



KENT
TENNIS

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

at Bromley Tennis Centre



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WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome all players, parents, officials, spectators and club and county volunteers to the 94th Kent Tennis County Championships and hope you all enjoy this festival of tennis.

The County Championships is one of our flagship events and the week is the busiest week in the competitive calendar right across the Country, with more players competing during this week than any other during the year.

In 2023, we introduced an Inclusive Tennis Festival (for players with disabilities) and we are hoping this year to attract even more players from all over the County to take part and enjoy this event on Sunday 25th August.

New this year is Padel and we are pleased to be able to hold our first ever County Championships in this ever-growing version of tennis at The Sundridge Park Club on 24th and 25th August.

Once again, we are very grateful to Bromley Tennis Centre (BTC) for hosting our Tennis Championships which is scheduled to take place from 25th August onwards culminating in the finals being held on 1st September. Jason Baker will be the Lead Tournament Referee and Graham Silvester is the second Tournament Referee whilst Sarah Langford will once again take on the role of Tournament Director on behalf of BTC and Siobhan Butler is the Tournament Co-ordinator from Kent Tennis.

The overall event team, including the team at BTC and staff team of Kent Tennis will do everything they can to ensure you are all well looked after during the Championships - let's all hope the weather is kind. There is a Kent Tennis Welcome and Information desk staffed by both volunteers and our office team, who can tell you more about what Kent Tennis does and how you too could get involved as a volunteer.

Along with BTC, catering will be provided this year by Lewis Bros.

All players will receive a commemorative Kent Tennis Championship t-shirt. Our thanks go to all who have worked so hard in organising and running both this event and the Padel event. Special thanks goes to our long-term sponsors HEAD UK and Trevor May Contractors for their continuing support of Kent Tennis. Finally, our thanks go to all players that have entered and their supporters, as without you there would be no Championships.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Inclusive Tennis Festival (for players with disabilities)

This is an event taking place on Sunday 25 August.

8U Singles

Boys & Girls - Friday 30th August

9U Singles

Boys & Girls - Saturday 31st August

10U Singles

Boys & Girls - Wednesday 28th &
Thursday 29th August

11U Singles

Boys & Girls - Tuesday 27th August

12U Singles

Boys & Girls - Monday 26th August

14U Singles

Boys & Girls – Tuesday 27th August

16U Singles

Boys & Girls – Monday 26th August

18U Singles

Boys & Girls – Tuesday 27th August

14U & 18U Doubles

Boys - Wednesday 28th/Thursday 29th August

14U & 18U Doubles

Girls – Wednesday 28th/Thursday 29th August

14U & 18U Mixed Doubles

Thursday 29th August

Men's & Women's Singles

Sunday 25th August

35s Singles

Men's – Sunday 25th August

Men's Doubles

Wednesday 28th August

Women's Doubles

Wednesday 28th August/Thursday 29th August

Mixed Doubles

Wednesday 28th August/Thursday 29th August

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Finals of all events will take place on Sunday 1st September with the exception of the red event which will be completed in 1 day.

DOUBLES

Subject to age restrictions, players may enter a maximum of TWO consecutive singles events, ONE same gender doubles event and ONE mixed doubles event. Please remember that players entering four events may be asked to play up to four matches a day. *Sign in for entry at the Control Desk.*

The Doubles deadline is Monday 26 August at 6pm.

Doubles events take place from Wednesday 28 August – Sunday 1st September

In the event of bad weather or any other circumstances beyond our control, the Referee may alter the day or timings and/or the match scoring format. This may mean adopting abbreviated scoring.

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What do we do?

As the governing body for tennis in Kent, Kent Tennis supports clubs, coaches, officials, parents and volunteers to open up tennis to people of all ages and abilities, providing opportunities for playing, training and competing.

As a charitable organisation, Kent Tennis is led by a Board of Trustees with a number of committees reporting into the Board, all of whom are volunteers. The volunteers are helped by an Office Team who look after different areas of Kent Tennis.

Our mission is to transform communities through tennis, making tennis relevant, accessible welcoming and enjoyable. We work with a range of partners across Kent and the London Boroughs of Bromley, Bexley, Lewisham and Greenwich to deliver a range of opportunities and encourage people to become involved in tennis as a player, coach, official volunteer or just a fan!

Whilst an important part of our work is to encourage people of all ages and abilities to pick up a racket and “ have a go “, we also want to help facilitate people in achieving their potential and we organise and run a number of leagues and tournaments. Our Performance Manager, Craig Allen, also manages the performance programme for children throughout the County and arranges a number of open days throughout the year.

Our work involves:

- Organising Kent representative teams and county training of all ages from 8 & Under to Over 80s.
- Organising school tennis competitions and festivals.
- Seeking and managing sponsors.
- Working with the LTA South East Team to support Kent venues, coaches and officials.
- Organising Kent Inter-Club Leagues and supporting District Inter-Club League.
- Sharing news, initiatives, via a bi weekly Kent Tennis News.
- Managing the Kent Supporters’ Club.
- Organising the Kent Annual Awards and making nominations for the LTA Awards.
- Offering interest free loans to clubs to improve facilities.
- Offering coaches a support network.

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- Organising Annual County Championships for various age groups and abilities.
- Organising inclusive festivals and events.
- Maintaining essential records and producing an Annual Review and honours boards.
- Offering financial support to increase diversity and inclusion.

We run regular monthly virtual coffee mornings where a range of topics are discussed and have over 2,200 subscribers to our Kent Tennis News.

If you would like to know more about the coffee mornings, please email janice.white@kentennis.org.uk, and if you would like to receive the Kent Tennis News please email info@kentennis.org.uk.

131
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Clubs

240 children
aged 6-18 on
the monthly
county training
programme

14 clubs
awarded £200
to launch
Walking Tennis

£149,500
committed in
interest free
loans to clubs to
improve facilities
since 2020

£20,000
committed since
2024 to deliver
our inclusivity
strategy

100%
compliance in
LTA governance
framework 2024
(including
Safeguarding &
EDI)

356 Summer
League teams
423 Winter
League team
entries

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