

County Team Policy

Seniors Teams

Introduction

County Cup teams offer the strongest players in Kent an opportunity to represent their county and compete against other counties in various competitions. There are many different age bands in junior, senior and veteran categories. It is imperative that a clear structure is in place to enable all interested parties to see how they can become a Captain of a county cup team, the responsibilities they have, how a player goes about being selected and what support is available. The following document clarifies these processes and it will be updated annually.

Other policies include:

- Men's and Ladies Teams
- Junior Teams
- 2013/14 Event dates, Training dates, Selection dates, Captains' contact details
- Volunteer and Office support for County Teams

SENIORS TEAMS

Appointment of Captains:

1. The Kent Board of Management (BoM) is responsible for recruiting Team Captains through the Seniors County Coordinators Men and Ladies (SCC)
2. All teams require a team Captain who could be playing or non-playing
3. Each team Captain may wish to appoint a Vice-Captain
4. Captaincy has no fixed term, but an annual review of Captains will be carried out by the SCC
5. When a team Captain steps down he/she is asked to recommend a successor to the CC
6. Captains' details will be displayed on the Kent Website

Responsibilities of Captains:

1. Attend a once-yearly meeting of captains if asked to by the SCC
2. Arrange and invite players for team or squad practice if relevant
3. Check the relevant Captains' pack with rules and regulations given out at Captains' meeting
4. Manage the budget. The Seniors co-ordinator will receive their annual budget at the annual Captains' meeting. This is for travel, accommodation, court bookings and refreshments. Additional costs will be paid by players (see exception below)
5. Seniors Co-ordinator to liaise with captains around budgetary requirements.
6. If a team reaches a National final the Captain can access an additional budget agreed by the BoM
7. Captains may request £5 match fee depending on team budget arrangements
8. Captains to book courts required for practice/matches.

Home matches:

Kent LTA has agreements in place with both Bromley Tennis Centre, Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre and Deal Indoor Tennis Centre to access subsidised court time. We have negotiated a 50% subsidy of court time for matches for a maximum of 18 matches at Bromley Tennis Centre and Canterbury.

Deal Indoor Tennis Centre offers reduced and corporate rates for matches and club/team practise. Please contact the Tennis Team for details on 01304 370961 or email vanessawebb@vistaleisure.com.

The County will provide an allocation of Slazenger tennis balls for the home fixtures; these will be given to the Seniors Coordinators.

Bromley Tennis Centre – Court bookings being taken from 1st March

Bromley Tennis Centre is also offering practice courts at a 50% subsidy during off-peak times (9-5pm weekdays, 5-7pm weekends)

To book match or practice courts at **Bromley Tennis Centre** contact Susan Finch via email susan.finch@bromleymytime.org.uk. Courts can be held while you make arrangements with opposing teams.

Court booking must be confirmed and 'held' bookings cancelled at least 3 weeks prior to booking date. Payment must be made at the time you confirm your booking.

Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre

To book match courts at Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre please contact Jayne Scott-Kilvert on 01227 781505 or email tennis@polofarmbookings.org

This arrangement is reviewed on a regular basis.

Match catering:

Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre

Canterbury ITC do not have a catering service, but should you wish to bring your own food please Contact Jayne Scott-Kilvert.

Bromley Tennis Centre

BTC request that you do not bring your own food into the Tennis Centre as they are now offering you a catering service.

To book catering at Bromley Tennis Centre contact Sylwia Dahdi on 01689 880 407 or email sylwia.dahdi@bromleytenniscentre.co.uk

Deal Indoor Tennis Centre

Deal can offer a catering service for any event or match, rates to be discussed with the Tennis Team. Please contact the Tennis Team for details on 01304 370961 or email vanessawebb@vistaleisure.com

9. It would be appreciated if all Vet's Captains would send email report and photo of the event, if they have one for the website, report no longer than 100 words to kent@lta.org.uk

10. To communicate with squad/team regarding practice sessions, accommodation, travel arrangements etc
11. Book necessary accommodation
12. Arrange transport if required

Team selection:

Squad selection is made by the team Captain and SCCs and their decision is final but it is based on:

- (i) Player rating & ranking for veterans
- (ii) Knowledge of existing players
- (iii) Availability of players
- (iv) Team trials/practice. See process below

If someone believes they are of the standard to represent the team they need to:

1. Email or phone contact the relevant Team Captain
2. Team Captain and player would then have a discussion around rating, playing level and availability
3. If, after the discussion, it is agreed that they could be a potential team member they would be invited to attend a team trial/practice
4. After the team trial/practice the team Captain would discuss whether or not they would be involved in the team moving forward
5. An individual is able to represent an age group in the year they turn that age i.e. from 1st January 2014 a player becoming 45 in 2014 can represent a 45 team

Player contributions and team clothing:

All players will be expected to contribute 50% of cost of team clothing. In 2013/14 this will be:

- Tracksuit top contribution £25
- Replacement or additional items will be charged at cost price

Each team also has an annual budget to cover some of the costs of travel, accommodation, courts and refreshments. Additional costs are met by players.