

## County Cup Events 2019

### General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all Events

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 and to decide any question of eligibility, qualifications of competitors, interpretation of the Regulations or otherwise. 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an Event shall be placed in the lowest group for the following year and will have any applicable funding for that Event withdrawn.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.
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.
7. A County shall not be bound to play the same team throughout the Event but no change shall be made in the composition of the teams engaged in a match after daily nominations have been submitted. If any player, team or doubles pairing play out of order, those rubbers they competed in and below shall be declared null and void. If a match is postponed to the next day before any play has taken place the composition of the competing teams may be changed.
8. If a player(s) is / are defaulted, except in cases of punctuality, then that player(s) is no longer allowed to take any further part in that competition.
9. 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.
10. 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 traveling 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:

  - 10.1 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident occurring on the site of the venue shall be referred to the Referee for decision and any appeal against his 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.
  - 10.2 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident off the site of the Centre 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.
11. 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.

## LTA Summer County Cup Special Regulations

1. Competing Counties will be divided into groups. Men's & Ladies' Groups 1 to 6 shall comprise six Counties. Men's & Ladies 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.
3. Each match shall consist of nine doubles rubbers. All rubbers shall be the best of three tie break sets.
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.
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. 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.
12. 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.
13. The Referee may order any match or part of a match to be played on a surface other than grass.
14. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.

15. 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.
16. 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).
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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 Winter & 18U County Cup 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, followed by ITF World Tennis Ranking 1500 or better and thereafter British Tennis Rating order, must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before start of play on the first day. Equally rated players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the Event.

For the 18U County Cup - final nominations, in British 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 best of 3 sets. Any 3rd set in 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 no later than 15 minutes after the No.1 singles match going onto court. All players nominated for doubles must be on-site at the time of the Team Captain submitting the nominations.

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. 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.

6. A player who has been defaulted may not be substituted.
7. For Winter County Cup, at set breaks, team captains or their nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players within the permitted two minute break.

For 18U County Cup, 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, the rubbers contested by that player and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opposition by a score of 6-0 6-0. This shall apply separately to singles and doubles.
12. If a match in progress cannot be finished or a scheduled match has been unable to start on any day, it shall be completed on the following day before the start of the scheduled match for that day. In order to

complete all matches, the use of abbreviated scoring should be considered for complete rounds of unfinished matches and, if necessary, the scheduled matches for that day.

13. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
14. The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If on the final day a match in progress cannot be finished, the result of the match shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed as follows:

- (a) By the majority of rubbers won; or
- (b) If there is equality of rubbers, by the majority of sets won; or
- (c) If there is equality of rubbers and sets, by the majority of games won

15. The final standings in each Group or Section shall be determined by the following:

- (a) The team with the greatest number of match points.
- (b) If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- (c) If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
- (d) If more than two teams are level, the percentage of sets won out of sets played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie)
- (e) If more than two teams are level, the percentage of games won out of games played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie)

16. The Group formation for the following year's Event shall be as follows:

Group 1:                   1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams remain in Group  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup> placed team goes to Group 2a  
                                  4<sup>th</sup> placed team goes to Group 2b

Groups 2a & 2b:        1<sup>st</sup> placed teams go to Group 1  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams remain in Group 2 and swap sections  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams remain in Group and section  
                                  4<sup>th</sup> placed teams remain in section and are relegated to Group 3

Groups 3a to 5b:       1<sup>st</sup> placed teams change in section and are promoted to Group above  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams remain in Group and swap sections  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams remain in Group and section  
                                  4<sup>th</sup> placed teams remain in section and are relegated to Group below

Group 6a & 6b:        1<sup>st</sup> placed teams change section and are promoted to Group above  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams remain in Group and swap sections  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams remain in Group

## LTA 14U County Cup Special Regulations

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

The match format for the Qualifying groups comprising 6 County teams will be to play two round robin boxes of 3 teams over the first two days followed by the winners, runners-up and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams of the two boxes playing each other on day 3.

The match format for the Qualifying groups comprising 4 County teams will be played on a round-robin basis with each county playing each other over 3 days.

The match format for the Finals comprising 8 County Teams will be to play two round-robin boxes of 4 teams over the first two days followed by the winners, runners-up, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams playing each other on day 3.

2. Final nominations, in British 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 latest list available.

Counties should nominate a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 players.

3. Each match shall consist of six rubbers - four singles followed by two doubles: commencing with No 4 playing No 4 of the opposing team, No 3 playing No 3 and so on.

All singles and doubles rubbers shall be the best of two tie-break sets and a Match Tie-Break. All doubles rubbers will use no-ad scoring (receiver's choice) throughout the match.

4. Match nominations must be submitted to the Referee 15 minutes before the start of each match. The team shall be nominated in singles order according to the final nominations (Reg 2).

Doubles pairings shall be nominated in accordance with the lowest cumulative total of the nominated positions of the players in each pairing including players nominated 5 & 6 (as per Reg 2). Where the total is the same, the pairing with the highest nominated player shall be nominated as the higher pair.

Doubles pairings can be nominated once all singles matches have been completed. For those teams who are scheduled to play their doubles rubbers before their singles, they will need to submit their singles and doubles nominations at the same time.

5. If a player who has been nominated to play singles is unable to either begin the singles rubber or retires during a rubber, for whatever reason, that player is permitted to compete in doubles on the same day if fit to do so.
6. Team captains or nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players at change of ends within the 90 second break and may remain on court.
7. If a player or doubles pair plays out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded two love sets.
8. If any player is absent when called upon to play by the Referee, that rubber and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opponent(s) by 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 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.
10. If any County fields an ineligible player, the rubbers contested by that player and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opposition by a score of 6-0 6-0. This shall apply separately to singles and doubles.

11 A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.

At 3 points each a doubles tiebreak shoot-out (to 10 points with 2 clear) shall be played to establish a winner.

Tie-Break shoot out (1 pair):

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

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

12. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

13. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. Where there are weather issues, 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. 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

14. The final standings for both qualifying and final Groups 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).

*NB: A deciding Match Tie-Break shall count as 1 set and 1 game.*

## LTA 12U & 10U County Cup Special Regulations

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

The match format for Qualifying groups comprising of 5 counties will be each county plays all the other counties in a round robin.

The match format for Qualifying groups comprising of 6 counties will be two round robin groups of three with each county playing the other two counties in their group. Following the round robin stage, there will be semi-finals when the winner of group 1 plays the runner-up of group 2 and the runner-up of group 1 plays the winner of group 2. The third placed teams shall also play against each other. The winning semi-final counties shall play a final to determine the group winner and the losing counties shall play to determine 3rd and 4th places.

The match format for the Finals comprising of 8 counties will be to play two round-robin boxes of 4 teams over the first two days followed by the winners, runners-up, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams playing each other on day 3.

2. For the 12U Event - final nominations, in British 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 latest list available.

For the 10U Event - final nominations, in British Tennis Rating order, must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before start of play on the first day. Equally rated players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the Event. The rating order is outlined in the table below (Priority 1 rating must play above Priority 2 rated players and so on):

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
Eligible British Tennis rated players in order of merit	Green 1*	Green 1	Players with ratings Orange 1*, Orange 1, Green 2, 3 or 4 in any order (Team Captain's decision)

Counties should nominate a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 players.

3. Each match shall consist of four rubbers - three singles followed by one doubles: No 1 shall play No 1 of the opposing team, No 2 shall play No 2 and so on.
4. All rubbers shall be the best of three short sets. Any third set shall be replaced by a Match Tie-Break.
5. All doubles rubbers will use no-ad scoring (receiver's choice) throughout the match.

For the 10U Event - singles will also use no-ad scoring (receiver's choice). The doubles event will be played on the singles court – the tram lines will not be part of the court and the singles sticks should remain in place.

6. Match nominations must be submitted to the Referee 15 minutes before the start of each match. The team shall be nominated in singles order according to the final nominations (Reg 2). Doubles pairings can be nominated once all singles matches have been completed.
7. 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 is absent when called upon to play by the Referee, that rubber and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opponent(s) by 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 plays out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded two love sets.
10. If a player is unable complete a rubber that has started due to injury, sickness or disqualification the opposing player or pairs shall be awarded the requisite number of games to win the rubber.
11. If any County fields an ineligible player, the rubbers contested by that player and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opposition by a score of 4-0 4-0. This shall apply separately to singles and doubles.



12. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
13. At 2 points each, a doubles tiebreak shoot-out (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played to establish a winner. The doubles team shall be any two players who have played in the match.
14. 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.
15. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. Where there are weather issues, 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. If 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
16. The final standings for both qualifying and final Groups 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).

*NB: A deciding Match Tie-Break shall count as 1 set and 1 game.*

## LTA 9U County Cup Special Regulations

- Competing Counties will be divided into groups. The format for all groups will be each county plays all the other counties in their group in a round robin. The Event will be played using indoor courts
- Final nominations must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before the start of play. Final nominations shall be nominated by Team Captains as outlined in the table below (Priority 1 rating must play above Priority 2 rated players and so on):

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
Eligible Green rated players in order of merit	Orange 1*	Orange 1	Players with ratings Orange 2, 3 or 4 in any order (Team Captain's decision)

Equally rated players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the day.

Counties should nominate a minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 players.

- Each match shall consist of nine rubbers – three boys singles, followed by 3 girls singles, followed by one boys doubles, one girls doubles and one mixed doubles. In singles, No 1 shall play No 1 of the opposing team, No 2 shall play No 2 and so on, commencing with the No 3 singles. Players are only permitted to play two rubbers per match.
- All rubbers shall be the best of three tiebreaks (to 7 points, with 2 clear).
- Match nominations must be submitted to the Referee 15 minutes before the start of each match. The team shall be nominated in singles order according to the final nominations (Reg 2). Doubles pairings can be nominated once all singles matches have been completed.
- If a player who has been nominated to play singles is unable to either begin the singles rubber or retires during the rubber, for whatever reason, that player is permitted to compete in doubles in the same match if fit to do so.
- Team captains or a nominated deputy shall be allowed to communicate with their players at the end of each tiebreak within the permitted two minute break and may remain on court.
- If any player is absent when called upon to play by the Referee, that rubber and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opponent(s) by two love tiebreaks. 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.
- If a player or doubles pair play out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded two love tiebreaks.
- If a player is unable complete a rubber that has started due to injury, sickness or disqualification the opposing player or pair shall be awarded the requisite number of points to win the rubber.
- If any County fields an ineligible player, the rubbers contested by that player and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opposition by a score of 7-0 7-0. This shall apply separately to boys and girls.
- A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
- 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 a match in progress cannot be finished on the day, and less than nine rubbers have been completed, the result of the match shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed as follows:
  - By the majority of rubbers won; or
  - if there is equality of rubbers, by the majority of tiebreaks won; or
  - if there is equality of rubbers and tiebreaks, by the majority of points won
- The final standings for the Group shall be determined by the following:
  - The team with the greatest number of match points.
  - If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
  - If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
  - If more than two teams are level, the percentage of tiebreaks won out of tiebreaks played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie).
  - If more than two teams are level, the percentage of points won out of points played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie).