

# LTA 9U COUNTY CUP EVENT 2025

## Competition Pack

**All information correct as of 14 January 2025**

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## Introduction and Important Dates

Welcome to the Competition Pack for the LTA 9U County Cup Events. 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 8U through to adult categories.

Event & Dates	Nominations Open	Nominations Close
<b>LTA 9U County Cup Event</b> <b>For players born in 2016 or 2017 only</b>  <b>Qualifying –</b> Unless specified below, all groups playing Sunday 2 March 2025  <b>Finals –</b> Girls – Saturday 29 March 2025 Boys – Sunday 30 March 2025  North Area Group Finals to be played at Nottingham Tennis Centre South Area Group Finals to be played at DL Club Southampton	Monday 27 January 2025          Monday 25 March 2024	Monday 17 February 2025          Monday 8 April 2024

### Please Note:

Due to availability of venues and courts some groups may be playing on different dates –

**Girls Qualifying North (Sunderland & Shrewsbury) Groups B & D – Saturday 1 March 2025**  
**Boys Qualifying North (Sunderland & Shrewsbury) Group B & D – Sunday 2 March 2025**

**Girls Qualifying South (Bromley) Group E – Saturday 1 March 2025**  
**Boys Qualifying North (Bromley) Group E – Sunday 2 March 2025**



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**Qualifying – Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 March 2025 – Groups B & D North (Sunderland & Shrewsbury) & E South (Bromley)**  
**Qualifying – Sunday 2 March 2025 all other groups (apart from Group E North which will take place on Sunday 9 March 2025)**

**Finals – Girls – Saturday 29 March 2025**

**Finals – Boys – Sunday 30 March 2025**

<b>Group A – North</b>	
Venue – Oriam Tennis Centre, 8 The Avenue, Riccarton, EH14 4AS	
Venue Contact – Danny Curtis – 0131 451 8400	
Referee – TBC	
Court Supervisor – Allan Hendry and Fraser Lyle	
A	East of Scotland
B	South of Scotland
C	North of Scotland
D	West of Scotland

<b>Group A - South</b>	
Venue – Taunton Tennis Centre, TA1 2RW	
Venue Contact – Kerry Quirk - 01823 333 435	
Referee – Parul Patel	
Court Supervisor – Debbie Butland and	
A	Avon
B	Somerset
C	Cornwall
D	Devon

<b>Group B – North</b>	
<b>NB: Girls Group to be played Saturday 1 March 2025</b>	
<b>NB: Boys Group to be played Sunday 2 March 2025</b>	
Venue – Sunderland Tennis Centre, SR3 1PD	
Venue Contact – Graham Fowler – 03330 050 152	
Referee – Fiona Fellows	
Court Supervisor – Iraj Niknam and TBC	
A	Durham & Cleveland
B	Cumbria
C	Lancashire
D	Northumberland
E	Yorkshire

<b>Group B – South</b>	
Venue – Easton Tennis Centre, Easton & Otley College, NR9 5DX	
Venue Contact – Viki Barton – 01603 731 264	
Referee – Christopher Rudolph	
Court Supervisor – Heather Bottomley and Cathy Geary	
A	Norfolk
B	Suffolk
C	Bedfordshire
D	Cambridgeshire

<b>Group C – North</b>	
Venue – Boston Tennis Club, Sleaford Road, Boston PE21 8EY	
Venue Contact – Mary Smura - 01205 355502	
Referee – TBC	
Court Supervisor – Jonathan Worthy and Paul Johnson	
A	Nottinghamshire
B	Lincolnshire
C	Leicestershire
D	Northamptonshire

<b>Group C - South</b>	
Venue – Aldershot Tennis Centre, GU11 2LD	
Venue Contact – Louise Moodie - 01252 750 431	
Referee – TBC	
Court Supervisor – Darren Michaels and Ramin Ramos	
A	Hampshire & IOW
B	Berkshire
C	Dorset
D	Wiltshire

<b>Group D – North</b>	
<b>NB: Girls Group to be played Saturday 1 March 2025</b>	
<b>NB: Boys Group to be played Sunday 2 March 2025</b>	
Venue – The Shrewsbury Club, SY1 4RG	
Venue Contact – Alvin Ward – 01743 467 755	
Referee – Diane Gibson	
Court Supervisor – Robert Gibson and Gary Phillpott	
A	Shropshire
B	Warwickshire
C	Staffordshire
D	South Wales
E	Herefordshire & Worcestershire

<b>Group D - South</b>	
Venue – Oxstalls Sports Park, Plock Court, Tewksbury Road, Longford	
Venue Contact – Sarah Dorkings – 01452 396 969	
Referee – Donna Budd	
Court Supervisor – Graham Budd and Janet Logsdail	
A	Surrey
B	Buckinghamshire
C	Oxfordshire
D	Gloucestershire

<b>Group E – North</b>	
<b>NB: Group to be played Sunday 9 March</b>	
Venue – Wrexham Tennis Centre,	
Venue Contact – Molly Mcneil - 01978 265 260	
Referee – Mark Wilkinson	
Court Supervisor – Julia Bond and Tcherina Vaughan Griffiths	
A	Derbyshire
B	Cheshire
C	North Wales
D	IOM

<b>Group E – South</b>	
<b>NB: Girls Group to be played Saturday 1 March 2025</b>	
<b>NB: Boys Group to be played Sunday 2 March 2025</b>	
Venue – Bromley Tennis Centre, Avebury Road, BR6 9SA	
Venue Contact – Emma Wanostrocht – 01689 880 407	
Referee – Graham Silvester	
Court Supervisor – Andy Lucey and TBC	
A	Middlesex
B	Sussex
C	Kent
D	Essex
E	Hertfordshire

<b>North Area Finals – Nottingham, NG7 2PS</b>			
Venue – Nottingham Tennis Centre, University Boulevard, Nottingham			
Venue Contact – Rory McCutcheon – countycup@lta.org.uk			
Referee – Sangeeta Arora			
Court Supervisors – Kamil Borkowski, Kathryn Heathcote, Paul Johnson and Cheng Li			
LTA Representative –			
<b>GIRLS</b>		<b>BOYS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 29 MARCH</b>		<b>SUNDAY 30 MARCH</b>	
A		A	
B		B	
C		C	
D		D	
E		E	

<b>South Area Finals – Southampton, SO16 0XS</b>			
Venue – DL Club Southampton, Frogmore Lane, Nursling			
Venue Contact – Rory McCutcheon – countycup@lta.org.uk			
Referee – Gill Andersson			
Court Supervisors – Jane Clarke, David Gibbs, Darren Michaels and Claire Vincent			
LTA Representative –			
<b>GIRLS</b>		<b>BOYS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 29 MARCH</b>		<b>SUNDAY 30 MARCH</b>	
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**VENUE CONTACT DETAILS**

<b>North Group A</b>	<b>EDINBURGH – DANNY CURTIS</b> Oriam Tennis Centre, 8 The Avenue, Riccarton, EH14 4AS Tel: 0131 451 8400 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:tennis@oriam.hw.ac.uk">tennis@oriam.hw.ac.uk</a>
<b>North Group B</b>	<b>SUNDERLAND – GRAHAM FOWLER</b> <b>Girls Group to be played Saturday 1 March 2025</b> <b>Boys Group to be played Sunday 2 March 2025</b> Sunderland Tennis Centre, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland, SR3 1PD Tel: 07802 875 211 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:grahamfowler@everyoneactive.com">grahamfowler@everyoneactive.com</a>
<b>North Group C</b>	<b>BOSTON – MARY SMURA</b> Boston Tennis Club, Sleaford Road, Boston PE21 8EY Tel: 01205 355502 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:mary@bostontennis.co.uk">mary@bostontennis.co.uk</a>
<b>North Group D</b>	<b>SHREWSBURY – ALLVIN WARD</b> <b>Girls Group to be played Saturday 1 March 2025</b> <b>Boys Group to be played Sunday 2 March 2025</b> The Shrewsbury Club, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG Tel: 01743 467 755 EMail: <a href="mailto:alvin.ward@davidlloyd.co.uk">alvin.ward@davidlloyd.co.uk</a>
<b>North Group E</b>	<b>WREXHAM – MOLLY MCNEIL</b> <b>Boys &amp; Girls to be played Sunday 9 March 2025</b> North Wales Regional Tennis Centre, Plas Coch Road, Wrexham, LL11 2BW Tel: 01978 265260 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:molly.mcneil@wrexhamtenniscentre.co.uk">molly.mcneil@wrexhamtenniscentre.co.uk</a>
<b>South Group A</b>	<b>TAUNTON – KERRY QUIRK</b> Taunton Tennis Centre, Blackbrook Pavilion, Blackbrook Way, Taunton, TA1 2RW Tel: 01823 333 435 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:kerryquirk@everyoneactive.com">kerryquirk@everyoneactive.com</a>
<b>South Group B</b>	<b>EASTON – VIKI BARTON</b> Easton Tennis Centre, Easton & Otley College, Easton, Norwich, NR9 5DX Tel: 01603 731 264 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:viki.barton@ccn.ac.uk">viki.barton@ccn.ac.uk</a>
<b>South Group C</b>	<b>ALDERSHOT – LOUISE MOODIE</b> Aldershot Tennis Centre, Prince's Avenue, Aldershot, GU11 2LD Tel: 01252 750 431 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:louise@aldershottenniscentre.co.uk">louise@aldershottenniscentre.co.uk</a>
<b>South Group D</b>	<b>OXTALLS – SARAH DORKINGS</b> Oxstalls Sports Park, Plock Court, Tewksbury Road, Longford, GL2 9DW Tel: 01452 396 969 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:sarah.dorkings@freedom-leisure.co.uk">sarah.dorkings@freedom-leisure.co.uk</a>
<b>South Group E</b>	<b>BROMLEY – EMMA WANOSTROCHT</b> <b>Girls Group to be played Saturday 1 March 2025</b> <b>Boys Group to be played Sunday 2 March 2025</b> Bromley Tennis Centre at Newstead, Avebury Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SA Tel: 01689 880 407 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:emma.wanostrocht@bromleytenniscentre.co.uk">emma.wanostrocht@bromleytenniscentre.co.uk</a>
<b>South Area Finals</b>	<b>SOUTHAMPTON – RORY MCCUTCHEON</b> <b>Girls Group to be played Saturday 29 March 2025</b> <b>Boys Group to be played Sunday 30 March 2025</b> DL Club Southampton, DL Club Southampton, Frogmore Lane, Nursling, SO16 0XS Email: <a href="mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk">countycup@lta.org.uk</a>
<b>North Area Finals</b>	<b>NOTTINGHAM – RORY MCCUTCHEON</b> <b>Girls Group to be played Saturday 29 March 2025</b> <b>Boys Group to be played Sunday 30 March 2025</b> Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre, University Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 2PS Email: <a href="mailto:countycup@lta.org.uk">countycup@lta.org.uk</a>





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**Girls Qualifying South (Bromley) Group E – Saturday 1 March 2025**  
**Boys Qualifying North (Bromley) Group E – Sunday 2 March 2025**

**Boys & Girls North Area (Wrexham) Group E – Sunday 9 March 2025**

**Finals –**

Girls – Saturday 29 March 2025

Boys – Sunday 20 March 2025

North Area Group Finals to be played at Nottingham Tennis Centre

South Area Group Finals to be played at DL Club Southampton

Event Personnel	Event Director – Rory McCutcheon E-Mail – <a href="mailto:countycup@LTA.org.uk">countycup@LTA.org.uk</a>
Team Captains, Players & Parents Meeting	To be held <b>no later than 60 mins before the start of play</b> to include Referee, all Team Captains and a venue representative. This should last no longer than 30 minutes.  Venue Rep to explain arrangements for: <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 – to be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm</li> <li>• If on-site, the gym is not to be used</li> </ul> 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 <a href="#">LTA Rule 66 Area Qualification</a> 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, Team Captains are accepting responsibility and acknowledging confirmation of final / daily nominated players and all players' have been nominated in the correct order.
Order of Play	<b>ORDER OF PLAY FOR GROUPS COMPRISING 4 COUNTY TEAMS:</b> 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  <b>ORDER OF PLAY FOR GROUPS COMPRISING 5 COUNTY TEAMS:</b> 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  Singles f/b doubles

Match Format	<p>Please refer to Points 3, 4 and 14 of the Rules &amp; Regulations.</p> <p>For doubles the full width of the singles court should be used, with all lines used for singles remaining in place.</p>
Match Scorecards	<p>Once match 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>
Match Results	<p>The Referee to 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.</p>
Tennis Balls	<p>6 dozen Dunlop orange ball. Best used balls from singles matches to be used for doubles matches.</p>
Catering	<p>Hot &amp; cold refreshments should be available 10.00am and 4.00pm but counties are advised to check arrangements with the relevant venue.</p>
Changing Facilities	<p>Apart from toilets, access to changing facilities may vary from venue to venue and counties are advised to check with the relevant venue.</p>
Scoreboards and Seating	<p>Available on-site at the venue. Please ensure players keep scoreboards 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 Information	<p>There have been some important updates to the various <a href="#">safeguarding</a> 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.</p> <p>Team Captains should ensure they have been given copies of completed &amp; signed <a href="#">emergency contact</a> details 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 LTAs <a href="#">safeguarding policy on photography</a>. The Tennis Centre's policy on Photography must be adhered to at all times.</p> <p>If you or anyone in your county requires a copy of the venue risk assessment where your team(s) will be playing you can view all venue risk assessments <a href="#">here</a>. If you require further information on your venue's safeguarding policy please refer to the relevant area on the venue website.</p>
Discipline & Code Violations	<p>Your attention is drawn to Rules 14, 14(a), 14(b) and 14(c) of the Rules &amp; Regulations regarding discipline of all players, both on and off-site, during the Event. All players must abide by the LTA Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The Referee will inform the Team Captain if it has been necessary to issue a code violation. These will be recorded on the LP file. The LTA will be notified (verbally) immediately if it has been necessary to default a player. A default counts for the duration of the Event regardless of however many matches/days remain.</p>
Finals Details	<p>The Finals for the winners of North Area Groups A to E will take place indoors at Nottingham Tennis Centre The Finals for the winners of South Area Groups A to E will take place indoors at DL Club Southampton</p> <p>County Offices + Team Captains of counties progressing to the Finals will be e-mailed all relevant information w/c Monday 26 March once the Qualifying Event has taken place.</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Team captains or their nominated deputy, at their discretion, are allowed to remain on court for the duration of a match.</p> <p>Players should wear recognised tennis clothing as per the County Cup Regulations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Under no circumstances should players use or enter the gym.</p> <p>Medals will be given to Group Winners.</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 9U County Cup Event 2025 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. Boys and girls will compete in separate events.

The match format for the Finals will comprise of 2 Groups (North and South) with a maximum of 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 should be nominated in any order (Team Captains decision). The nominated order must be maintained throughout the day.
3. Counties should nominate a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 players per gender. **For players born in 2016 or 2017 only.**
4. Each match shall consist of six rubbers – four girls singles and two girls doubles (to be played in the morning) and four boys singles and two boys doubles per rubber (to be played in the afternoon). 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 4 singles. Players are only permitted to play two rubbers per match. For doubles the full width of the singles court should be used, with all lines used for singles remaining in place.
5. All rubbers shall be the best of 1 FAST4 set 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 captains or their nominated deputy, at their discretion, are allowed to remain on court for the duration of a match.
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 one love set. 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. At 3 rubbers each a doubles tie-break 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

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.
15. 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
16. 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)



**FAST4 Tournament Scoring Format & Rules**  
**Effective from 1st September 2019**

1. Matches will be played as the best of two (2) short sets (first to four (4) games) with a tie-break (first to seven (7) points, two points clear at six (6) points all) played at three (3) games all. If at the conclusion of the second set, the score is 1 set all, a match tie-break (first to ten (10) points, two points clear at nine (9) points all) will be played to determine the outcome of the match.
2. All singles and doubles matches will be played using no-ad scoring, with the receiver choosing the side to receive the service from when the game reaches deuce. In doubles the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the game.
3. Between points, a maximum of twenty-five (25) seconds is allowed. The maximum time starts from the moment that one point finishes until the first service is struck for the next point.
4. When the players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of sixty (60) seconds are allowed. Players are not permitted to sit down during the change of ends during a set.
5. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of ninety (90) seconds. Players are permitted to sit down at the end of a set.
6. Players are entitled to a 20 minute rest in between matches. The minimum rest periods may be reduced in exceptional circumstances.
7. A player shall be scheduled to play up to four (4) FAST4 singles matches in a day.