s and Over 75s

Counties entering the relevant age groups are placed in order of the 2019 Event results with Group 1 being the 'premier league'. Wherever possible, groups are allocated so as to involve the least amount of travelling time for all the teams within that group.

The match format is played on a round-robin basis and varies from age group to age group. Please refer to the rules & regulations (Rule 3 – Match Format) for specific information for the relevant age group.

Each rubber shall be the best of three sets. The tie-break will apply at 6 games all in the first two sets. The 3<sup>rd</sup> set in all matches will consist of a Championship tie-break (to 10 points).

For any match, counties may nominate a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 players.

Teams are nominated in British Tennis Rating order.

<b>Qualifying Events &amp; Dates</b>	<b>Nominations Open</b>	<b>Nominations Close</b>
<b>LTA Seniors County Cup Event</b> Qualifying Event – Monday 4 April to Monday 3 October 2022  Wherever possible, matches to be arranged by 30 April 2022 All matches to be played and results submitted by 3 October 2022	7 March 2022	2 October 2022

<b>Dates for the Finals</b>	<b>Nominations Open</b>	<b>Nominations Close</b>
<b><u>Friday 28 October 2022</u></b> Finals for the Ladies Over 65s, 70s and 75s Finals for the Men's Over 65s, 70s and 75s	3 October 2022	17 October 2022
<b><u>Saturday 29 October 2022</u></b> Finals for the Ladies Over 55s and 60s Finals for the Men's Over 55s and 60s	3 October 2022	17 October 2022
<b><u>Sunday 30 October 2022</u></b> Finals for the Ladies Over 40s and 50s Finals for the Men's Over 45s and 50s	3 October 2022	17 October 2022

**LTA Seniors County Cup Events 2022**  
**Men's Over 45s and Ladies Over 40s**

**Men's Over 45s**

Group 1a		W	R
A	Surrey		
B	Kent		
C	Somerset		
D	Middlesex		
E	Durham & Cleveland		
F	Lancashire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Cambridgeshire		
B	Yorkshire		
C	Hampshire & IOW		
D	Hertfordshire		
E	Berkshire		
F	South Wales		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Staffordshire		
B	Devon		
C	Leicestershire		
D	Norfolk		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Buckinghamshire		
B	Shropshire		
C	Cumbria		
D	Warwickshire		
E	Cheshire		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Sussex		
B	Essex		
C	Avon		
D	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
E	Isle of Man		

Group 3b		W	R
A	Lincolnshire		
B	Nottinghamshire		
C	Bedfordshire		
D	Derbyshire		
E	Oxfordshire		
F	Gloucestershire		

**Ladies' Over 40s**

Group 1a		W	R
A	Leicestershire		
B	Kent		
C	Surrey		
D	Lancashire		
E	Lincolnshire		
F	Dorset		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Hertfordshire		
B	Berkshire		
C	Middlesex		
D	Buckinghamshire		
E	Yorkshire		
F	Somerset		

Group 2a		W	R
A	South Wales		
B	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
C	Cheshire		
D	Cumbria		
E	Warwickshire		
F	North Wales		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Hampshire & IOW		
B	Sussex		
C	Bedfordshire		
D	Cambridgeshire		
E	Essex		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Nottinghamshire		
B	Northumberland		
C	East of Scotland		
D	Staffordshire		
E	Durham & Cleveland		

Group 3b		W	R
A	Shropshire		
B	Cornwall		
C	Norfolk		
D	Oxfordshire		
E	Wiltshire		
F	Suffolk		

## LTA Seniors County Cup Events 2022

### Men's Over 50s and Ladies Over 50s

#### Men's Over 50s

Group 1a		W	R
A	Surrey		
B	Hampshire & IOW		
C	Warwickshire		
D	South Wales		
E	Kent		
F	Staffordshire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Essex		
B	Buckinghamshire		
C	Leicestershire		
D	Gloucestershire		
E	Shropshire		
F	Derbyshire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Nottinghamshire		
B	Devon		
C	Somerset		
D	Norfolk		
E	Lancashire		
F	Cheshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Durham & Cleveland		
B	Lincolnshire		
C	Oxfordshire		
D	Hertfordshire		
E	Cambridgeshire		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Sussex		
B	Yorkshire		
C	Northumberland		
D	Middlesex		
E	Avon		
F	Cornwall		
G	Dorset		

#### Ladies' Over 50s

Group 1a		W	R
A	Kent		
B	Sussex		
C	Surrey		
D	Yorkshire		
E	Hertfordshire		
F	Gloucestershire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Middlesex		
B	Avon		
C	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
D	Lancashire		
E	Nottinghamshire		
F	Lincolnshire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Essex		
B	Norfolk		
C	Hampshire & IOW		
D	Cambridgeshire		
E	Wiltshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Oxfordshire		
B	Somerset		
C	Warwickshire		
D	Buckinghamshire		
E	Shropshire		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Leicestershire		
B	South Wales		
C	Bedfordshire		
D	Cornwall		

Group 3b		W	R
A	Cheshire		
B	Devon		
C	Dorset		
D	Berkshire		
E	Northumberland		

## LTA Seniors County Cup Events 2022

### Men's Over 55s and Ladies Over 55s

#### Men's Over 55s

Group 1a		W	R
A	Middlesex		
B	Leicestershire		
C	Essex		
D	Kent		
E	Oxfordshire		
F	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Yorkshire		
B	Lancashire		
C	Surrey		
D	Devon		
E	Cheshire		
F	Staffordshire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Buckinghamshire		
B	Hampshire & IOW		
C	Warwickshire		
D	Norfolk		
E	Avon		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Bedfordshire		
B	Cambridgeshire		
C	Lincolnshire		
D	Sussex		
E	Wiltshire		

Group 3a		W	R
A	South Wales		
B	Dorset		
C	Berkshire		
D	Hertfordshire		
E	Derbyshire		
F	Durham & Cleveland		
G	Northamptonshire		

#### Ladies' Over 55s

Group 1a		W	R
A	Surrey		
B	Hertfordshire		
C	Lancashire		
D	Middlesex		
E	Durham & Cleveland		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Kent		
B	South Wales		
C	Buckinghamshire		
D	Lincolnshire		
E	Gloucestershire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Hampshire & IOW		
B	Warwickshire		
C	Nottinghamshire		
D	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
E	Leicestershire		
F	Staffordshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Avon		
B	Essex		
C	Wiltshire		
D	Oxfordshire		
E	Cornwall		
F	Suffolk		

**LTA Seniors County Cup Events 2022**  
**Men's Over 60s and Ladies Over 60s**

**Men's Over 60s**

Group 1a		W	R
A	Surrey		
B	Yorkshire		
C	Nottinghamshire		
D	Essex		
E	Dorset		
F	Leicestershire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Warwickshire		
B	Middlesex		
C	Lancashire		
D	Staffordshire		
E	Cheshire		
F	Devon		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Buckinghamshire		
B	Kent		
C	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
D	Gloucestershire		
E	Oxfordshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Berkshire		
B	Hertfordshire		
C	Hampshire & IOW		
D	Sussex		
E	Cambridgeshire		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Derbyshire		
B	South Wales		
C	Northumberland		
D	Wiltshire		
E	Somerset		
F	Cornwall		
G	Cumbria		

Group 3b		W	R
A	Suffolk		
B	Avon		
C	Norfolk		
D	Bedfordshire		
E	North Wales		

**Ladies' Over 60s**

Group 1a		W	R
A	Essex		
B	Kent		
C	Surrey		
D	Yorkshire		
E	South Wales		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Lancashire		
B	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
C	Norfolk		
D	Hampshire & IOW		
E	Middlesex		
F	Cambridgeshire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Buckinghamshire		
B	Hertfordshire		
C	Suffolk		
D	Gloucestershire		
E	Sussex		
F	Lincolnshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Cheshire		
B	Shropshire		
C	Leicestershire		
D	Oxfordshire		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Devon		
B	Somerset		
C	Avon		
D	Wiltshire		
E	Cornwall		

Group 3b		W	R
A	Northumberland		
B	Warwickshire		
C	Derbyshire		
D	Berkshire		
E	Nottinghamshire		

**LTA Seniors County Cup Events 2022**  
**Men's Over 65s and Ladies Over 65s**

**Men's Over 65s**

**Ladies' Over 65s**

Group 1a		W	R
A	Staffordshire		
B	Dorset		
C	Hertfordshire		
D	Norfolk		
E	Leicestershire		

Group 1a		W	R
A	Suffolk		
B	Surrey		
C	Hampshire & IOW		
D	Norfolk		
E	Buckinghamshire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Kent		
B	Surrey		
C	Hampshire & IOW		
D	Middlesex		
E	Essex		
F	Lancashire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Lincolnshire		
B	South Wales		
C	East of Scotland		
D	Cheshire		
E	Shropshire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Berkshire		
B	Sussex		
C	Gloucestershire		
D	Wiltshire		
E	Buckinghamshire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Middlesex		
B	Devon		
C	Gloucestershire		
D	Dorset		
E	Nottinghamshire		
F	Warwickshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Cheshire		
B	Yorkshire		
C	Lincolnshire		
D	Nottinghamshire		
E	Devon		
F	Warwickshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Yorkshire		
B	Lancashire		
C	Kent		
D	Essex		
E	Hertfordshire		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Bedfordshire		
B	Avon		
C	Cambridgeshire		
D	Somerset		
E	South Wales		
F	Cornwall		
G	Suffolk		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Sussex		
B	Leicestershire		
C	Avon		
D	Somerset		
E	Wiltshire		

Group 3b		W	R
A	Northamptonshire		
B	Shropshire		
C	Cumbria		
D	Northumberland		
E	Derbyshire		
F	Durham & Cleveland		

Group 3b		W	R
A	Northumberland		
B	Derbyshire		
C	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
D	North Wales		
E	Cumbria		

**LTA Seniors County Cup Events 2022**  
**Men's Over 70s and Ladies Over 70s**

**Men's Over 70s**

Group 1a		W	R
A	Yorkshire		
B	Kent		
C	Middlesex		
D	Surrey		
E	Warwickshire		
F	Dorset		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Hampshire & IOW		
B	Leicestershire		
C	Sussex		
D	Hertfordshire		
E	Essex		
F	Nottinghamshire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Bedfordshire		
B	Buckinghamshire		
C	Devon		
D	Avon		
E	Oxfordshire		
F	Lincolnshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Suffolk		
B	South Wales		
C	Norfolk		
D	Lancashire		
E	Cumbria		
F	Cheshire		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Somerset		
B	Berkshire		
C	Gloucestershire		
D	Wiltshire		

Group 3b		W	R
A	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
B	Northamptonshire		
C	Northumberland		
D	North Wales		
E	Staffordshire		

**Ladies' Over 70s**

Group 1a		W	R
A	Middlesex		
B	Surrey		
C	Suffolk		
D	Devon		
E	Lincolnshire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Sussex		
B	Kent		
C	Lancashire		
D	Yorkshire		
E	Buckinghamshire		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Hampshire & IOW		
B	Warwickshire		
C	Shropshire		
D	Oxfordshire		
E	Cheshire		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Dorset		
B	Gloucestershire		
C	Avon		
D	Somerset		

Group 3a		W	R
A	Leicestershire		
B	Cambridgeshire		
C	Hertfordshire		
D	South Wales		
E	Norfolk		

## LTA Seniors County Cup Events 2022

### Men's Over 75s and Ladies Over 75s

#### Men's Over 75s

Group 1a		W	R
A	Essex		
B	Hertfordshire		
C	Surrey		
D	Lancashire		
E	Staffordshire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Kent		
B	Avon		
C	Hampshire & IOW		
D	Cornwall		
E	Norfolk		
F	Suffolk		

Group 2a		W	R
A	Devon		
B	Sussex		
C	Wiltshire		
D	Dorset		

Group 2b		W	R
A	Nottinghamshire		
B	Cheshire		
C	Warwickshire		
D	Middlesex		

Group 3		W	R
A	Buckinghamshire		
B	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		
C	Lincolnshire		
D	Shropshire		
E	Leicestershire		
F	Isle of Man		
G	Bedfordshire		

#### Ladies' Over 75s

Group 1a		W	R
A	Kent		
B	Hampshire & IOW		
C	Warwickshire		
D	Cambridgeshire		
E	Shropshire		
F	Lancashire		

Group 1b		W	R
A	Surrey		
B	Cheshire		
C	Northumberland		
D	Suffolk		
E	Lincolnshire		



## LTA SENIORS' COUNTY CUP EVENT

**Qualifying Rounds – Monday 4 April to Monday 3 October 2022**  
**Finals – Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October 2022**

### TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET

Personnel	<p>Event Director – Julie Piper          Telephone – 020 8 487 7027          E-Mail – <a href="mailto:countycup@LTA.org.uk">countycup@LTA.org.uk</a></p> <p>Event Referee – Tom Kinloch          Telephone – 07855 023 513          E-Mail – <a href="mailto:t.kinloch@btinternet.com">t.kinloch@btinternet.com</a></p>
Player Eligibility	<p>Please refer to point 2 in the Rules &amp; Regulations.</p> <p>It is a county's own 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 a county'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>
Composition of Team	<p>Please refer to Regulation 4.</p> <p>Nomination process opens on the 7 March 2022 and closes 3 October 2022.</p> <p>Match nominations, in ITF World Tennis Number order, must be submitted to the opposing Team Captain 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.</p> <p>Any query relating to results, nominations, player eligibility, etc. must be raised in writing to the LTA Competitions Team within 48 hours or it will not be considered.</p>
Match Arrangements	<p>Wherever possible, matches to be arranged no later than Saturday 30 April 2022. All matches to be completed no later than Monday 3 October 2022 and all results submitted by Tuesday 4 October 2022.</p> <p>Unless previously agreed, matches should start no earlier than 1.00pm.</p> <p>Please refer to point 5 in the Rules &amp; Regulations.</p>
Match Format and Order of Play	<p>Please refer to Regulation 3, 6 and 7.</p> <p>Each rubber to be the best of three sets. The tie-break will apply at 6 games all in the first two sets. The 3<sup>rd</sup> set in all matches will consist of a Championship Tie Break (to 10 points).</p> <p>Rubbers should not be conceded as this may affect the final position of counties in a group.</p>
Match Scorecards	<p>You are advised to print a copy of the Rules &amp; Regulations and scorecards to take with you to your matches. Please ensure you have read the Rules &amp; Regulations before your matches!</p>

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<p>Court Surface and Tennis Balls</p>	<p>The home team will be responsible for providing a minimum of three new ITF approved tennis balls for each first round of rubbers, for arranging the date and venue of the match and for the hospitality.</p> <p>Teams must be prepared to play on any surface of acceptable standard, under floodlights or on covered courts, as offered by the home team with the following exception; if the courts that are available are of more than one surface it will be the choice of the away team as to which surface should be used.</p>						
<p>Discipline and Code of Conduct</p>	<p>Please refer to Rule 6 &amp; 7.</p> <p>Your attention is drawn to Rules 9, 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 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>Finals</p>	<p>Please refer to Rule 10.</p> <p>The top team in Groups 1A and 1B will contest a Final. No player may play for more than one team during the Finals weekend.</p> <p>To be played on the indoor acrylic courts at:</p> <p>Graves Tennis &amp; Leisure Centre          Bochum Parkway          Sheffield          S8 8JR</p> <p>Tel: 0114 283 9500          Website: <a href="http://www.placesforpeopleleisure.org">www.placesforpeopleleisure.org</a></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="400 1070 1489 1171"> <tr> <td>Friday 28 October</td> <td>Ladies 65, 70 &amp; 75 and Men's 65, 70 &amp; 75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday 29 October</td> <td>Ladies 55 &amp; 60 and Men's 55 &amp; 60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday 30 October</td> <td>Ladies 40 &amp; 50 and Men's 45 &amp; 50</td> </tr> </table> <p>The rules and regulations for the Finals weekend are included in the Competition Pack.</p>	Friday 28 October	Ladies 65, 70 & 75 and Men's 65, 70 & 75	Saturday 29 October	Ladies 55 & 60 and Men's 55 & 60	Sunday 30 October	Ladies 40 & 50 and Men's 45 & 50
Friday 28 October	Ladies 65, 70 & 75 and Men's 65, 70 & 75						
Saturday 29 October	Ladies 55 & 60 and Men's 55 & 60						
Sunday 30 October	Ladies 40 & 50 and Men's 45 & 50						

## **General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all Events County Cup Events 2022**

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 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 are encouraged to enter all relevant County Cup Events. Any County intending to compete in an Event must email notification to the Event Director ([countycup@LTA.org.uk](mailto:countycup@LTA.org.uk)) 31 December 2021 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 35. 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. With the exception of Seniors County Cup, any County failing to show or nominate a 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. With the exception of Seniors County Cup, 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. For Seniors County Cup events any singles matches played shall be in ITF World Tennis Number order.
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. 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:

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.

- 9.3 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.
10. 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 match.

## **LTA Seniors County Cup Event 2022**

**Women's – Over 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75**

**Men's – Over 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75**

### **Special Regulations**

#### **1. Format of the Competition**

Divisions shall be divided into two groups (A and B) which shall be rearranged annually by The LTA Competitions Team into geographical groupings where practicable to reduce travel costs (apart from Division 1).

Generally two teams from each division will be promoted and two teams from each division will be relegated, apart from Division 1 where there can be no promotions and the bottom division(s) where there can be no relegations.

The arrangement of divisions will depend on the number of counties entering the relevant age group.

The County winning Division 1A and 1B of each age category shall proceed to the Finals to determine the Champion County for the year within that age group.

Any county withdrawing or, entering a new team into an age group not previously entered, will be placed in the bottom group for the following year's Event.

#### **2. Eligibility**

Senior age qualification rules permit players to take part if they reach the minimum age at any time during the year in which the competition is played.

A player, if selected, is eligible to represent his/her County only in accordance with LTA Rules 35.

If a player moves to reside in another county, then one complete year must elapse before he/she may play a match for the new County, if selected.

All SCOs are responsible for verifying their players are eligible before nominating them to play in any representative match.

**In any one year, no player may play in more than one age category for which he/she is eligible, but a player may play down once in a younger age group (per season).** If he/she plays down more than once, he/she will forfeit his/her rubbers in any second or subsequent match. The exceptions to this are the women's 75 and men's 75 where a player may play down in the women's and men's over 70 competition to a maximum of twice.

Once a player has opted for a particular age category in his/her first fixture of the season, this will be deemed to be his/her elected age category unless made clear to the Event Director at [countycup@lta.org.uk](mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk) that this is the match/matches to be played in the younger age group.

#### **3. Match Format**

**For all Men's age groups up to and including 65s; Division 1 of 70s**

**For all Ladies 40; divisions above Division 3 of 50s and 55s; Division 1 of 60s and 65s**

Each match shall consist of five rubbers - two singles and three doubles: commencing with No 1 playing No 1 of the opposing team and then No 2 playing No 2 of the opposing team followed by doubles.

##### **Round 1**

Singles 1 v singles 1

Singles 2 v singles 2

1st doubles v 1st doubles

##### **Round 2**

1st doubles v 2nd doubles

2nd doubles v 1st doubles

Each match shall be decided on the combined result of singles and doubles. All matches must be completed (apart from the Finals which are played to a result).

For Men's 70 below Division 1; 75s

For all Ladies 50 and 55 below Division 2; 60s below Division 1; 65s below Division 1, 70s and 75s

Each match shall consist of four doubles rubbers only to be played as follows:

#### **Round 1**

1st pair v 1st pair  
2nd pair v 2nd pair

#### **Round 2**

1st pair v 2nd pair  
2nd pair v 1st pair

Each rubber shall be the best of three sets. The tie-break will apply at 6 games all in the first two sets. The 3<sup>rd</sup> set in all matches will consist of a Championship Tie Break (to 10 points).

Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. Each match to be decided on number of rubbers won. However;

- (a) If rubbers are tied, the number of sets won will decide.
- (b) If sets are tied, the number of games won will decide.
- (c) If games are tied, the combined result of the first two rubbers will decide first rubbers, then sets, then games.
- (d) If a tie still prevails, then the result of the leading rubber, ie 1st pair v 1st pair, will decide.
- (e) If the first round of the match has been fully completed without concessions and inclement weather prevents the whole match from being completed, then a result can be obtained on the first round, first on rubbers, then sets, then games.
- (f) If a draw still results, then the match between the first pairs will decide

Two points are allocated per rubber and per match win and this is reflected on the league table accordingly.

#### **4. Composition of Teams**

Team nominations open Monday 7 March 2022 and close Monday 3 October 2022.

All players, singles & doubles, must be a British Tennis Member. Singles players must be nominated in ITF World Tennis Number order

Match nominations, in ITF World Tennis Number order, must be submitted to the opposing Team Captain 30 mins 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.

Counties should nominate a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 players per match. A fifth player may be introduced to play in the doubles rubbers in the second round as substitute for any player nominated to play in round one, but no player shall meet in round two a player who he/she met in round one.

Where the match comprises doubles only, a team comprises a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 players one substitution may be allowed in the second round.

If a player retires for any reason at any stage, he/she may take no further part in the match.

No player may play for more than one team during the Finals weekend.

#### **5. Match Arrangements**

All matches must be arranged by Team Captains no later than **Saturday 30 April 2022**.

On receipt of notification of Divisions and matches to be played, the home team will offer three dates for the fixture. The three dates must include dates over at least 2 different weekends and must be 8 clear days apart. Dates should not be offered during National Championships and World Championships unless agreed by both teams.

The onus is on both captains to ensure arrangements are made promptly. No extensions of time will be granted beyond the end of the Competition – please ensure all matches have been played & completed and results entered by **Tuesday 4 October 2022**.

The matches will be managed, and all necessary arrangements made, by the County Associations concerned.

The home team will be responsible for providing a minimum of three new ITF approved tennis balls for each first round of rubbers, for arranging the date and venue of the match and for the hospitality.

Teams must be prepared to play on any surface of acceptable standard, under floodlights or on covered courts, as offered by the home team with the following exception; if the courts that are available are of more than one surface it will be the choice of the away team as to which surface should be used.

Unless agreed otherwise by both captains matches should not start before 1.00pm.

Team Officials are not allowed on court during the matches and no advice by any person is permitted during play.

Both captains must complete and sign the scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours and the losing captain is responsible for checking the entry.

Any query relating to results, nominations, player eligibility, etc. must be raised in writing to the LTA Competitions Team within 48 hours or it will not be considered.

## 6. Conduct, and Completion, of Matches

If players arrive more than 30 minutes late, then the first set of each rubber not started at the agreed starting time may be claimed by the opposition.

Players arriving more than one hour late, then each rubber scheduled to start at the agreed starting time may be claimed by the opposition.

Incomplete rubbers will be void, except in the case of illness or injury (details of which must be clearly recorded in the scorecard) when the retiring player shall lose the match but may record and games and sets won in that match prior to his/her retirement.

If a match is abandoned before completion of the first round, the match shall be replayed at the reverse venue with a new date and time being agreed mutually as per Rule 5.

If sufficient prior notice has been given by the home venue that no play is possible so the away team does not need to travel to that match, then a new date and time shall be agreed mutually as per Rule 5 at the original venue.

If a County fields an incomplete team, one rubber will be deducted from that team's result.

## 7. Conceded Matches

In the event of a match being conceded the defaulting county will receive no points and **will be relegated to the division below** at the end of the season.

Counties who default more than once might not be accepted into the competition for the following year. On re-entry such counties will be placed in the lowest division.

Any county conceding a match must inform The LTA Competitions Team.

## 8. Promotion/Relegation

The final order in each division in which all matches have been completed (or results have been reached in accordance with Rules 3) shall be determined by the number of matches won.

In a division where this applies but there are teams with an equal number of matches won and in a division where not all matches have been completed but the number of matches won by two or more teams is equal, the positions shall be determined by comparing:

- (a) Percentage of rubbers won to rubbers completed for each team. Should this still fail to determine the order, then
- (b) Result of the match between them or if more than two, then
- (c) Percentage of sets won to sets completed. If two teams are still tied, then
- (d) Match result, or if more than two, then
- (e) Percentage of games won to games completed. Should this still leave two teams tied, then
- (f) Result of the match between them

## 9. Disputes

Any dispute arising between Counties shall immediately be referred to the LTA Competitions Team

**10. Separate rules for the Finals, as defined below, shall apply in addition to these Rules**

To be eligible for the Finals, a player must have played in one County League match in his/her elected age group during the season and cannot play down a age group in the Finals.

In exceptional circumstances, The LTA Competitions Team has the authority to authorise a non-nominated player to play in the Final. The criteria that will be applied for eligibility for the Finals for players are:

- (a) Eligible for the age group
- (b) Has an LTA number
- (c) Has not represented the County in another age group this year other than in playing one match down
- (d) The ITF World Tennis Number of the player should be no higher than that of the singles players
- (e) Will only be permitted to play doubles
- (f) A competitor may play in only one age group Final

Counties can only nominate a maximum of 5 players for the Finals. **Nominations open Monday 3 October to Monday 17 October 2022.**

The LTA Competitions Team reserves the right to impose an appropriate penalty should any county fail to take its place with a full team at the scheduled time in the Final.

Each rubber will consist of two tiebreak sets and, if necessary, a third set of a championship tie break [to 10 points]. Matches must only be played to a result.

The Order of Play for the Finals will be as follows:

<b><u>Friday 28 October 2022</u></b>	<b>9.30am 6 courts</b>  <b>12.45pm 6 courts</b>	Ladies 75 Ladies 70 Men 75  Ladies 65 Men 65 Men 70
<b><u>Saturday 29 October 2022</u></b>	<b>9. 30am 4 courts</b>	Men 55 Men 60 Ladies 55 Ladies 60
<b><u>Sunday 30 October 2022</u></b>	<b>09.30am 4 courts</b>	Men 45 Men 50 Ladies 40 Ladies 50

The order of play on Saturday and Sunday will be No 2 Singles followed by No 1 Singles, Doubles and reverse doubles

**Matches must be played to a result (eg 3-0 / 2-1)**



**LTA Seniors County Cup Event 2022**  
**Scorecard for Doubles matches**

Age Group \_\_\_\_\_

Men/Women (circle as appropriate)

Division \_\_\_\_\_

		Home Team Insert name of County		Away Team Insert name of County	Score	Rubbers		Sets		Games		
						H	A	H	A	H	A	
<b>Doubles</b>	Pair 1 BTM Nos.		Pair 1 BTM Nos.									
	Pair 2 BTM Nos.		Pair 2 BTM Nos.									
	Pair 2		Pair 1									
	Pair 1		Pair 2									

**Please make sure all BTM numbers are recorded**

Result: \_\_\_\_\_ beat \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_ Rubbers to \_\_\_\_\_ Sets to \_\_\_\_\_ Games to \_\_\_\_\_

Date Played: \_\_\_\_\_ Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure you enter all required details - male or female, age group, division, BTM numbers and enter county names where shown. Remember the Championship Tie Break counts as one set and one game.

**Signed:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Captain**

**Away Captain**



# LTA Seniors County Cup event 2022

## Scorecard for Singles / Doubles matches

Age Group \_\_\_\_\_

Men/Women (circle as appropriate)

Division \_\_\_\_\_

		Home Team Insert name of County		Away Team Insert name of County	Score	Rubbers		Sets		Games	
						H	A	H	A	H	A
Singles	No 1 Name		No 1 Name								
	BTM No		BTM No								
	Rating		Rating								
	No 2 Name		No 2 Name								
	BTM No		BTM No.								
	Rating		Rating								
Doubles	Nos 3 & 4 BTM Nos.		Nos 3 & 4 BTM Nos.								
	Nos 3 & 4		Nos 1 & 2								
	Nos 1 & 2		Nos 3 & 4								
					<b>Total</b>						

Result: \_\_\_\_\_ beat \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_ Rubbers to \_\_\_\_\_ Sets to \_\_\_\_\_ Games to \_\_\_\_\_

Date Played: \_\_\_\_\_ Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

Please be sure you enter all required details - male or female, age group, division, Membership numbers and enter county names where shown. Remember the Championship Tie Break counts as one set and one game.

**All players must be current British Tennis Members (BTM) and Single players have an LTA Rating.** If BTM Numbers are not shown for all players or are incorrectly recorded, these match results will not be included in the LTA Ratings Run.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Captain

Away Captain