

# LTA Winter County Cup Event 2025

## Competition Pack

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Introduction & Important Dates

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

LTA County Cup Events 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 Winter County Cup Event is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest County Cup event and was first played in 1946 with Warwickshire men and Middlesex Women being the first winners. Surrey lead the way with the number of Championship wins; the men have won the Event 16 times and the womens 27 times!

Event Details –

The Winter County Cup Event is a ‘one-off Event’ played over 3 days - usually the end of November.

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.

Final nominations, in ATP / WTA Singles Ranking order and thereafter ITF (singles) World Tennis Number 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.

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 Winter County Cup Event</b> <b>To be eligible for nomination players must be born on or before 31 December 2011</b>	Monday 20 October 2025	Monday 10 November 2025



**LTA WINTER COUNTY CUP EVENT 2025**  
**Friday 21 to Sunday 23 November 2025**

**Men's Group 1 - Bath, BA2 7AY**

Venue Contact: [countycup@lta.org.uk](mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk)

Venue address: Bath University, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY

Referee: Chris Mann - 07872 639 567

Court Supervisors: TBC

LTA Representative:

**A** Hertfordshire

**B** Surrey

**C** Lancashire

**D** North of Scotland

**Men's Group 2A - Newport, NP19 4PT**

Newport Tennis Centre, Newport Int. Sports Village, Velodrome Way

Venue Contact: Luke Difranco - 01633 656 757

Referee: Dan Bartlett - 07927 164 163

LTA Representative:

**A** Yorkshire

**B** Kent

**C** South Wales

**D** Buckinghamshire

**Men's Group 3A - Birmingham, B15 2UZ**

Edgbaston Priory Club, Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston

Venue Contact: Simon Haddleton - 0121 446 3180

Referee: Kath Lovell - 07747 831 434

LTA Representative:

**A** Warwickshire

**B** Derbyshire

**C** East of Scotland

**D** Staffordshire

**Men's Group 4A - Norwich, NR9 5DX**

Easton Tennis Centre, Easton & Otley College, Easton

Venue Contact: Viki Barton - 01603 731215

Referee: Graeme Luckin - 07717 682 523

LTA Representative:

**A** Durham & Cleveland

**B** Somerset

**C** Norfolk

**D** Herefordshire & Worcestershire

**Men's Group 5A - VENUE TBC - Cardiff, CF23 6XD**

Cardiff Met University, Cyncoed Campus, Cyncoed Road

Venue Contact: Billy Barclay - 029 2041 6391

Referee:

LTA Representative:

**A** Devon

**B** North Wales

**C** Sussex

**D** South of Scotland

**Men's Group 6A - Gloucester, GL2 9DW**

Oxstalls Sports Park, Plock Court, Tewksbury Road, Longford

Venue Contact: Sarah Dorkings - 01452 396 969

Referee: Donna Budd - 07710 402 715

LTA Representative:

**A** Dorset

**B** Gloucestershire

**C** Northumberland

**D** Cornwall

**Men's Group 2B - Nottingham, NG7 2QH**

Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre, University Boulevard

Venue Contact: Eddie Croydon-Fowler - 07507 643 545

Referee: TBC

LTA Representative:

**A** Essex

**B** Middlesex

**C** Cheshire

**D** Leicestershire

**Men's Group 3B - Aldershot, GU11 2LD**

Aldershot Tennis Centre, Prince's Avenue

Venue Contact: Louise Moodie - 01252 750 431

Referee: Jenny Sayer - 07866 947 727

LTA Representative:

**A** Cambridgeshire

**B** Hampshire & IOW

**C** Suffolk

**D** Berkshire

**Men's Group 4B - Nottingham, NG11 8NS**

Nottingham Trent University, Lee Westwood Sports Centre, Clifton Lane, Clifton Campus

Venue Contact: Harrison Fernandez-Lewis - 0115 848 3771 / 3219

Referee: Alison Jackson - 07969 201 527

LTA Representative:

**A** West of Scotland

**B** Nottinghamshire

**C** Avon

**D** Northamptonshire

**Men's Group 5B - Boston, PE21 8EY**

Boston Tennis Club, 125 Sleaford Road

Venue Contact: Mary Smura - 01205 366 424

Referee: Ashok Thakrar - 07711 311 252

LTA Representative:

**A** Lincolnshire

**B** Shropshire

**C** Cumbria

**D** Oxfordshire

**Men's Group 6B - VENUE TBC - Bristol, BS3 2HB**

DL Club Bristol Long Ashton, Ashton Road, Bristol

Venue Contact: David Gibbon - 0117 953 1010

Referee:

LTA Representative:

**A** Wiltshire

**B** Isle of Man

**C** Bedfordshire

**D** Channel Islands

**LTA WINTER COUNTY CUP EVENT 2025****Friday 21 to Sunday 23 November 2025****Women's Group 1 - Bath, BA2 7AY**Venue Contact: [countycup@lta.org.uk](mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk)

Venue address: Bath University, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY

Referee: Chris Mann - 07872 639 567

Court Supervisors: TBC

LTA Representative:

**A** Kent**B** Yorkshire**C** Hertfordshire**D** Avon**Women's Group 2A - Wirral, CH41 7EJ**

Bidston Sports &amp; Activity Centre, Bidston Moss, Valley Road

Venue Contact: Phil Leighton - Tel: 07872 161 712

Referee: Ray Lovell - 07952 559 193

LTA Representative:

**A** Middlesex**B** Cheshire**C** Lancashire**D** West of Scotland**Women's Group 3A - Grantham, NG31 8HU**

Grantham Tennis Club, Gonerby Road

Venue Contact: Sarah Patton - 07930 900 979

Referee: Terri Scooper - 07474 303 513

LTA Representative:

**A** Lincolnshire**B** Nottinghamshire**C** Sussex**D** Dorset**Women's Group 4A - Taunton, TA1 2RW**

Taunton Tennis Centre, Blackbrook Pavilion, Blackbrook Way

Venue Contact: Kerry Quirk - 01823 333 435

Referee: Parul Patel - 07790 383 013

LTA Representative:

**A** Somerset**B** Warwickshire**C** South Wales**D** Norfolk**Women's Group 5A - Sunderland, SR3 1PD**

Sunderland Tennis Centre, Silksworth Lane

Venue Contact: Graham Fowler - 0333 005 0152

Referee: Jack Askew - 07583 081 678

LTA Representative:

**A** Durham & Cleveland**B** Staffordshire**C** Shropshire**D** Cumbria**Women's Group 6A - Wrexham, LL11 2BW**

Wrexham Tennis Centre, Plas Coch Road

Venue Contact: Molly Mcneil - 01978 265 260

Referee: Mark Wilkinson - 07804 644 573

LTA Representative:

**A** North of Scotland**B** Bedfordshire**C** Channel Islands**D** North Wales**Women's Group 2B - Orpington, BR6 9SA**

Bromley Tennis Centre at Newstead, Avebury Road

Venue Contact: Emma Wanostrocht - 01689 880 407

Referee: Phil Latham - 07966 937 786

LTA Representative:

**A** Northumberland**B** Surrey**C** Essex**D** Cambridgeshire**Women's Group 3B - Sheffield, S8 8JR**

Graves Tennis Centre, Bochum Parkway

Venue Contact: Steve Holmes - 0114 283 9500

Venue Contact:

Referee: Stephen Plant - 07919 541 788

LTA Representative:

**A** Hampshire & IOW**B** Gloucestershire**C** Derbyshire**D** Berkshire**Women's Group 4B - VENUE TBC - Exeter, EX4 4QN****Exeter Tennis Centre, University of Exeter Sports Park, Stocker Road****Venue Contact: Steve Brown - 07702 025 575**

Referee:

LTA Representative:

**A** Buckinghamshire**B** Suffolk**C** Leicestershire**D** Cornwall**Women's Group 5B - Hull, HU1 2TX**

Nuffield Health Tennis Centre, Kingston Park

Venue Contact: Dave Kitchen - 01482 321 191

Referee: Fiona Fellows - 07791 013 693

LTA Representative:

**A** East of Scotland**B** Herefordshire & Worcestershire**C** Oxfordshire**D** Wiltshire**Women's Group 6B - Bideford, EX39 3BE**

Atlantic Racquet Centre, Farm Road, Caddsdow

Venue Contact: Marian Vinall - 07712 216 831

Referee: Chris Smyth - 07967 965 078

LTA Representative:

**A** Devon**B** Northamptonshire**C** Isle of Man**D** South of Scotland



**LTA WINTER COUNTY CUP**  
**Friday 21 to Sunday 23 November 2025**

**TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET**

Event Personnel	<p>Tournament Director – LTA Competitions Team  E-Mail – <a href="mailto:countycup@LTA.org.uk">countycup@LTA.org.uk</a></p> <p>Event Referee – Chris Mann  Telephone - 07872 639 567</p>
Team Captains Meeting	<p>To be held <b>no later than 9.30am Friday 21 November</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>• 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 LTA Member. If a player is not listed, then the player in question must join LTA Membership 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 21 to Sunday 23 November available each day before start of play.</p> <p>Limited courts are available on Thursday 20 November (at some venues) – to be booked no later than Monday 10 November. Counties are responsible for the payment of any courts used + provision of tennis balls.</p>
Start Time of Play	<p>Friday 21 November – No later than 9.30am  Saturday 22 November – No later than 9.00am  Sunday 23 November – No later than 9.00am</p>
Order of Play	<p><b><u>Group 1 only</u></b>  Friday 21 November – A v C and B v D  Saturday 22 November – Winner Day 1 v Winner Day 1 and Loser Day 1 v Loser Day 1  Sunday 23 November – Remaining Match</p> <p><b><u>Groups 2A to 6B</u></b>  Friday 21 November – A v C and B v D  Saturday 22 November – Winners Day 1 v Losers Day 1  Sunday 23 November – 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.</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 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	<p>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.</p>
Catering	<p>Hot &amp; cold refreshments may be available between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Counties are advised to check with the relevant venue.</p>
Changing Facilities	<p>Access to changing facilities may vary from venue to venue. Counties are advised to check with relevant venue.</p>
Scoreboards & 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 any player aged 18 &amp; under.</p> <p>Given the age of the player, please be mindful of taking photographs, videos, etc. 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></p>
Discipline & Code Violations	<p>Your attention is drawn to Rules 14, 14.1, 14.2 &amp; 14.3 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 set breaks within the two minute break and must leave the court 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>Presentations to take place on Sunday 23 November. 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 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 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 Winter County Cup – To be eligible for nomination players must be born on or before 31 December 2011**

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.

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 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 6b:  
 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