

LTA COUNTY CUP EVENTS **'COUNTY CUP RACE' EXPLAINED**

What is the 'County Cup Race'

The County Cup Race recognises a County's performance in all County Cup Events. Points will be allocated after each event, starting with the 18U Event in March and will conclude with the Winter County Cup Event in November. The County with the most points across all Events will be recognised as the overall County Cup Race Champion for that year. In addition, recognition will also be made to the county making the biggest year on year improvement on their previous year's final position.

- Points are awarded per County Cup Event (male and female events)
- For the Summer, Winter, Over 35s and 18U County Cup Events counties will receive 'initial' base points according to the group they are in and then additional ('group') points according to their final group position
- The points for the 14U, 12U, 11U, 10U & 9U County Cup Events are cumulative based on their success at the group stage and the finals stage (if applicable)
- Points are not allocated for the 8U County Cup Event
- If a county is late in submitting their team nominations, subject to the Event Manager's discretion, they may be deducted 2 points per team per Event
- If a county's player(s) achieve 15 rubbers out of 15 at the Summer County Cup Event that county will receive 2 bonus points per player

What are the point allocations?

'Base Points' (Summer, Winter Over 35s & 18U)	Group Points (Summer only)	Group Points (Winter, Over 35s & 18U)
Group 1 = 10 Group 2 = 7 Group 3 = 6 Group 4 = 5 Group 5 = 4 Group 6 = 3 Group 7 = 2	Winner = 15 Runner-up = 12 3rd place = 10 4th place = 8 5th place = 6 6th place = 4 7th place = 2 8th place = 1	Winner = 8 Runner-up = 6 3rd place = 4 4th place = 2

Division 2 (14U, 12U, 11U)	Division 1 Play-offs (14U, 12U, 11U)	Division 1 Finals Points (14U, 12U, 11U)
Winner = 6 Runner-up = 5 3rd place = 4 4th place = 3 5th place = 2 6th place = 1	Qualifying County = 6 2nd place = 5 3rd place = 4 4th place = 3 5th place = 2 6th place = 1	Winner = 8 Runner-up = 7 3rd place = 6 4th place = 5 5th place = 4 6th place = 3 7th place = 2 8th place = 1

Qualifying Points (10U & 9U)	Finals Points (10U & 9U)
Winner = 6 Runner-up = 5 3rd place = 4 4th place = 3 5th place = 2 6th place = 1	Winner = 8 Runner-up = 7 3rd place = 6 4th place = 5 5th place = 4 6th place = 3 7th place = 2 8th place = 1

How and when will the leaderboard be updated?

The leaderboard will be updated 4 times a year – at the end of March, end of June, end of September and the end of December. Once updated it will be published on the County Cup website

What happens if the points are showing incorrectly on the leaderboard

It is the responsibility of each county to check the leaderboard to ensure the points showing for their county are correct. If they disagree with what is showing they must contact countycup@lta.org.uk to lodge an appeal. This must be done within 1 month of the leaderboard being updated and republished.

What happens if more than one county has the same number of points at the end of the year?

The county with the greatest number of County Cup Event wins across men's / women's / boys / girls will be declared the County Cup Champion for that year. Should the points still be equal, then it will be taken on the best performance in the Summer County Cup Event (men's / women's), followed by Winter County Cup Event (men's / women's) and so on.

How will the 'County Cup Race Champion's' achievement be acknowledged?

The County Cup Champion for the year in question will be known following the Winter County Cup Event in November and will be officially announced at the end of that year.

Recognition will be made at a County and player level (ie) all players who have played for that county in the year in question will each receive a memento which will be presented at that county's Awards Evening. In addition, the county will be presented with a perpetual trophy which will be presented to that county's representative at the LTA AGM (NB: the trophy to be retained at The NTC).

Recognition is also made to the county making the biggest year on year improvement on their previous year's final position. This is calculated based on the number of positions moved in the race from year to year (eg) a county improving from 25th place to 12th place year on year. All players who have played for that county in the year in question will each receive a memento which will be presented at that county's Awards Evening. In addition, the county is presented with a perpetual trophy which will be presented to that county's representative at the LTA AGM (NB: the trophy to be retained by the LTA at The NTC).

Will results in the LTA Seniors County Cup Event count towards a county's record?

Certainly not for the 2024 Event but it is certainly something we are considering.

What happens if a county withdraws from an event?

Any county withdrawing from an Event will not be awarded any 'base' points or 'group' points

What happens if a county concedes any rubbers?

If a county concedes any rubbers and it affects the final positions of the group, stops a player from achieving 15 rubbers out of 15 (Summer County Cup only) or there is no justifiable reason not to play, that county will not receive any 'group' points for the County Cup Event in question.

Will points gained in the County Cup Race count towards my ITF World Tennis Number or LTA British Tennis ranking?

- No. The County Cup Race is completely separate to a player's ITF World Tennis Number and / or LTA British Tennis ranking and any 'base' or 'group' points as described above will not show on a player's profile.

NB: Apart from the 18U County Cup Event, all 2020 County Cup Events cancelled