

# LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP

## Monday 21 to Friday 25 July 2025

### Competition Pack

Information correct as of 11 June 2025

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## Introduction and Important Dates

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

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

The LTA Summer County Cup Event is possibly the oldest tennis event on the domestic calendar with Gloucestershire men being the winners back in 1895 and Surrey winning the first ladies event in 1899. Middlesex Men have won the Men's Championships a total of 37 times and Surrey Ladies the Ladies Championships a total of 51 times.

### Event Details –

The forty-four competing counties are organised in six groups of six counties per group and two groups of eight counties on a league basis.

Group 1 is the premier group with the men's and ladies' teams playing at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne with the top counties in this group winning the Championships. The other groups play at 11 grass court venues throughout the country and the leading two counties in both men's & ladies' groups 2 to 7 inclusive being promoted to the group above them. The bottom two teams are relegated to the group below except, of course, those in Group 7.

Each county team consists of three doubles pairs. Over the five days of the Event, each county plays every other county in its group. Each match shall consist of nine doubles rubbers. All rubbers shall be the best of two tie-break sets and a match tie-break (to 10 points). The team scoring the most rubbers wins by a score which can vary from 5-4 to 9-0.

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

The Order of Play is outlined later in this pack

Event & Dates	Nominations Open	Nominations Close
LTA Summer County Cup Monday 21 to Friday 25 July 2025  <b>To be eligible for nomination players must be born on or before 31 December 2011</b>	Monday 16 June 2025	Monday 30 June 2025



**LTA Summer County Cup 2025 – Groups, Venues & Personnel**  
**Monday 21 to Friday 25 July 2025**

<b>MEN'S GROUP 1 – EASTBOURNE</b> International Tennis Centre, Devonshire Park, College Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4JJ Tel: 020 8 487 7027 or 07971 141 326 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk">countycup@lta.org.uk</a>					Name of Contact – Rory McCutcheon – 07946 480325 Referee – Peter Grimsdale – 07761 464896 Court Supervisors – Suzy Larkin, Philip Hurst, Kossam Mhangami, Bob Jenkins, Julia Freeman LTA Representative – Sandi Procter			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Surrey				D	Northamptonshire		
B	East of Scotland				E	South Wales		
C	North of Scotland				F	Warwickshire		

  

<b>MEN'S GROUP 2 – ROEHAMPTON</b> Wimbledon Qualifying and Community Sports Centre, Bank Lane (Off Priory Lane), Roehampton, SW15 5JT Tel: 020 8 487 7171 or 07563 554 478 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk">countycup@lta.org.uk</a>					Name of Contact – Rebecca Brook – 07563 554 478 Referee – Alison Jackson – 07969 201527 Court Supervisor – Jane Monnery, Andy Lucey, Dena Nelson Smith, Elliot Jones, Graham Hunt LTA Representative – Kate Maurici			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Hertfordshire				D	Essex		
B	Kent				E	Cambridgeshire		
C	Buckinghamshire				F	Middlesex		

  

<b>MEN'S GROUP 3 – RAYNES PARK</b> The All England Lawn Tennis Club Community Tennis Centre, 170 Grand Drive, Raynes Park, SW20 9NB Tel: 07384 826 702 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:communitytennis@aeltc.com">communitytennis@aeltc.com</a>					Name of Contact – Catherine Edser - 07384 826 702 Referee – Mark Wilkinson – 07804 644573 Court Supervisor – Alfred Wong, Malgorzata Grzyb LTA Representative – Peter Bradshaw			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Suffolk				D	Hampshire & IOW		
B	Yorkshire				E	Nottinghamshire		
C	Derbyshire				F	Lancashire		

  

<b>MEN'S GROUP 4 – HAVANT</b> Avenue Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Southleigh Road, HAVANT, Hampshire, PO9 2RS Tel: 02392 482 750 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mikecolbourne1@hotmail.co.uk">mikecolbourne1@hotmail.co.uk</a>					Name of Contact – Mike Colbourne – 0239 248 2750 Referee – Phil Latham – 07966 937786 Court Supervisor – Colin Mendoza LTA Representative – Richard Marston			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Cheshire				D	Leicestershire		
B	West of Scotland				E	Devon		
C	Norfolk				F	Herefordshire & Worcestershire		

  

<b>MEN'S GROUP 5 – ILKLEY</b> Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Stourton Road, ILKLEY, LS29 9BG Tel: 01943 607182 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:kyle@iltsc.co.uk">kyle@iltsc.co.uk</a>					Name of Contact – Kyle Brassington – 01943 607 182 Referee – Fiona Fellows – 07791 013693 Court Supervisor – Elizabeth Wilson LTA Representative – Peter Vann			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Berkshire				D	Lincolnshire		
B	Durham & Cleveland				E	Shropshire		
C	North Wales				F	Staffordshire		

<b>MEN'S GROUP 6 – HUNSTANTON</b> Recreation Ground, King's Lynn / Cromer Road, Hunstanton, Norfolk, PE36 6BZ Tel: 01485 534227 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:dave.cleland@alivewestnorfolk.co.uk">dave.cleland@alivewestnorfolk.co.uk</a>						Name of Contact – Dave Cleland – 01485 534 227 Referee – Diane Gibson – 07973 986419 Court Supervisor – Robert Gibson LTA Representative – John Copsley			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>			<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Wiltshire				D	Somerset			
B	Dorset				E	Oxfordshire			
C	Northumberland				F	Sussex			

  

<b>MEN'S GROUP 7 – MANCHESTER</b> The Northern LTC, Palatine Road, West Didsbury, M20 3YA Tel: 0161 445 3093 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:jonathan.kinsella@thenorthern.co.uk">jonathan.kinsella@thenorthern.co.uk</a>						Name of Contact – Jonathan Kinsella - 0161 445 3093 Referee – Tom Brown – 07788 992191 Court Supervisor – Anne Miller, Christopher Martin LTA Representative – Rob Hemmings			
	<b>Section M</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Section N</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Avon				B	Gloucestershire			
D	South of Scotland				C	Bedfordshire			
E	Cornwall				F	Channel Islands			
H	Cumbria				G	Isle of Man			

  

<b>WOMEN'S GROUP 1 – EASTBOURNE</b> International Tennis Centre, Devonshire Park, College Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4JJ Tel: 07971 141 326 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk">countycup@lta.org.uk</a>						Name of Contact – Rory McCutcheon – 07946 480325 Referee – Peter Grimsdale – 07761 464896 Court Supervisors – Suzy Larkin, Philip Hurst, Kossam Mhangami, Bob Jenkins, Julia Freeman LTA Representative – Sandi Procter			
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G	Hertfordshire				J	Surrey			
H	Middlesex				K	Cheshire			
I	Yorkshire				L	Somerset			

  

<b>WOMEN'S GROUP 2 – ROEHAMPTON</b> Wimbledon Qualifying and Community Sports Centre, Bank Lane (Off Priory Lane), Roehampton, SW15 5JT Tel: 020 8 487 7171 or 07563 554 478 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk">countycup@lta.org.uk</a>						Name of Contact – Rebecca Brook – 07563 554 478 Referee – Alison Jackson – 07969 201527 Court Supervisor – Jane Monnery, Andy Lucey, Dena Nelson Smith, Elliot Jones, Graham Hunt LTA Representative – Kate Maurici			
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G	Northumberland				J	Derbyshire			
H	Hampshire & IOW				K	Kent			
I	Nottinghamshire				L	Lancashire			

  

<b>WOMEN'S GROUP 3 – CROMER</b> Cromer Lawn Tennis & Squash Association, Norwich Road, CROMER, Norfolk, NR27 0EX Tel: 01263 513 741 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:admin@cromertennisclub.co.uk">admin@cromertennisclub.co.uk</a>						Name of Contact – Matthew Jordan (Jordy) – 01263 513 741 Referee – Ashok Thakrar – 07711 311252 Court Supervisor – Cathy Geary LTA Representative – Heather Bottomley			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>			<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Avon				D	Gloucestershire			
B	Leicestershire				E	West of Scotland			
C	Buckinghamshire				F	Berkshire			

<b>WOMEN'S GROUP 4 – CHELTENHAM</b> East Gloucestershire Club, Old Bath Road, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire, GL53 7CF Tel: 01242 230 562 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:clubmanager@eastglos.co.uk">clubmanager@eastglos.co.uk</a>						Name of Contact – Darren Morris - 01242 230 562 Referee – Ron Allan – 07508 386615 Court Supervisor – Liz Bamber LTA Representative – Michael Angell			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>			<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Warwickshire				D	Lincolnshire			
B	Norfolk				E	East of Scotland			
C	North Wales				F	Essex			

  

<b>WOMEN'S GROUP 5 – WEST WORTHING</b> West Worthing Club, Titnore Way, Titnore Lane, GORING-BY-SEA, WORTHING, BN13 3RT Tel: 01903 247 270 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:info@wwc.org.uk">info@wwc.org.uk</a>						Name of Contact – William Naunton - 01903 247 270 Referee – Dan Bartlett – 07927 164163 Court Supervisor – Karen Osborne-Shaw LTA Representative – Steph Trill			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>			<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Cambridgeshire				D	Herefordshire & Worcestershire			
B	Sussex				E	Cornwall			
C	Durham & Cleveland				F	Dorset			

  

<b>WOMEN'S GROUP 6 – FELIXSTOWE</b> Felixstowe Lawn Tennis Club, Bath Road, FELIXSTOWE, Suffolk, IP11 9QB Tel: TBC E-Mail: <a href="mailto:carl.baldwin@btopenworld.com">carl.baldwin@btopenworld.com</a>						Name of Contact – Carl Baldwin Referee – John Bruley – 07824 880075 Court Supervisor – Sara Bryson LTA Representative – Julia Waters			
		<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>			<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
A	Suffolk				D	North of Scotland			
B	South Wales				E	Devon			
C	Northamptonshire				F	Channel Islands *withdrawn 16/6/25*			

  

<b>WOMEN'S GROUP 7 – FRINTON</b> Frinton LTC, 36 Holland Road, Frinton, CO13 9ES Tel: 01255 674 055 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:enquiries@fltc.co.uk">enquiries@fltc.co.uk</a>						Name of Contact – Kim Willetts – 01255 674 055 Referee – Graeme Luckin – 07717 682523 Court Supervisors – Bill Greeno LTA Representative – Paul Marks			
	<b>Section M</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Section N</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Rubbers</b>	<b>%</b>
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D	Oxfordshire				C	Shropshire			
E	Isle of Man				F	Bedfordshire			
H	Cumbria				G	South of Scotland			



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### TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET

Event Personnel	Event Director – Rory McCutcheon 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 10.00am Monday 21 July</b> includes the Referee, all Team Captains and a representative from the Club. This should last no longer than 30 mins.</p> <p>Venue Rep to explain arrangements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency evacuation procedures and any potential health &amp; safety issues</li> <li>• Arrangements for stringing – please ensure contact names &amp; numbers are made available</li> <li>• Catering – to be open from 10.00am to 5.00pm</li> <li>• If on site, gym not to be used</li> </ul> <p>Referee to explain the Rules &amp; Regulations, start times of play and anything else relevant to the Event</p> <p>Team Captains are reminded about the necessity for teams to keep the Tennis Centre tidy. All cups, crockery, glasses, etc. should be returned to the catering area.</p>				
Player Eligibility & Provisional Nominations	<p>It is a county's responsibility to check the eligibility of all team players. The use of an ineligible player may result in a county forfeiting all rubber(s) in which that player competed and/or relegation. <a href="#">Please refer to LTA Rule 66 Area Qualification ruling.</a></p> <p>Provisional nominations have been entered into the LP file. However, it is the Referee's responsibility to check all players are Advantage members. If a player is not listed and the player does not have an Advantage number, then the player in question must join Advantage prior to play commencing.</p>				
Nominations and Use of Substitute	<p>Please refer to Points 2, 4 and 7 in the Rules and Regulations.</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>Available each day prior to start of play subject to the groundsman's discretion.</p> <p>It is a county's responsibility to book courts for Sunday 20 July. 2 courts have been pre-booked from 3.00pm to 6.00pm</p> <p>Counties are responsible for the provision of practice balls.</p>				
Court Time	<p>Weather and condition of courts permitting, matches should start no later than 11.00am.</p> <p>Hard courts should be used in case of bad weather. Indoor courts may <b>NOT</b> be used unless the courts are on-site and there is no additional cost to the LTA or County Association.</p>				
Match Format	<p>Please refer to Points 3, 11 and 12 in the Rules and Regulations</p> <p>Rubbers should not be conceded if this affects the final position of counties in a group. Please refer to points 15 and 16 in Rules and Regulations.</p>				
Order of Play	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 v 1	3 v 3	1 v 2	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	3 v 2	1 v 1	2 v 3	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	1 v 3	2 v 2	3 v 1	



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	<p>The Referee will update and publish the results on the LTA website throughout the day / week. At the end of the week, the full results and group positions will be updated on the LTA website.</p>
Tennis Balls, Programmes and Trophies	<p>The Dunlop Fort yellow ball will be used. If, for any reason there are insufficient balls, the best used balls from earlier matches will be re-used.</p> <p>A supply of programmes will be sent to all Clubs – the Referee will have copies.</p> <p>Presentations of trophies will be made to Group Winners on the last day. Please ensure a photo is taken of the team with the trophies and sent to the LTA County Cup office.</p>
Catering	<p>Hot &amp; cold refreshments should be available each day throughout the week 10.00am and 5.00pm. Counties are advised to check arrangements with relevant venue.</p> <p>Counties are also reminded they should not bring their own provisions into the respective venues.</p>
Changing Facilities	<p>Access to changing facilities may vary from venue to venue. Counties should check with relevant venue.</p>
Scoreboards and Seating	<p>Available on-site at the venue. Please ensure players keep them updated.</p>
Noticeboard	<p>The Referee will have access to a noticeboard and the following information will be posted:</p> <p>Updated daily and overall group results as they progress Copies of Team Captains Fact Sheet, LTA Code of Conduct + Event Rules &amp; Regulations</p>
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; signed <a href="#">emergency contact details</a> for all players.</p> <p>Please be mindful of taking photographs, videos, etc. of any player aged 18 &amp; under and remember to ask the permission of the parent if taking a photo of another child. Further information can be found on the <a href="#">LTAs safeguarding policy on photography</a>. The Tennis Centre's policy on Photography must be adhered to at all times.</p> <p>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 <a href="#">here</a>. If you require further information on your venue's safeguarding policy please refer to the relevant area on the venue website.</p>
Discipline & Code Violations	<p>Your attention is drawn to Rules 14, 14(a), 14(b) &amp; 14(c) 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>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> <p>Each team is required to give a £40.00 gratuity to the groundstaff.</p> <p>If the Club has arranged any social events during the week Teams should, wherever possible, attend even if it is only for a short time.</p>

## **General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all County Cup Events 2025**

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 shall be entered in the relevant County Cup Event. Any County intending not to compete in an Event must email notification to the Event Director ([countycup@LTA.org.uk](mailto:countycup@LTA.org.uk)) 9 months before the relevant event. Where appropriate, any County that withdraws from an Event shall be placed in the lowest group for the following year and will have any applicable funding for that Event withdrawn.
4. A player is qualified to represent an area in any County Cup Event if they meet the criteria outlined in the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rule 36. No player may represent more than one County in any Event.
5. Referee(s) shall be appointed for each venue by the LTA Competitions Team. The Referee shall decide any point that relates to the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis, County Cup Rules & Regulations and / or LTA Code of Conduct which may be referred to him/her. He/she shall decide whether or not the match shall be stopped owing to the state of the courts, the state of the weather, darkness, or other unavoidable hindrance. After consulting with the Event Director and / or Event Referee if necessary, the Referee shall have the final say in all on-site matters. 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 an ineligible player competes then the singles rubber involving the player concerned, and all singles rubbers lower in the team order shall be forfeited. Any completed matches may stand for the purposes of ITF World Tennis Number, however, the overall team score for that particular match will be awarded to the opposing team for the purposes of the league table.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.



13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
  16. 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.
  17. Any on-site dispute(s) or complaint(s) during any County Cup Event can only be discussed by the officially appointed (County Cup) Team Captain with the Event Director and / or relevant referee for that Event.



## **LTA Summer County Cup Event Special Regulations**

1. Competing Counties will be divided into groups. Men's & Women's Groups 1 to 6 shall comprise six Counties. Men's & Women's Group 7 shall comprise eight counties divided into two Sections of four Counties, allocated in accordance with Regulation 18.

Groups 1 to 6 - Each County shall play one match against each other county over 5 days.

Group 7 - Each County shall play one match against each other County in the same Section, followed by an Inter-Section Stage in which the Counties placed first and second in each Section shall then play one match against each of the Counties placed first and second in the other Section; and the Counties placed third and fourth in each Section shall play one match against each of the Counties placed third and fourth in the other Section.

2. Final nominations must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before the start of play on the first day. Counties should nominate a minimum of 6 and maximum of 10 players for the event.

To be eligible for nomination players must be **born on or before 31 December 2011**.

3. Each match shall consist of nine doubles rubbers. All rubbers shall be the best of two tie-break sets and a match tie-break (to 10 points).
4. Daily nominations must be submitted to the Referee 15 minutes before the start of play on each day. The Team Captain shall nominate the team in pair order, plus 2 substitutes. Each pair shall play against each pair of the opposing team.
5. At set breaks, Team Captains, or nominated deputy, are allowed to communicate with their players within the permitted two minute break and must leave once play resumes.
6. If any player is absent when called upon to play by the Referee the opponents shall be entitled to two love sets. If in any rubber one or more player(s) are absent from each pair, the rubber shall be void.
7. If any player is unable to start a rubber, he/she may be replaced by a nominated substitute. It will be a straight substitution and the pairs may not be reordered. The player being substituted shall take no further part in the match. A player who is defaulted may not be substituted.
8. If a player is unable to complete a rubber that has started due to injury, sickness or disqualification the opposing pair shall be awarded the requisite number of games to win the rubber. If the player is subsequently fit to start the next rubber, he/she may do so; if not Regulation 7 applies.
9. 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.
10. If any County fields an ineligible player, all rubbers contested by that player shall be awarded to the opposition by a score of 6-0 6-0.
11. The Referee may order any match or part of a match to be played on a surface other than grass.
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.

Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If under the terms of Regulation 12 less than nine rubbers shall have been completed, the match shall be decided:

- (a) By the majority of counting rubbers won; or
- (b) If there is equality of rubbers, by the majority of sets (in counting rubbers) won; or
- (c) If there is equality of rubbers and sets, by the majority of games (in counting rubbers) won.
- (c) If there is equality of rubbers, sets and games, the match shall be tied with each team scoring one match point.

14. 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).

15. In a group of more than six Counties the first four places shall be allotted to the Counties placed first and second in their respective sections, these four places to be dependent on the results of all matches played between those four Counties (ie in each case one match within the section and two matches in the inter-section stage). The remaining places in the group shall likewise be allotted to the Counties not placed first or second in their section, according to all matches played between the four or three Counties concerned.

16. Each year, the Event Director shall rearrange the Counties in each group as follows:

- (a) In Men's & Ladies' Groups 1-7 the Counties which finish first and second shall be placed in the group immediately above the one in which they last competed (except Group 1).
- (b) The Counties which finish respectively last and last but one (other than Men's & Ladies' Group 7) shall be placed in the group immediately below the one in which they last competed.
- (c) In Men's & Ladies' Group 7 one section shall comprise the Counties standing 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th and the other section the remainder.

17. Each year, the Event Director may rearrange the number of Counties in all groups, other than Groups 1 and 2, in such manner as they may deem necessary, and for the purpose of such arrangement may promote to a higher group or relegate to a lower group more than two Counties; provided that in such promotion or relegation the order of precedence established by the previous competition is strictly maintained.

18. In the event of any two or more Counties in the same group or section entering and failing to compete, the final order of their precedence in the group or section as between each other shall be determined by the Event Director.

If no play is possible in any group for the duration of the Event, the Event Director shall decide the promotion and relegation of Counties for the following year, whether a Champion County can be declared or to declare the competition void.

**LTA Summer County Cup Event**  
**Monday 21 to Friday 25 July 2025**

**Order of Play for all Groups**  
**(As of 21 January 2025)**

<b>ORDER OF PLAY – MEN’S &amp; WOMEN’S GROUP 1 &amp; 2</b>					
<b>COURTS</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Weds</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
1, 2 & 3	G v J	H v L	C v E	D v F	A v B
4, 5 & 6	A v D	B v F	I v K	J v L	G v H
7, 8 & 9	B v E	J v K	A v F	H v I	C v D
10, 11 & 12	H v K	D v E	G v L	B v C	I v J
13, 14 & 15	I v L	A v C	B v D	G v K	E v F
16, 17 & 18 (Meads for Group 1)	C v F	G v I	H v J	A v E	K v L

<b>ORDER OF PLAY – MEN’S &amp; WOMEN’S GROUPS 3 to 6</b>					
<b>COURTS</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Weds</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
1, 2 & 3	A v F	F v D	C v E	D v B	A v B
4, 5 & 6	D v E	A v C	B v F	E v A	C v D
7, 8 & 9	C v B	B v E	D v A	F v C	E v F

<b>ORDER OF PLAY – MEN’S &amp; WOMEN’S GROUP 7</b>					
	Section M – A, D, E and H		Section N – B, C, F and G		
<b>COURTS</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Weds</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
1, 2 & 3	B v F	D v E	B v C	M3 v N4	M1 v N1
4, 5 & 6	A v E	B v G	A v D	M4 v N3	M2 v N2
7, 8 & 9	C v G	A v H	F v G	M1 v N2	M3 v N3
10, 11 & 12	D v H	C v F	E v H	M2 v N1	M4 v N4

<b>All Groups - pair v pair per court number per round</b>		
<b>1st Round</b> Lowest Court No. Middle Court No. Highest Court No.	2 v 1 3 v 3 1 v 2	
<b>2nd Round</b> Lowest Court No. Middle Court No. Highest Court No	3 v 2 1 v 1 2 v 3	
<b>3rd Round</b> Lowest Court No. Middle Court No. Highest Court No	1 v 3 2 v 2 3 v 1	