



2026 WINTER PRE-SEASON MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2026



ONLINE MEETING ETIQUETTE

- Keep your microphone on mute but your camera on!
- Interact
- Put your name and county in chat to register
- Be respectful



AGENDA

6:00 – 6:15pm

Welcome and Warm Up

6:15 - 6:45pm

Set 1 – Important Updates

6:45 – 7pm

Set 2 – Winter 2026 – Key reminders

7pm – 7:20pm

Tiebreak - “*Your Competition Experience*”

7:20 – 7:30pm

Cool Down

WARM-UP



SET 1: UPDATES





TENNIS
FOR BRITAIN

COMPETITION PLAN

2025-29





OUR VISION:

**TENNIS
OPENED UP**

OUR MISSION:

TO EMBED A
**CULTURE OF
COMPETITION**
ACROSS TENNIS AND PADEL IN BRITAIN

PROGRESS SO FAR:



- Competition Digital review
- New LTA Youth competition offer development
- 10U Framework review and County & Regional Competition landscape review
- Padel National Championships
- Investment into Disability Competition
- Deployment framework for non-professional GB Teams
- Strategy to mitigate the impact of Electronic Line Calling

PRIORITIES FOR 2026:

- Fair Play campaign – enhancing support for Officials and Parents
- Launch of new competition offer
- Competition Digital Review recommendations
- Competition Satisfaction survey
- County Cup review
- County Competition Plans
- Officiating CPD and Qualification Pathway (in conjunction with CODS)



WORKING TOGETHER:

- LTA Competitions Team
- LTA Coach & Officials Development & Support Team
 - CPD opportunities
- LTA Customer Support Team
- County Associations – through County Competition Plans



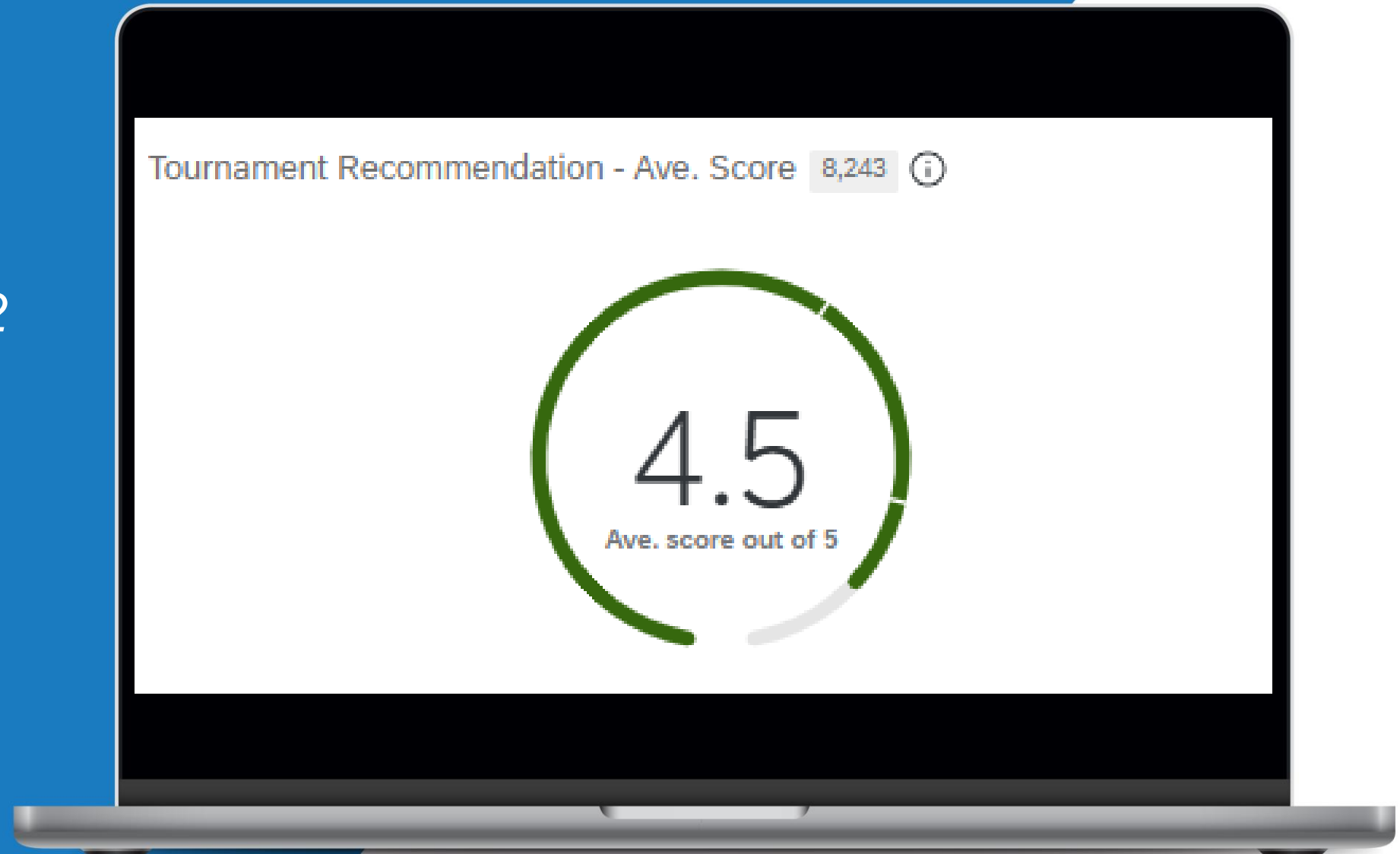
LTA SUPPORT

- County and Local Tour Medals for Winner and Runner-Up of all **junior** one-day events dispatched
- Certificates for Red, Orange, Green and 11U events dispatched
- Indoor Court Grant available for Grade 4
- Organiser manuals



COMPETITION SATISFACTION SURVEY

- Launched in March
- National Average – 4.52
out of 5
- 8,800 responses
- Officials' dashboard
update
- Using the insight



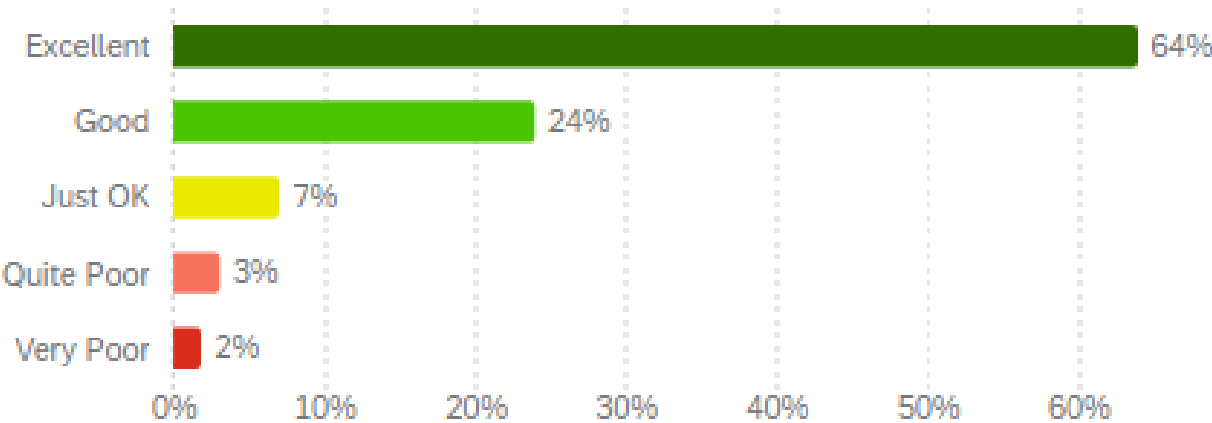
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Value for Money

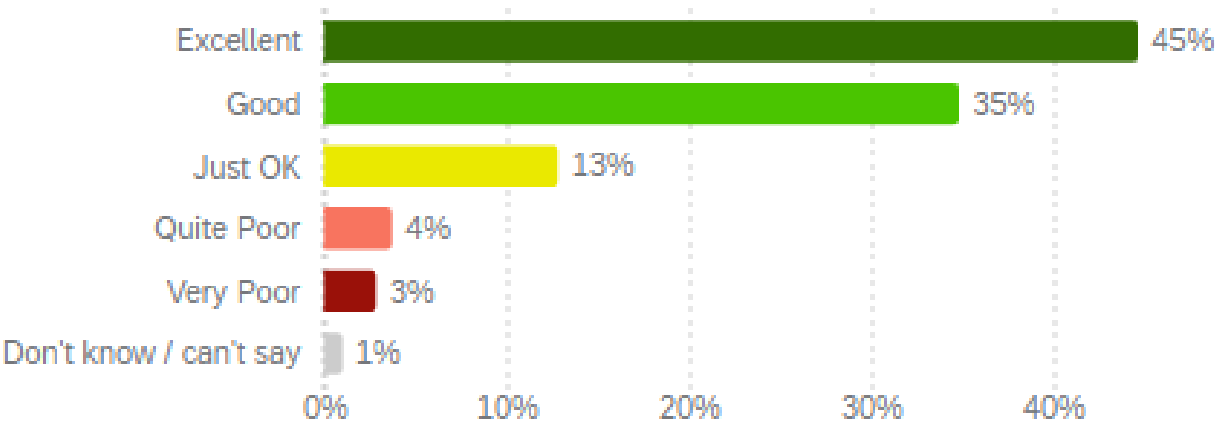
Ratings

(5 = Would definitely recommend, 1 = Would definitely not recommend)

Tournament Organisation Rating 7,677

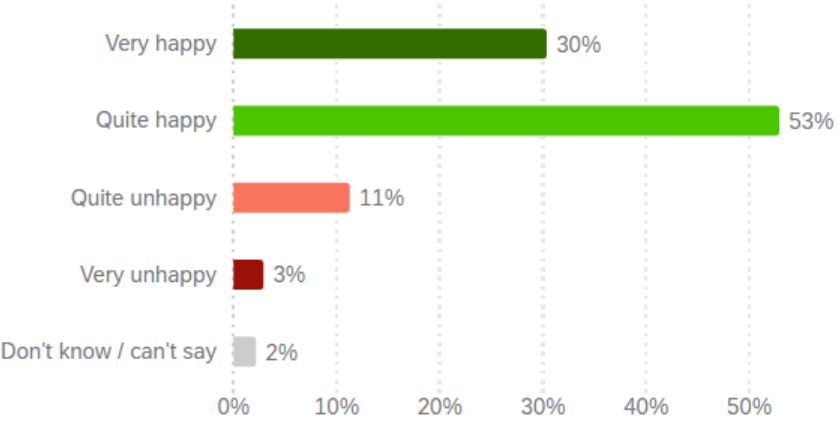


Value for Money Rating 7,671

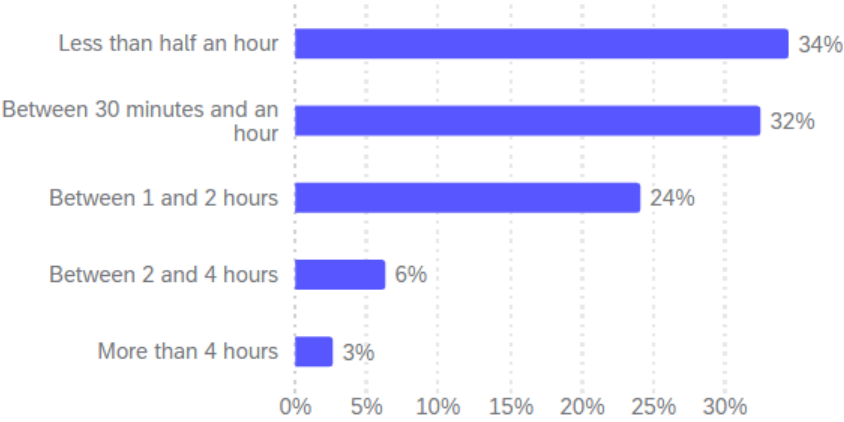


ADDITIONAL METRICS:

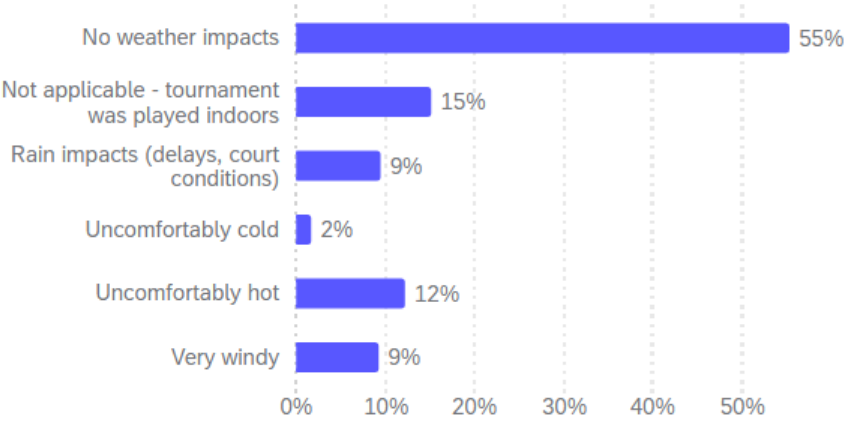
Satisfaction With Own Performance 7,663



Travel Time 7,447



Weather Impact 7,451



SET THE STANDARD

RESPECT STARTS WITH YOU

WHAT IS 'SET THE STANDARD'?

The 'Set the Standard' fair play campaign is designed to promote positive parent behaviour and better support coaches, referees and competition organisers in creating better competition experiences for young players.

By encouraging collaboration between coaches, parents, and officials, 'Set the Standard' aims to give players the best possible competition experience and help keep them playing the game for longer.



SET THE STANDARD RESOURCES

- **A powerful campaign video** showcasing how positive parent behaviour helps players thrive. The video will be embedded in the LTA Competition Management System so that a parent will have to watch it before they can enter their child in a competition and it can be viewed online via the [Parent Support webpage](#).
- **A new 'Set the Standard' parent guide** available [online](#), to help parents and carers understand how their behaviour and the nature of support influences their child's attitude, resilience, and long-term enjoyment of the sport.
- **Training for licensed officials and referees**, including a session on 'Empathetic Listening' that was delivered at the Referee Workshops in May, and new online CPD launching soon that will include modules on communicating with players and parents and managing and de-escalating challenging situations.
- **Printed and digital resources** including court banners, posters, and business cards that competition organisers and referees can display and hand out at their competitions. We will also be sharing 'Set the Standard' email templates.





SAFE TOPLAY
Say something if you see something

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SET THE STANDARD ASSETS



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FIND OUT MORE



Parent & Guardians

- Remind your child to **work hard, enjoy it, and play fair**
- Make sure what they see from you is **reassuring**
- **Encourage every player**, respect runs both ways
- Help them to see the positives, **no matter the outcome**
- Lead by example, **respect the Official's decision**



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ADDITIONAL PARENT RESOURCES

Competition Parent Support Webpage

A dedicated area of the LTA website providing guidance and resources for parents of competitive tennis players – www.lta.org.uk/parent-support

Competition Parenting Course

- An interactive online course designed to provide parents with the knowledge and skills they need to support their child at competitions.
- Aimed at parents/carers of players aged 9-14 years who are starting to compete or competing regularly.
- The course is free to complete – parents and carers can learn more and book online: [View Competition Parenting Course](#)

Online Workshops

- **Competition Parenting Workshop**

An interactive version of our Competition Parenting Course delivered by one of our leading experts:

[Wednesday 7 October at 7pm – Click to book](#)

- **Parent and Child Workshop – Working Together for a Mental Advantage**

This one-hour workshop for parents and children to attend together will focus on helping and supporting the player's mental skills.

[Tuesday 13 October at 6:30pm – Click to book](#)



SET 2: THE WINTER PROGRAMME AND KEY REMINDERS



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

WINTER PROGRAMME

Local Tour

- Grade 5 opportunities for players aged 8U – Open
- First opportunity for players to earn LTA Ranking/Recent Form points
- 5,080 Local Tour events completed in 2025 – 2026 Winter period

County Tour

- Grade 4 competitions that are delivered for 9U – Open players
- Singles and Doubles opportunities
- 3,086 County Tour events completed in 2025 – 2026 Winter period

Regional Tour

- Grade 3 programme delivered by the LTA – all events indoors
- Occupancy rate of 94.4% in 2025-2026 season, offering 4,224 playing opportunities
- 317 Regional Tour competitions in 2025-2026 season (each age group has 3 rotations)

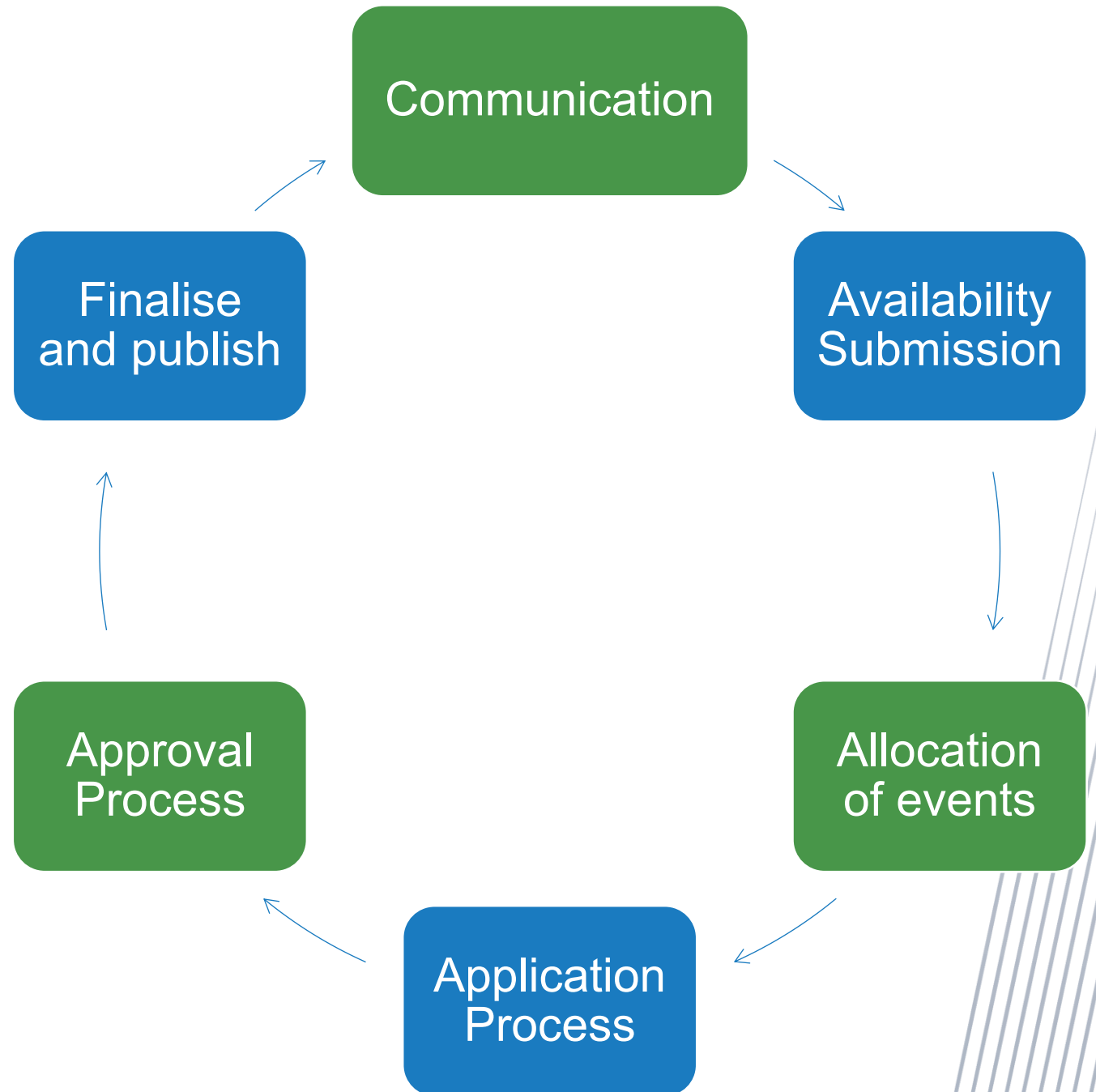
National Tour

- Grade 2 competitions in October, December and Spring for 9U and 10U players
- Link to WRT events so winners can earn a wild card in the 9U and 10U National Tour competitions

COMPETITION PLANNING

Next competition planning window:

- Open **23rd September 2026 – 18th October 2026**
- Applying for One-Day events from **9th January – 11th April 2027**
- Weeklong competitions from January – April
(February Half Term & Easter Holidays)
- FAST4 Open Regional Tour competitions for 2027



HELP US TO HELP YOU!

- Meet published deadlines
- Utilise the 'Notes' feature on the availability form
- Plan your programme if working across multiple venues
- Liaise with other venues/organisers
- Ensure your venue is LTA registered



KEY REMINDERS



OWN AGE GROUP PRIORITY

- OAGP acceptance will continue to be used for 18U and Open County Tour events
- Ensure you select 'Own Age Group Priority' on the factsheet

The screenshot shows a web application interface for creating an event. A modal window titled 'Event Information' is open, displaying details for a 18U BS event. The form includes fields for Name, Grade, Start date, End date, Closing deadline, and Withdrawal deadline. Below these fields, there is a section for 'Own Age Group Priority' with a toggle switch set to 'YES'. The toggle is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below the toggle, there are several other fields: Entry restrictions (LTA staged), Consolation (Yes), Proposed Draw Size (8), Timings (2pm), Entry fee (20), Draw Format (Compass), and Scoring Format (Fast 4). At the bottom right of the modal, there are 'CANCEL' and 'SAVE' buttons. The background shows a blurred view of the main application interface with various event details and a sidebar.

Event Information	
Name	18U BS
Grade	Grade 4
Start date	09/07/2023
End date	09/07/2023
Closing deadline	27/06/2023 10:00:00
Withdrawal deadline	03/07/2023 10:00:00
Own Age Group Priority	
☒ YES	
Entry restrictions	LTA staged
Consolation	Yes
Proposed Draw Size	8
Timings	2pm
Entry fee	20
Draw Format	Compass
Scoring Format	Fast 4

LATE ENTRIES & WILD CARDS

- If, at the time a player requests to be a late entry they would be seeded, that player cannot be accepted
- However, for **justifiable reasons** you can issue a wild card to a player who requests a late entry and would be a seed
- Maximum of 1 wild card for every 8 places in the draw
- Late entries must be added via your Organiser Portal in the Competition Management System, to ensure late entries are visible online.

MIXED EVENTS

- Championing girls within mixed gendered events.
- Offering an additional medal / prize.
- Specific shoutout during award giving or tournament wrap up.



WITHDRAWALS

- Monitor withdrawals and update the TTP file regularly
- Player's responsibility to monitor their status
- Any player on the Reserve list can withdraw from a competition penalty free up to the point where they are accepted into the competition.
- A reserve may decline an offer to play without incurring a penalty if the player is contacted in the 24 hours immediately before the event date.
- **Please always record late withdrawal offences**



EDITING EVENT DETAILS

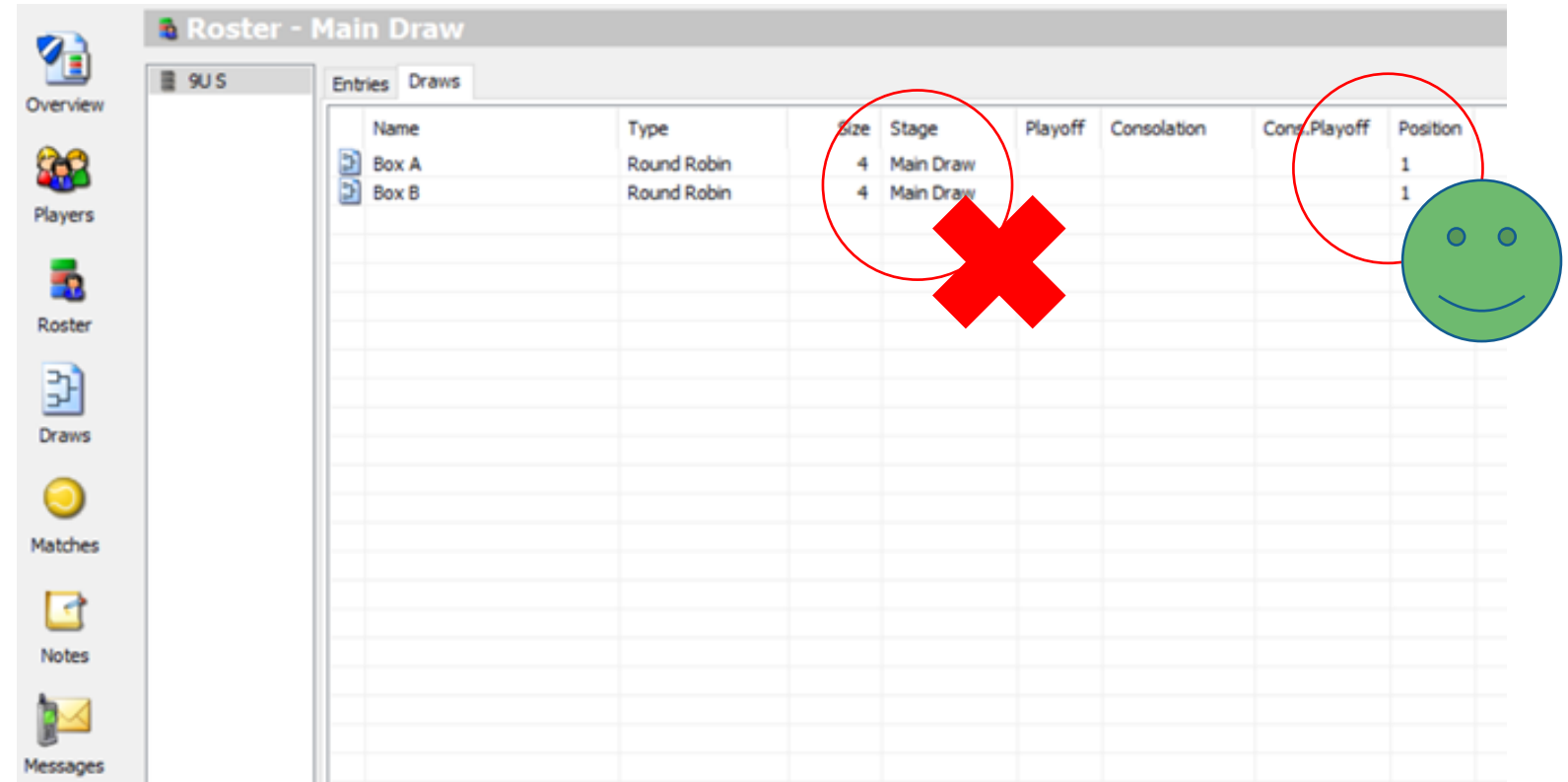
- You can amend event dates, referee info and more in the Settings tab in CMS
- Events dates & fees – before tournament opens for entries
- Amending referee – until 2 weeks prior to tournament
- New support videos now available in the officials hub – TTP & CMS

The screenshot displays the 'Tournaments' CMS interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Tournament Applications', 'Application Periods', 'Availability Periods', and 'Availability Submissions'. The main content area is titled 'Tennis World May Tournament (2023-23-23)' and shows the tournament dates '28-05-2023 to 03-06-2023'. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with 'Dashboard', 'Tournament Application', 'Fact Sheet', 'Entries', 'Payments', and 'Settings' (highlighted). The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Referee' and 'Remarks'. The 'Referee' section shows a message: 'The referee can be amended until 2 weeks prior to the tournament.' Below this, the referee's details are listed: 'Matthew Jackson', '447753240561', and 'matthew.jackson@yahoo.com'. The 'Remarks' section is currently empty. A 'Settings' tab is visible at the bottom of the page, showing a table of event details for the 'Junior' category. The table has columns for 'Event', 'Event dates', and 'Fee'. The table lists 10 events with their respective start and end times and fees. A message at the top of the 'Settings' tab states: 'The entry fees and event dates can be amended until the competition opens for entries.'

Event	Event dates	Fee
R15	Start time: Sun 28-05-2023 09:00 End time: Sun 28-05-2023 13:00	£10.00
R15	Start time: Sun 28-05-2023 09:00 End time: Sun 28-05-2023 13:00	£10.00
16L/16R	Start time: Sun 28-05-2023 09:00 End time: Mon 29-05-2023 13:00	£10.00
16L/16R	Start time: Sun 28-05-2023 09:00 End time: Mon 29-05-2023 13:00	£10.00
17L/17R	Start time: Mon 29-05-2023 09:00 End time: Tue 30-05-2023 13:00	£20.00
17L/17R	Start time: Mon 29-05-2023 09:00 End time: Tue 30-05-2023 13:00	£20.00
18L/18R	Start time: Tue 30-05-2023 09:00 End time: Wed 31-05-2023 13:00	£10.00
18L/18R	Start time: Tue 30-05-2023 09:00 End time: Wed 31-05-2023 13:00	£10.00
19L/19R	Start time: Wed 31-05-2023 09:00 End time: Thu 01-06-2023 13:00	£10.00
19L/19R	Start time: Wed 31-05-2023 09:00 End time: Thu 01-06-2023 13:00	£10.00
20L/20R	Start time: Thu 01-06-2023 09:00 End time: Fri 02-06-2023 13:00	£20.00
20L/20R	Start time: Thu 01-06-2023 09:00 End time: Fri 02-06-2023 13:00	£20.00

TTP REMINDERS

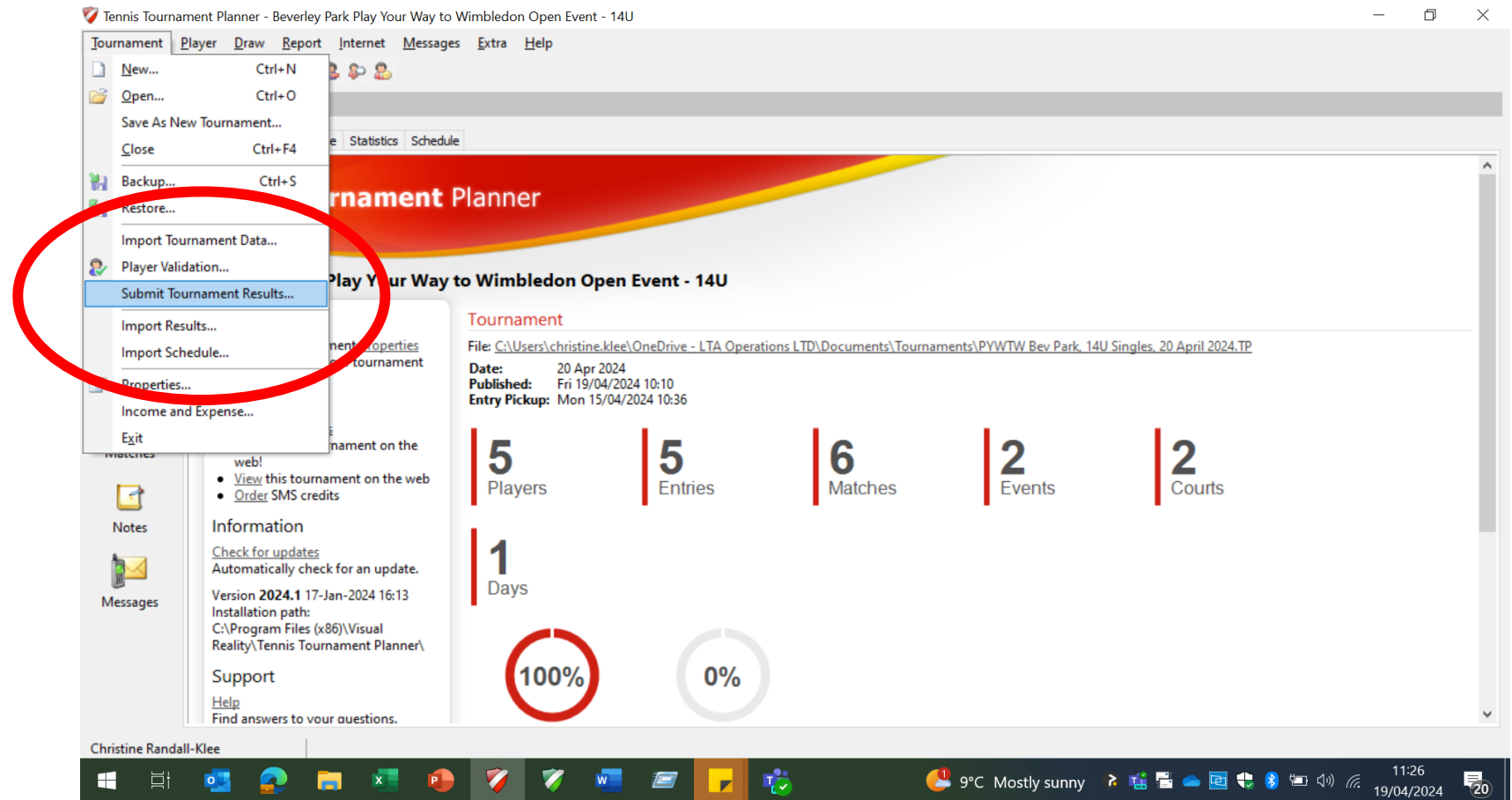
- Ensure Draw Stages are correct
 - NEVER have more than 1 draw stage in an event as 'Main Draw'
- ALWAYS keep the 'position' in draws as '1'
- Try to bring as many players through to the main draw as possible
- Remember a compass draw has an in-built consolation
- New support videos now available in the officials hub – TTP & CMS



Name	Type	Size	Stage	Playoff	Consolation	Cons.Playoff	Position
Box A	Round Robin	4	Main Draw				1
Box B	Round Robin	4	Main Draw				1

AFTER YOUR TOURNAMENT

- Ensure you submit results within **48 hours**.
- If you do not submit within this time, players only receive 1 ranking point.
- Contact CST if you need to amend results in a file you've already submitted



STANDARD DRAW FORMATS

DRAW TYPE	DRAW SIZE	FORMAT	SCORING
9U (1 day)	8 or 16	Round Robin to Elimination with Consolation or Compass draw OR Round Robin Draw	One match tie break to 10 points
10U (1 day)	8 or 16	Compass Draw OR Round Robin to Elimination with Consolation	FAST4 Tennis - 1 set or Best of 3 sets, with 3 rd set a MTB
11U-18U (1 day) Singles or Doubles	8	Compass draw	FAST4 Tennis - Best of 3 sets, with 3 rd set a MTB
11U-18U (1 day) Singles or Doubles	16	Elimination with Consolation OR Compass draw	FAST4 Tennis - Best of 3 sets, with 3 rd set a MTB

DRAW FORMATS – NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Player No.	Suggested Draw Format	TTP Draw Stage	Ranking & Leaderboard Points
5	5 player, round robin group	Main Draw	MD points assigned to players who have won a match
6	8 player compass draw (with byes)	Main Draw	MD & CD points assigned to players who have won a match
7	8 player compass draw (with a bye) DO NOT PLAY THE CONSOLATION (LEFT) SIDE OF THE COMPASS DRAW	Main Draw	MD points assigned to players who have won a match
	3 player, round robin group (for consolation)	Consolation	CD points assigned to players who have won a match
9	3 x 3 player, round robin groups, leading to.... 4 player elimination with 3rd/4th playoff (3 group winners & best 2nd) 3 player, round robin group (remaining 2nd place players & best 3rd) 2 player elimination (remaining 2 3rd place players)	Qualification	QD points assigned to players who have won a match
		Main draw	MD & CD points assigned to players who have won a match
		Extra	Ratings only (players will end up with Q points or 1 point)
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10	16 player elimination with 3 rd /4 th playoff + first match consolation with 3 rd /4 th play off	Main Draw	MD points assigned to players who have won a match
	Extra rating matches for remaining players	Extra	Ratings only (players will end up with Q points or 1 point)
11	16 player elimination	Main Draw	MD points assigned to players who have won a match
	3 player, round robin group for consolation	Consolation	CD points assigned to players who have won a match
12 to 16	16 player compass draw (with byes)	Main Draw	MD & CD points assigned to players who have won a match

TIEBREAK:

**SETTING THE
STANDARD:
YOUR COMPETITION
EXPERIENCE**



YOUR COMPETITION EXPERIENCE: DISCUSSION

In your breakout rooms, please consider:

1. The biggest challenges you experience as a competition organiser.
2. The ways in which these challenges could be overcome.

Following the discussion, can one person from each group please write your agreed 3 biggest challenges and how you would overcome these into the chat.

COOL DOWN





NATIONAL OFFICIATING CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY 28 & SUNDAY
29 NOVEMBER 2026**

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



REFEREE WHATSAPP GROUPS

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The regional referee WhatsApp groups offer referees an opportunity to connect with other referees within their region, ask questions and receive peer to peer support. They are also a good way to introduce yourself to others on the group and find opportunities to work at a local & county level.

Join your regional group by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code below:



[Central & East](#)

*Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire,
Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk,
Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire & Suffolk*



[London & South East](#)

Essex, Kent, Middlesex & Surrey



[Midlands & North East](#)

*Cumbria, Derbyshire, Durham & Cleveland,
Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland,
Nottinghamshire & Yorkshire*



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*Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire &
Worcestershire, Isle of Man, Lancashire,
Shropshire, Staffordshire & Warwickshire*



[Scotland](#)



[South & South West](#)

*Avon, Channel Islands, Cornwall, Devon,
Dorset, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Somerset,
Sussex & Wiltshire*

Please remember the ground rules of these groups:

1. Be kind and courteous
2. No promotions or scams
3. Be respectful
4. Engage



[Wales](#)



CONTACTING US

Enquiry Page

Include a Tournament Code
and ensure you select your
role as 'Organiser/Official'



SUMMARY

- Key Updates for 2026W
- Competition Plan – progress so far
- The Winter Programme and Key Reminders
- Support

Make sure you have registered in the chat!

