



## Rules of the Competition 2017

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# Rules of The Millennium Cup 2017

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## 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: -

<b><u>Grafton Tennis and Squash Club</u></b>	8 courts: 8 all weather (6 floodlit)
70a Thornton Road, SW12 0LF	<a href="http://www.graftontennisandsquash.com">www.graftontennisandsquash.com</a>
020 8673 28/91	
<b><u>Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club</u></b>	4 Courts: 4 macadam (4 floodlit)
Ederline Avenue, SW16 4RY	<a href="http://www.norburyparkltn.co.uk">www.norburyparkltn.co.uk</a>
020 8764 8918	
<b><u>Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club</u></b>	5 courts: 5 macadam, 2 acrylic (5 Floodlit)
35a Killieser Avenue, SW2 4NX	<a href="http://www.telfordparktennisclub.co.uk">www.telfordparktennisclub.co.uk</a>
020 8674 0463	
<b><u>Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club</u></b>	8 courts:, 4 artificial clay, 3 porous acrylic and 1 synthetic grass (7 Floodlit)
43 Becmead Avenue, SW161UJ	<a href="http://www.wigmoretennis.com">www.wigmoretennis.com</a>
020 8673 1730	
<b><u>Woodfield Grove Tennis Club</u></b>	4 courts: 3 cushioned acrylic, 1 macadam (4 Floodlit)
9 Woodfield Grove, SW16 1LR	<a href="http://www.wgtc.co.uk">www.wgtc.co.uk</a>
020 8769 3871	

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 17th Millennium Cup competition will be played between the 9 April and 24 September 2017.

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: -

- Murray Sutton, Grafton Tennis & Squash Club
- Juliet Griffiths, Chairman, Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club
- Jon Elwes, Woodfield Grove TC
- Clare Sanderson, Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club
- Lisa Patient, Norbury Park LTC

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

- Steve Graham, Telford Park LTC
- Jo Kiernander, Woodfield Grove TC
- Nigel Flay, Norbury Park LTC (tbc)
- Alexandra McAdam Clark or Sharon Goulds, Wigmore LTC
- Julie Wilson, Grafton LTC

Co-opted:

- Referee - Peter Risdon
- Admin/Webmaster – Barbara Wancke (Founder)

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 2017 competition was 20 February.

## 7. Acceptances

The 5 clubs accepted for the 2017 competition are Grafton Tennis & Squash Club, Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club, Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club, Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club and Woodfield Grove Tennis Club.

## 8. Dates and Venues

The competition will be held in April, May and June with the finals to be staged on Sunday 17 September, 2017.

The weekends of 17/18 June and 24/25 June are held in reserve in the event of inclement weather or other logistical scheduling problems, while Sunday 24 September, 2017, is the alternative final date.

Ties in the 2017 Competition will be played on the following dates:

Date	Grafton LTC v	Norbury Park LTC v	Telford Park LTC v	Wigmore LTC v	Woodfield Grove TC v
<b>Saturday 8 April</b>	Norbury Park (Home to Grafton)	Grafton (Away at Grafton)			
<b>Sunday 9 April</b>			WGTC (Away at WGTC)		Telford Park (Home to WGTC)
<b>Sunday 23 April</b>			Wigmore (Home to Telford)	Telford Park (Away at Telford)	
<b>Saturday 6 May</b>	WGTC (Home to Grafton)				Grafton (Away at Grafton)
<b>Sunday 7 May</b>		Wigmore (Away at Wigmore)		Norbury Park (Home to Norbury)	
<b>Sunday 14 May</b>				WGTC (Away at WGTC)	Wigmore (Home to WGTC)
<b>Sunday 21 May</b>		Telford Park (Home to Norbury)	Norbury Park (Away at Norbury)		
<b>Sunday 4 June</b>	Telford Park (Away to Telford)		Grafton (Home at Telford)		
<b>Sunday 11 June</b>	Wigmore (Away at Wigmore)	WGTC (Home to Norbury)		Grafton (Home to Wigmore)	Norbury Park (Away at Norbury)
<b>Reserve Dates</b>	17 / 18 June and 24 / 25 June				
<b>Finals Day</b>	17 September, 2017				
<b>Alternative Finals Day</b>	24 September, 2017				

## 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 Monday 20 February, 2017 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 2017 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 and 2nd Ladies' teams
- Norbury Park LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st and 2nd Men's teams, or 1st Ladies team
- Telford Park LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st and 2nd Men's or its 1st and 2nd Ladies' team
- Wigmore LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st, 2nd and 3rd Men's teams or its 1st, 2nd and 3rd Ladies' teams
- Woodfield Grove TC will not nominate players competing in its 1st and 2nd Men's team, its Ladies 1st team or its 1st 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 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 2017 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 7-point tiebreak operating at 6 games all.

At set all, a match (or champion's) 10-point tiebreak will be played unless the captains have agreed in advance with the players before the start of the match to play the best of three of three sets when a 7-point tiebreak will be played at 6 games in all three sets.

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 and display 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 and Reports**

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 after all league matches have been played 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 Administrator via email to [tenlink@icloud.com](mailto:tenlink@icloud.com) within 48 hours of completion of the tie.

Both captains are required to forward a match report with, if possible, photos to the Administrator for inclusion on the website at [www.millenniumcup.org](http://www.millenniumcup.org).

## 25. Final

The Final tie will be held on Saturday 17 (or Sunday 24) September, 2017 between the two teams with the most points won in the league competition.

The club that did not host the previous round robin match will have the home advantage unless it elects otherwise.

## 26. 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 and to ensure it is made available at the next Finals Day.

## 27. 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.

## 28. Constitution

The Organising Committee retains the right to draw up and/or amend 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		DH = Drawn at Home	
								A = Away Tie		A-F = Away Final	
								DA = Drawn Away		H-F = Home Final	
HOME & AWAY VENUES		Versus	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
GRAFTON T&SC v.	Norbury Park LTC	H		A		H		A		H	
	Telford Park LTC	A		H		A		H	H-F	H	
	Wigmore LTC	H		A	H-F	A		H		A	
	Woodfield Grove TC	A		H		H		A		H	
NORBURY PARK LTC v.	Grafton LTC	A		H		A		H		A	A-F
	Telford Park LTC	H		A		H		A		H	
	Wigmore LTC	A		H		A	A-F	A		H	
	Woodfield Grove TC	H		A		H		A		H	
TELFORD PARK LTC v.	Grafton LTC	H		A		H		A	A-F	A	
	Norbury Park LTC	A		H		A		H		H	
	Wigmore LTC	H	A-F	A		H		A		H	
	Woodfield Grove TC	A		H		A		H		H	
WIGMORE LTC v.	Grafton LTC	A		H	A-F	A		H		A	
	Norbury Park LTC	H		A		H	H-F	A		A	
	Telford Park LTC	A	H-F	H		A	A-F	H		H	
	Woodfield Grove TC	H		A		H		A		H	
WOODFIELD GROVE TC v.	Grafton LTC	H		A		H		A		H	
	Norbury Park LTC	A		H		A		H		H	
	Telford Park LTC	H		A		H		A		H	
	Wigmore LTC	A		H		A	H-F	H		H	

## Points Table

2017 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

- 2016 Grafton T&SC
- 2015 Telford Park LTC
- 2014 Wigmore LTC
- 2013 Woodfield Grove TC
- 2012 Wigmore LTC
- 2011 Telford Park LTC
- 2010 Grafton T&SC
- 2009 Grafton T&SC
- 2008 Telford Park LTC
- 2007 Wigmore LTC
- 2006 Telford Park LTC
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- 2003 Norbury Park LTC
- 2002 Norbury Park LTC
- 2001 Wigmore LTC

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