



ESSEX TENNIS



INFORMATION FOR THOSE CLUBS WHO HAVE ENTERED THE ESSEX TENNIS INTER-CLUB SUMMER CUP COMPETITIONS 2026

- 1) The First Round of the Cup competitions is scheduled to be played on the fixed weekend **11th/12th April** and the Second Round on fixed weekend **2nd/3rd/*4th May** (*Monday Bank Holiday).
(The fixed weekends for all the rounds are shown on each Cup Draw Sheet).
***Providing both teams agree, a Cup tie can be played before the fixed weekend**
- 2) The organiser is: George Sabiniak, 85 Millfields, Writtle, CM1 3LW
Tel 07923 513654 **Email g.sabiniak3LW@btinternet.com**
- 3) Clubs with two or more teams in the ladies or Men's competitions should nominate and submit their teams to the Competitions organiser in compliance with Regulation 2(a to g) of ESSEX TENNIS Competitions Regulations & Rules Booklet for Inter-Club Summer Cup Competitions or the Essex Tennis website below (**copy and paste**):
<https://www.essextennis.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/REGULATIONS-FOR-THE-INTER-CLUB-SUMMER-CUPS-1.pdf>
- 4) Cup matches take preference over Essex league matches. However, if you have a **National** (i.e. playing a club from another county) League match on these dates, and thus cannot field a team, please contact George Sabiniak as soon as possible.
- 5) **The + on the Draw Sheets indicates which team has the home draw.** As the Home club should provide the courts, they are responsible for arranging a cup match with the Away club without undue delay. However, the Away club can make first contact if so desired. Providing both teams agree, a tie can be played before the Fixed Weekend.
The organiser should be alerted to any problems or significant delay in arranging a match.
- 6) **Scorecards:** The Summer Cups Scorecard must be used - **not the Essex League Scorecard**. Players must be a member of the LTA and their (BTM) Number (which is the same as their LTA Membership Number) should be **always** be entered in the allocated space below their name on the Scorecard to enable the match results to be recorded for (WTN)/Ranking purposes. **If a player's BTM number is unknown at the time of the match, their First and Second Names should be accurately noted on the scorecard, as this might enable this to be determined later.**
- 6) Rubbers consist of the best of 3 sets, the first 2 being tie-break at 6-6 and if this results in 1 set each, the deciding set will be a championship tie-break (first to 10 - **if 9-9 then 2 clear points**). This championship tie-break counting as a set. Each pair plays against both opponent pairs. Should the match finish level on rubbers and sets, the play-off to decide the winners will be contested by one pair from each team: the chosen pair will comprise one player from each pair who will play a championship tie-break. Top grade balls manufactured by the current Essex Tennis Sponsors (if applicable) must be used – At present Slazenger and Dunlop.
- 7) **Walkovers:** If your team is not going to play the match, please give your opponents plenty of notice and also notify the organiser. **A record is kept of teams that give walkovers and if this is done two seasons running, that team risks being excluded from the following year's competition.**
- 8) **Results:** The Captain/ Match Secretary of the winning team shall email a copy of the scorecard to the organiser of the competition within 48 hours of the match being played.
Failure to report a result promptly will automatically give you an away match in the next round.
Failure to report a result at all will mean disqualification from the competition.
- 9) The organiser should be informed of any recent change of participating club Match Secretary/main Summer Cup contact, as necessary.

Finals Day will be held at Gudea Park LTC on Sunday 5th July 2026