The Millennium Cup 2014

Rules of the Competition

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Rules of The Millennium Cup

1. Name and Objectives

The name of the competition is The Millennium Cup, a friendly inter-club competition between the tennis clubs located in the general area of Streatham within the London Borough of Lambeth.

Inaugurated in 2001, its objects are to:

- Foster goodwill between participating clubs;
- Provide opportunity for the promotion of new activities within each club for the involvement of club members and the training of volunteers;
- Increase interest in the local clubs and encourage participation in the game of tennis by the wider community; and
- Set a framework for the future running of the competition to promulgate these aims.

2. Eligibility

The five tennis clubs eligible to compete in the competition are: -

Grafton Lawn Tennis Club 70a Thornton Road, SW12 0LF 020 8673 28/91	7 courts: 4 macadam, 3 shale (3 Floodlit)
Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club Ederline Avenue, SW16 4RY 020 8764 8918	8 Courts: 4 macadam, 4 grass
Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club 35a Killieser Avenue, SW2 4NX 020 8674 0463	5 courts: 5 macadam (2 Floodlit)
Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club 43 Becmead Avenue, SW161UJ 020 8673 1730	8 courts: 5 macadam, 3 artificial grass (7 Floodlit)
Woodfield Grove Tennis Club 9 Woodfield Grove, SW16 1LR 020 8769 3871	4 courts: 3 cushioned acrylic, 1 hard (4 Floodlit)

Other clubs may apply to the Organising Committee for entry in the following year providing they are located within easy reach of Streatham and in the Borough of Lambeth.

3. Sanction

Providing the competition continues, then sanction from the Surrey County Lawn Tennis Association and the Lawn Tennis Association will be explored.

4. Timing

The 14th Millennium Cup competition will be played between the 1st April and 30th September 2014.

Ties are played at the weekends, the idea being that club members are encouraged to attend to watch in support of their teams, whether they are playing at home or away.

5. Management

Responsibility for the running of the competition lies with the Organising Committee, comprised of representatives from each of the three participating clubs of the inaugural competition.

Unless otherwise agreed by the Committee, each club will chair the Committee on an alphabetical rotational basis for a one year term.

The following voting members currently serve on the Millennium Cup Organising Committee: -

- Juliet Griffiths, Chairman, Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club (2014)
- Nigel Flay, Vice Chairman, Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club (2014)
- Murray Sutton Grafton Lawn Tennis Club (2015)
- Sharon Gould, Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club (2016)
- Alex Kyle, Woodfield Grove Tennis Club (2017)

The following alternate members may also attend meetings and vote when their respective voting members are not present: -

- TBA, Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club
- Claire Lean (TBC), Woodfield Grove Tennis Club
- Alexandra McAdam Clark, Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club
- Marvyn Torres, Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club
- Liz Wickham, Grafton Lawn Tennis CluB

- Peter Risdon, Referee
- Barbara Wancke, Website and admin

The Committee will manage the event under these rules and guidelines established by the Organising Committee.

6. Entries

The deadline for confirmation of club entries for the 2014 competition was 17th March.

7. Acceptances

The 5 clubs accepted for the 2014 competition are Grafton Lawn Tennis Club, Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club, Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club, Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club and Woodfield Grove Tennis Club.

8. Dates

The competition will be held in April, May, June and July with the finals to be staged during September.

The weekends of 19/20 July and 2/3 August are held in reserve in the event of inclement weather or other logistical scheduling problems.

Ties in the 2014 Competition will be played on the following dates:

- Sunday 6 April
- Sunday 13 April
- Sunday 27 April
- Sunday 11 May
- sunday 18 May
- Sunday 31 May
- Sunday 1 June
- Sunday 15 June
- Sunday 22 June
- Saturday 13 or Sunday 14 September - Finals

9. Format, the Draw and Home Ties

There will be a total of 21 ties, 20 of which will be played within a league on a round robin basis, followed by a final between the two top teams in the league.

The draw was conducted by the Organising Committee on Thursday 13 March to determine which teams play on which weekends.

10. Referee

A Referee is appointed by the Organising Committee to oversee and advise on the rules competition. For the purposes of the 2014 competition the Official Referee shall be Peter Risdon.

11. Captains and Event Coordinators

Upon entry into the Competition, each club will nominate a Captain who may be either a member of the team or a non-playing Captain, plus an Event Coordinator who will be responsible for all home tie arrangements.

12. Duties of the Home Captain / Coordinator

The Home Captain (or the Home Coordinator) is responsible for:

- Confirming arrangements with the opposing Captain and/or Coordinator at least two weeks in advance of the tie to be played;

- Selecting the team to be fielded and discussing any deviation from the Standard of Play criteria with the opposing Captain with a view to maintaining this at an equitable level between both the teams;
- Booking the match courts to be used;
- Arranging for the provision of lunch for both teams plus any spectators;
- Making a record of each individual match score;
- Sending the final result together with the detailed individual match scores to the Chairman within 7 days of completion of the tie to register the result.

13. Duties of the Visiting Captain

The visiting Captain (or the visiting Coordinator) is responsible for:

- Selecting the team to be fielded and discussing any deviation from the Standard of Play criteria with the opposing Captain with a view to maintaining this at an equitable level between both the teams;
- Making a record of each individual match score;
- Sending the final result together with the detailed individual match scores to the Chairman within 7 days of completion of the tie to verify the result.

14. Composition of Teams

Each Captain shall nominate a team of players to compete in the following age group categories: -

- One boy and one girl aged 16 & Under
- One man aged 45 & Over
- One woman aged 40 & Over
- One man and one woman of any age

In the event of a club being unable to designate players within a certain age category, players may be seconded from one of the other participating clubs providing the players concerned only compete in the competition for the club to which they have been seconded for the duration of the competition that year.

15. Events

The following events comprise each tie:

Singles

- 16 & Under Boy's Singles
- 16 & Under Girl's Singles
- Men's Open Singles (no age restriction)
- Women's Open Singles (no age restriction)
- 45 & Over Men's Singles

- 40 & Over Women's Singles

Doubles

- Men's (no age restrictions)
- Women's (no age restrictions)
- Mixed (no age restrictions)

16. Nominations

The Captains must nominate their players on site by 10.00 am prior to the start of the first match of that tie and post a public notice for information purposes.

17. Standard of Play Criteria

It is intent of the competition to involve players who would not ordinarily play for their clubs in county events and thus provide them with an opportunity for competitive play at a local level.

In order to keep the standard of play equitable at this level the Committee has agreed with the clubs concerned to exclude specific players on the following basis:

- Grafton LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st and 2nd Men's and 1st Ladies' teams;
- Norbury Park LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st, 2nd and 3rd Men's teams, 1st Ladies Team and 1st Mixed team;
- Telford Park LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st and 2nd Men's or its 1st Ladies' team;
- Wigmore LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Men's teams or its 1st and 2nd Ladies' teams; and
- Woodfield Grove TC will not nominate players competing in its 1st or 2nd Men's team, its Ladies 1st or its1st Mixed team.

Captains and Coordinators are encouraged to discuss with the opposing team their junior selection, bearing in mind matches should be competitive.

18. Tie Arrangements

The home team is responsible for the tie arrangements, including the provision of lunch for the which club may make a modest charge to participants and spectators.

Matches generally will be played in three rounds of three matches, starting at 10.30 am unless otherwise agreed by the two captains.

19. Order of Play

The Organising Committee has determined the dates for each tie in the 2014 competition. These dates are given on the next page.

Each tie will consist of 9 matches played in three rounds (courts permitting) as follows unless otherwise agreed by the two Captains concerned: -

First Round

- 16 & Under Boy's Singles
- 40 & Over Women's Singles
- Men's Open Singles (no age restriction)

Second Round

- 16 & Under Girl's Singles
- 45 and Over Men's Singles
- Women's Open Singles (no age restriction)

Third Round

- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

In the event the two Captains elect not to follow the guidelines shown above, the new Order of Play is to be posted publicly in clear view upon nomination of the teams by 10.00 am on the day of the tie.

It is the Captains responsibility to ensure that their players are on site to play their matches on a timely basis.

A walkover will be declared if a player is not available to play within 30 minutes of his or her match being called and a win duly awarded to the opposing team.

20. Matches and Tiebreak

All matches will be the best of three sets with the tiebreak operating in all three sets at 6 games all.

A point will be scored for each match won and the team with most points at the end of the tie deemed the winner of that tie.

21. Balls

The home team shall provide 4 new tennis balls for each match in the League Competition.

The Organising Committee will supply the balls for the final.

22. Scoreboards

Each participating club is encouraged to purchase its own set of 3 player-operated scoreboards for use during home ties.

23. Feature Matches

The two Captains will decide together which three matches are the best of the tie (one from each round) so that these may be featured one after the other for the enjoyment of the spectators on the court most easily viewed by them.

24. Results

One point for each match won at each tie will be recorded against teams playing in the round robin league.

The two teams winning the most points will contest the final.

In the event of a tie in matches won overall, the number of sets won will determine the league results.

The captain of the winning team is responsible for forwarding a complete set of results to the Tournament Director within 48 hours of completion of the tie.

25. League Dates and Ties

2014 LEAGUE	Sunday 06-Apr	Sunday 13-Apr	Sunday 27-Apr	Sunday 04-May	Sunday 11-May	Sunday 18-May	Sunday 31-May	Sunday 01-Jun	Sunday 15-Jun	Sunday 22-Jun
Grafton LTC v.		Norbury Park (Away)		Wigmore (Away)	WGTC (Home)		Telford Park (Home)			
Norbury Park LTC v.		Grafton (Home)				Telford Park (Away)			Wigmore (Home)	WGTC (Away)
Telford Park LTC v.	Wigmore (Away)		WGTC (Home)			Norbury Park (Home)	Grafton (Away)			
Wigmore LTC v.	Telford Park (Home)			Grafton (Home)			`	WGTC (Away)	Norbury Park (Away)	
Woodfield Grove TC v.			Telford Park (Away)		Grafton (Away			Wigmore (Home)		Norbury Park (Home)

26. Final

The Final tie will be held on Saturday 13 or Sunday 14 September 2014 between the two teams with the most points in the league competition.

The club that did not host the previous round robin match will have the home advantage unless it elects otherwise. The date will be chosen by mutual consent.

27. Prizes

The Champion Club will receive *The Millennium Cup* perpetual trophy which it may keep for one year or until such time as the event is contested again.

It is this club's responsibility to have the trophy engraved.

28. Code of Conduct

The Competition will be played in accordance with the Surrey County LTA Rules and the LTA Code of Conduct and the Rules of Tennis issued by the ITF.

29. Constitution

The Organising Committee retains the right to draw up of a suitable Constitution and Rules for the independent management of The Millennium Cup competition in the future.

For the time being, however, the competition will continue to be arranged by the Committee under the auspices of Woodfield Grove Tennis Club which shall hold and administer the funds of the competition on the Committee's behalf.

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Home & Away Venues

Key H = Home Tie
A = Away Tie
DA = Drawn Away
DH = Drawn at Home
A-F = Away Final
H-F = Home Final

HOME & AWAY VENUES	Versus	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
GRAFTON LTC v.	Norbury Park LTC		H	A	H	A	-	~	A	H	A	H	A	H	A
	Telford Park LTC		A	H	H	H	-	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H
	Wigmore LTC		A	H	A	A	-	H	A	H	A	H	A	H-F	A
	Woodfield Grove TC		H	A	A	H	-	A	H	A	H	A	H	H	A
NORBURY PARK LTC v.	Grafton LTC		A	H	A	H	-	~	H	A	H	A	H	A	H
	Telford Park LTC		H	H 'DA'	H	A	-	~	A	H	A	H	A	H	A
	Wigmore LTC		H	A-F H H-F	A	H	-	~	H	A	H	A	H	A	H
	Woodfield Grove TC		H	A	H	A	-	~	A	H	H	A	A	H	A
TELFORD PARK LTC v.	Grafton LTC		H	A	A	A	-	H	A	H-F	H	H	A	H	A
	Norbury Park LTC		A	A 'DH'	A	H	-	~	H	A	H	A	H	A	H
	Wigmore LTC	H	A-F	A	H	H-F	A	A-F	H	A-F	A	H	A	H	A
	Woodfield Grove TC	A		A	H	H	A	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H
WIGMORE LTC v.	Grafton LTC		H	A	H	H	-	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H
	Norbury Park LTC		A	H-F A	A-F H	A	-	~	A	H	A	H	A	H	A
	Telford Park LTC	A	H-F	H	A	A-F H	H-F	A	H-F	A	H	A	H-F	H	A
	Woodfield Grove TC	H		A	H	A	H	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A
WOODFIELD GTOVE TC v.	Grafton LTC		A	H	H	A	-	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A
	Norbury Park LTC		A	H	A	H	-	-	H	A	H	A	H	A	H
	Telford Park LTC	H	H	A	A	A	H	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A
	Wigmore LTC	A	H	A	H	H	A	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H-F H

Points Table

2014 LEAGUE TABLE	Grafton LTC	Norbury Park LTC	Telford Park LTC	Wigmore LTC	Woodfield Grove TC	TOTAL POINTS
Grafton LTC						
Norbury Park LTC						
Telford Park LTC						
Wigmore LTC						
Woodfield Grove TC						

The Millennium Cup Champions

- 2001 Wigmore LTC
- 2002 Norbury Park LTC
- 2003 Norbury Park LTC
- 2004 Telford Park LTC
- 2005 Telford Park LTC
- 2006 Telford Park LTC
- 2007 Wigmore LTC
- 2008 Telford Park LTC
- 2009 Grafton LTC
- 2010 Grafton LTC
- 2011 Telford Park LTC
- 2012 Wigmore LTC
- 2013 Woodfield Grove TC

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