



Rules of the Competition 2019

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Rules of The Millennium Cup 2019

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: -

<u>Grafton Tennis and Squash Club</u>	8 courts: 8 all weather (6 floodlit)
70a Thornton Road, SW12 0LF	www.graftontennisandsquash.com
020 8673 28/91	
<u>Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club</u>	4 Courts: 4 macadam (4 floodlit)
Ederline Avenue, SW16 4RY	www.norburyparkltn.co.uk
020 8764 8918	
<u>Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club</u>	5 courts: 5 macadam, 2 acrylic (5 Floodlit)
35a Killieser Avenue, SW2 4NX	www.telfordparktennisclub.co.uk
020 8674 0463	
<u>Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club</u>	8 courts:, 4 artificial clay, 3 porous acrylic and 1 synthetic grass (7 Floodlit)
43 Becmead Avenue, SW161UJ	www.wigmoretennis.com
020 8673 1730	
<u>Woodfield Grove Tennis Club</u>	4 courts: 3 cushioned acrylic, 1 macadam (4 Floodlit)
9 Woodfield Grove, SW16 1LR	www.wgtn.co.uk
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 18th Millennium Cup competition will be played between the 6 April and 21 July 2019.

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 (Chairman)
- Clare Sanderson, Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club
- Jon Elwes, Woodfield Grove TC
- Juliet Griffiths, Chairman, Telford Park 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: -

- Jo Kiernander, Woodfield Grove TC
- Mark Rothwell, Telford Park LTC
- Nick Eastwood, Wigmore LTC
- Nicky Ellison, Grafton LTC
- TBA, Norbury Park 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 2019 competition was 18 February.

7. Acceptances

The 5 clubs accepted for the 2018 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. 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 18 February, 2019 to determine which teams play on which weekends.

9. Dates and Venues

The competition will be held in April, May and June with the finals to be staged on Saturday 29 or Sunday 30 June, 2019.

Ties in the 2019 Competition will be played on the following dates:

Weekend of	Grafton LTC play:	Norbury Park LTC play:	Telford Park LTC play:	Wigmore LTC play	Woodfield Grove TC play:
Sunday 6 April	Norbury Park (Home)	Grafton (Away)			
Sunday 7 April				WGTC (Away)	Wigmore (Home)
Sunday 14 April	WGTC (Home)		Wigmore (Home)	Telford Park (Away)	Grafton (Away)
Sunday 28 April		Wigmore (Away)	WGTC (Home)	Norbury Park (Home)	Telford Park (Away)
Saturday 12 May	Wigmore (Away)	Telford Park (Home)	Norbury Park (Away)	Grafton (Home)	
Saturday 19 May	Telford Park (Away)		Grafton (Home)		
Sunday 2 June		WGTC (Home)			Norbury Park (Home)
Reserve Dates	Weekends of 8-9 June, 15-16 June and 22-23 June				
Finals Day	Saturday 29 June or Sunday 30 June, 2018				
Alternate Finals Day	Saturday 20 or Sunday 21 July, 2018				

The weekends of 8-9 June, 15-16 June and 22-23 June are held in reserve in the event of inclement weather or other logistical scheduling problems.

Saturday 20 July or Sunday 21 July, 2019, are alternate final dates.

10. Referee

A Referee is appointed by the Organising Committee to oversee and advise on the rules competition. For the purposes of the 2018 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, 2nd and 3rd Men's, 1st and 2nd Ladies' teams [*Men's 3 added*]
- Norbury Park LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st and 2nd Men's teams, or 1st Ladies team [*No change*]
- Telford Park LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st and 2nd Men's or its 1st and 2nd Ladies' team [*No change*]
- Wigmore LTC will not nominate players competing in its 1st, 2nd and 3rd Men's teams, its 1st, 2nd and 3rd Ladies' teams [*No change*]
- 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 [*No change*].

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 2019 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)
- 45 and Over Men's Singles
- Women's Open Singles (no age restriction)

Second Round

- 16 & Under Girl's Singles

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. Junior Matches

In the interests of educating young players, it is recommended that:

- Ahead of junior matches, both Captains advise any parents present that any interference with proceedings on court contravenes the Rules of Tennis and therefore will not be tolerated and may result in the default of the player on court
- The home Captain arranges for the junior singles matches to be umpired, or to have a teaching professional at the side of the court to control proceedings
- Providing both Captains agree in advance of the junior matches being played, the option of No-Ad Scoring may be used for junior matches

See Appendix A for extract from the ITF Rules of Tennis and No-Ad Scoring.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. Scoreboards

Each participating club is encouraged to purchase and display its own set of player-operated on-court scoreboards for use by the players during each match of home ties.

Tie boards have been provided by the Committee to display match details, order of play and results.

24. 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.

25. 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 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.

26. Final

The Final tie will be held on Saturday 29 June or Sunday 30 June, 2019 between the two teams with the most points won in the league competition.

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

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

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 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	2018	2019			
GRAFTON T&SC v.	Norbury Park LTC	H		A		H		A	H-F	H	H-F	A	A-F	H
	Telford Park LTC	A		H		A		H	H-F	H		A		H
	Wigmore LTC	H		A	H-F	A		H		A		H		A
	Woodfield Grove TC	A		H		H		A		H		A		H
NORBURY PARK LTC v.	Grafton LTC	A		H		A		H	A-F	A	A-F	H	H-F	A
	Telford Park LTC	H		A		H		A		H		A		H
	Wigmore LTC	A		H		A	A-F	A		H		A		H
	Woodfield Grove TC	H		A		H		A		H		A		H
TELFORD PARK LTC v.	Grafton LTC	H		A		H	A-F	A		H		A		H
	Norbury Park LTC	A		H		A		H		A		H		A
	Wigmore LTC	H	A-F	A		H		A		H		A		H
	Woodfield Grove TC	A		H		A		H		A		H		A
WIGMORE LTC v.	Grafton LTC	A		H	A-F	A		H		A		H		A
	Norbury Park LTC	H		A		H	A-F	A		H		A		H
	Telford Park LTC	A	H-F	H		A	A-F	H		H		A		H
	Woodfield Grove TC	H		A		H		A		H		A		H
WOODFIELD GROVE TC v.	Grafton LTC	H		A		H		A		H		A		H
	Norbury Park LTC	A		H		A		H		A		H		A
	Telford Park LTC	H		A		H		A		H		A		H
	Wigmore LTC	A		H		A	H-F	H		H		A		H

Points Table

2019 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

- 2018 Norbury Park LTC
- 2017 Grafton T&SC
- 2016 Grafton T&SC
- 2015 Telford Park LTC
- *Woodfield Grove TC (Masters)*
- 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
- 2005 Telford Park LTC
- 2004 Telford Park LTC
- 2003 Norbury Park LTC
- 2002 Norbury Park LTC
- 2001 Wigmore LTC

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APPENDIX A

In reference to Rule 20 Junior Matches

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30. COACHING

Coaching is considered to be communication, advice or instruction of any kind and by any means to a player.

In team events where there is a team captain sitting on-court, the team captain may coach the player(s) during a set break and when the players change ends at the end of a game, but not when the players change ends after the first game of each set and not during a tie-break game.

In all other matches, coaching is not allowed.

Case 1: Is a player allowed to be coached, if the coaching is given by signals in a discreet way?

Decision: No.

Case 2: Is a player allowed to receive coaching when play is suspended? Decision: Yes.

Case 3: Is a player allowed to receive on-court coaching during a match?

Decision: Sanctioning bodies may apply to the ITF to have on-court coaching allowed. In events where on-court coaching is allowed, designated coaches may enter the court and coach their players under procedures decided by the sanctioning body.

“NO-AD” SCORING METHOD

A “No-Ad” game is scored as follows with the server’s score being called first:

No points	First point	Second point	Third point	Fourth point
- “Love” -	“15”	“30”	“40”	“Game”

If each player/team has won three points, the score is “Deuce” and a deciding point shall be played.

The receiver(s) shall choose whether to receive the service from the right half or the left half of the court.

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