

LTA 9U COUNTY CUP EVENT 2021

Competition Pack

Information and Covid-19 guidance correct as of 6 April 2021

It is the responsibility of each individual county to check latest guidance in place at the time of the Event

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Introduction and Important Dates

Welcome to the Competition Pack for the LTA 9U 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.

Event & Dates	Nominations Open	Nominations Close
LTA 9U County Cup Event For players born in 2012 or 2013 only		
Qualifying for Group A – Sunday 16 May 2021 Qualifying for Groups B to J – Saturday 15 May 2021	Monday 19 April 2021	Monday 3 May 2021
Finals – Sunday 6 June 2021	Monday 17 May 2021	Monday 24 May 2021

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Groups A to E progress to 'north' Final – Venue TBC
 Groups F to J progress to 'south' Final – Bath University

Qualifying and Finals to be played as a round-robin format

Groups, Venues & Personnel

Group A	
Venue – Gannochy Tennis Centre, FK9 4LA	
Venue Contact – Jason Atkins – 01786 466 908	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	East of Scotland
B	South of Scotland
C	North of Scotland
D	West of Scotland

Group B	
Venue – Sunderland Tennis Centre, SR3 1PD	
Venue Contact – Graham Fowler – 03330 050 152	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Durham & Cleveland
B	Cumbria
C	Lancashire
D	Northumberland

Group C	
Venue – Wrexham Tennis Centre, LL11 2BW	
Venue Contact – Jenny Broughall – 01978 265 260	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Derbyshire
B	Cheshire
C	Yorkshire
D	North Wales

Group D	
Venue – Boston, PE21 8EY	
Venue Contact – Mary Smura – 01205 366 424	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Leicestershire
B	Nottinghamshire
C	Northamptonshire
D	Lincolnshire

Group E	
Venue – Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG	
Venue Contact – Simon Haddleton – 01743 467 755	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Shropshire
B	Warwickshire
C	Staffordshire
D	Herefordshire & Worcestershire

Group F	
Venue – Norwich, NR9 5DX	
Venue Contact – Matt Breese - 01603 731 264	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Norfolk
B	Suffolk
C	Bedfordshire - TBC
D	Cambridgeshire

Group G	
Venue – Swindon, SN5 7XF	
Venue Contact – Matthew Rutland - 01793 872 699	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Middlesex
B	Berkshire
C	Wiltshire
D	Essex

Group H	
Venue – Oxford, OX14 3PJ	
Venue Contact – Sue Auger – 01235 540 700	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Gloucestershire
B	Buckinghamshire
C	Oxfordshire
D	Hertfordshire

Group I	
Venue – Taunton Tennis Centre, TA1 2RW	
Venue Contact – Kerry Quirk – 01823 333 435	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	South Wales
B	Avon
C	Somerset
D	Cornwall
E	Devon

Group J	
Venue – Aldershot Tennis Centre, GU11 2LD	
Venue Contact – Tom Defrates - 01252 750 431	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Dorset
B	Hampshire & IOW
C	Sussex
D	Surrey
E	Kent

North Wales confirmed they are unable to field a team 18.01.2021

VENUE CONTACT DETAILS

Group A	GANNOCHY (STIRLING) – JASON ATKINS Gannochy Tennis Centre, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA Tel: 01786 466 908 E-Mail: Jason.Atkins@tennisscotland.org
Group B	SUNDERLAND – GRAHAM FOWLER Sunderland Tennis Centre, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland, SR3 1PD Tel: 07802 875 211 E-Mail: grahamfowler@everyoneactive.com
Group C	WREXHAM – JENNY BROUGHALL Wrexham Tennis Centre, Plas Coch Road, Wrexham, LL11 2BW Tel: 01978 265 260 E-Mail: jenny.broughall@wrexhamtenniscentre.co.uk
Group D	BOSTON – MARY SMURA Boston Tennis Club, 125 Sleaford Road, Boston, PE21 8EY Tel: 01205 355 502 E-Mail: marysmura@hotmail.com
Group E	SHREWSBURY – SIMON HADDLETON The Shrewsbury Club, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG Tel: 01743 467 755 E-Mail: simon.haddleton@theshrewsburyclub.co.uk
Group F	NORWICH – MATT BREESE Easton Tennis Centre, Easton & Otley College, Easton, Norwich, NR9 5DX Tel: 01603 731 264 E-Mail: Matt.Breese@eastonotley.ac.uk
Group G	SWINDON – MATTHEW RUTLAND Delta Tennis Centre, Welton Road, Westlea, Swindon, SN5 7XF Tel: 01793 872 699 E-Mail: matthew.rutland@gll.org
Group H	OXFORD – SUE AUGER White Horse Leisure & Tennis Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon, Oxford, OX14 3PJ Tel: 01235 540 700 Email: Sue.Auger@GLL.org
Group I	TAUNTON – KERRY QUIRK Taunton Tennis Centre, Blackbrook Pavilion, Blackbrook Way, Taunton, TA1 2RW Tel: 01823 333 435 E-Mail: kerryquirk@everyoneactive.com
Group J	ALDERSHOT – TOM DEFRATES Aldershot Tennis Centre, Prince's Avenue, Aldershot, GU11 2LD Tel: 01252 750 431 E-Mail: manager@aldershottenniscentre.co.uk



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TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET

Event Personnel	Event Director – Julie Piper Telephone (before Event) – 020 8 487 7000 Telephone (during Event) – 07971 141 326 E-Mail – countycup@LTA.org.uk
Team Captains, Players & Parents Meeting	To be held no later than 60 mins before the start of play to include Referee, all Team Captains and a representative from the venue. This should last no longer than 30 minutes. Venue Rep to explain arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures in place in light of Covid19 (ie) social distancing, one-way system, access to changing rooms, etc. • Emergency evacuation procedures and any potential health & safety issues • If on site, gym not to be used Referee to explain the Rules & Regulations, start times of play and anything else relevant to the Event Team Captains, players & parents to be reminded about the necessity for teams to keep the Tennis Centre tidy. All cups, crockery, glasses, etc. should be returned to the catering area.
Provisional Nominations	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. Please refer to LTA Rule 35 Area Qualification ruling. 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.
Final & Match Nominations	Please refer to Points 2 and 4 of the Rules & Regulations. 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.
Warm-up	Whilst most venues open at 9.00am you are advised to check with them regarding availability of courts. If there is any charge, the county using these courts is responsible for the payment of them + the provision of practice balls. Counties are responsible for booking and paying for any courts prior to the Qualifying Event starting.
Start Time of Play	Matches should start as quickly as possible so court time is not wasted – no later than 10.00am.
Order of Play	<p>ORDER OF PLAY FOR GROUPS COMPRISING 4 COUNTY TEAMS:</p> <p>Round 1 – A v B and C v D Round 2 – A v C and B v D Round 3 – A v D and B v C</p> <p>ORDER OF PLAY FOR GROUPS COMPRISING 5 COUNTY TEAMS:</p> <p>Round 1 – A v B and C v D Round 2 – A v C and B v E Round 3 – A v D and C v E Round 4 – A v E and B v D Round 5 – B v C and D v E</p>
Match Format	Please refer to Points 3, 4 and 14 of the Rules & Regulations
Match Scorecards	Once match nominations have been submitted the Referee will produce a match scorecard which will be given to each Team Captain. 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.

Match Results	The Referee will update and publish the results on the LTA website. At the end of the day, the full results and group positions will be updated on the LTA website.
Tennis Balls	Dunlop orange ball will be used. Best used balls from singles matches to be used for doubles matches.
Catering	Subject to Covid19 regulations – hot & cold refreshments may be available but counties are advised to check with the relevant venue.
Changing Facilities	Subject to Covid19 regulations – apart from toilets, access to changing facilities is not permitted and players should come dressed ready for play.
Scoreboards and Seating	Subject to Covid19 regulations – in order to minimise 'touch points' (and cleaning after use) these will not be available.
Noticeboard	Subject to Covid19 regulations - in order to maintain social distancing, the referee will not have any access to a noticeboard.
Safeguarding Information	There have been some important updates to the various safeguarding documents. 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.
Discipline & Code Violations	Your attention is drawn to Rules 10, 10.1 & 10.2 of the Rules & Regulations regarding discipline of all players, both on and off-site, during the Event. All players must abide by the LTA Code of Conduct. 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.
Covid-19 Guidance	It is a county's own responsibility to check the latest and most up to date information on both The LTA and Government websites relating to Covid-19 prior to the Event.
Finals Details	The Finals for the winners of Groups A to E will take place at TBC The Finals for the winners of Groups F to J will take place at Bath University County Offices + Team Captains of counties progressing to the Finals will be e-mailed all relevant information w/c the Monday after the relevant Qualifying Event has taken place.
Miscellaneous	Team captains or their nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players at the end of each tie-break and may remain on court. Players should wear recognised tennis clothing as per the County Cup Regulations. Additional matches played over and above those scheduled in LTA County Cup Events are not eligible for ranking results - under no circumstances should they be played. If on-site, under no circumstances should players use or enter the gym. Medals will be given to Group Winners.

General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all Events County Cup Events 2021

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 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) 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.

If any County fails to field at least two singles players on any day, or, in the case of the Summer County Cup Event, 2 pairs, (unless for exceptional circumstances, as decided by the Event Director), all their matches in the competition shall be declared null and void and they shall finish bottom of the group.

Any County failing to show, report to the referee or nominate a full team on any day, (unless for exceptional circumstances, as decided by the Event Director), will have all their matches in the Event declared null and void and they shall finish bottom of the group. Furthermore, subject to investigation, they may be precluded from the following year's Event and will be placed in the bottom group of the relevant Event.

7. A County shall not be bound to play the same team throughout the Event but no change shall be made in the composition of the teams engaged in a match after daily nominations have been submitted. If any player, team or doubles pairing play out of order, those rubbers they competed in and below shall be declared null and void. If a match is postponed to the next day before any play has taken place the composition of the competing teams may be changed.
8. If a player(s) is / are defaulted, except in cases of punctuality, then that player(s) is no longer allowed to take any further part in that competition.
9. 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 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:

- 10.1 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident occurring on site shall be referred to the Referee for decision and any appeal against his / her decision shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance to the LTA Disciplinary & Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules.
- 10.2 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident off site shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance with the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules.
- 10.3 Any disciplinary matter relating to match fixing, financial speculation and betting, as set out in the Disciplinary Code, shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance with the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out in Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited rules.

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.
12. No complaint in connection with any LTA County Cup Event can be entertained by the LTA unless lodged with the LTA at officialingsupport@lta.org.uk within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint (please see LTA Competition Regulation 8.1).

LTA 9U County Cup Event 2021 Special Regulations

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

The match format for both the Qualifying and Finals will be each county playing all other counties in a round robin with the winner of each group progressing to the Finals as previously designated.

The match format for the Finals will comprise of 2 Groups (North and South) with 5 counties per group with each county playing all other counties within their group in a round robin to determine County champion – one for the north area and one for the south area.

Both the Qualifying Event and Finals will be played using indoor venues.
2. Final nominations must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before the start of play. Final nominations of all eligible players shall be nominated in any order (Team Captains decision).

Equally rated players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the day.
3. Counties should nominate a minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 players.
4. Each match shall consist of twelve rubbers – four boys singles, followed by four girls singles, followed by one boys doubles, one girls doubles and two 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.
5. All rubbers shall be the best of 1 abbreviated set to 4 with a tie-break at 3-3 (2 clear to 7) with no ad-scoring.
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.

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.
7. Team captain or nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players at the end of each set 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 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.
9. If a player or doubles pair play out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded a one love set.
10. 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.
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. This shall apply separately to boys and girls.
12. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
13. The team with most rubber points shall win the match. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.
14. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If a match in progress cannot be finished on the day, and less than twelve rubbers have been completed, 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 tiebreaks won; or
 - c) If there is equality of rubbers and tiebreaks, by the majority of points won
15. The final standings for the Group 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 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)