

# Independent Schools Tennis Association



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## **I.S.T.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

to be held at

**Eton College, Windsor.**

**Entries close: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

Please note that all matches in 2022 will take place at the main site. The site comprises 10 acrylic courts, 10 artificial clay courts and 24 astroturf courts. Please expect some senior plate matches, some U15 and all U13 matches to take place on the astroturf courts. Players should have the appropriate footwear.

**COVID-19:** Covid means that planning is difficult for everyone. We hope to make as few changes as possible in the light of developments, and we ask schools to assist us in this by minimising the changes they are forced to make. We will refund or hold over the entries for any cancellations or withdrawals schools are forced to make because of Covid. **If in doubt, do enter, and then withdraw if that is forced upon you.**

**If normally you enter the Championships but decide that in 2022 you are not going to, please tell us either by email or in the appropriate slot on the entry form.**

### a) **SUMMARY OF EVENTS:**

#### **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July:**

**Youll Cup:** U19 boys' team of two pairs  
**Thomas Bowl:** U15 boys, 1 or 2 pairs  
**Asbury-Bailey Cup:** U15 girls, 1 or 2 pairs

#### **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July:**

**Loveband Trophy:** U19 girls, 1 or 2 pairs

#### **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July:**

**John Barrett Cup:** U13 boys, 1 or 2 pairs; check-in 8.45 am  
**Ralph Cake Trophy:** U13 girls, 1 or 2 pairs; check-in 12.30 pm.

#### **All events:**

**Play will commence at 9.00 am on each day. For round robin events, players should be at the courts for check-in by 8.45am. U13 Girls should check in at 12.30 p.m. on Monday; Tuesday's times to be announced.**

**Competitors are expected to play in all consolation, plate or shield events for which they qualify.**

**The third set at the KO stages in all U19 & U15 events will be a championship tie break (i.e. first to ten points).**

**Matches in all round robins are one set.**

**U15 plate matches in knock-out stages following round robins are one set.**

Prior to the event, the Honorary Secretary will send out a document asking for the names of players and confirmation of details of staff members. Schools should print a separate sheet for each event being entered and hand the sheets to the appropriate referees at check in.

**b) FORMAT OF EVENTS – BOYS**

**1. YOULL CUP (U19) Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

A school's **team comprises two pairs** who play a three-set match (with tie-breaks at 6-6 and the third set a championship tie-break) against their opposite pairs. A school's Youll Cup second pair must not be stronger than its first pair. If the score is 1-1 after the doubles matches, a one-set deciding doubles with one player from each of the first and second pairs will be played (tie-break at 6-6). If there is time, the deciding match in the final will be the best of three sets.

**2. YOULL SHIELD** is for Youll Cup losing quarter-finalists. This is played on a knock-out basis. Matches have the same format as the Youll Cup.

**3. CLARK TROPHY (U19 PLATE) Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

It is assumed that all schools losing their first match in the Youll Cup will take part in the Clark Trophy. The format is the same as for the Youll Cup.

**4. THOMAS BOWL (U15) Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

All competitors must be under 15 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, that is to say born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006. No player may represent his school in this event and in the Youll Cup or the John Barrett Cup in the same year. A school may enter one or two pairs, with the first pair not necessarily being the stronger pair. However, if the school has requested seeding for a particularly strong pair and the pair has been seeded, then this pair must be nominated as first pair and play as such.

**The Thomas Bowl is run as a round-robin in the initial stage**, with matches of one set. This allows teams to play more matches and play a greater variety of schools. Because of the size of the entry, some Thomas Bowl round robin matches will be played on the astroturf.

**In the second stage**, from each Thomas Bowl round robin group the **two top pairs** progress to the main **Thomas Bowl knockout**; the **third and lower placed pairs** proceed to the **Phillips Cup** (see below). **It is assumed that all pairs will play in the various consolation competitions if and when they should reach them**; these will be played on the astroturf, except in the final rounds.

**The main draw Thomas Bowl knockout matches will be best of 3 sets**, tie-breaks at 6-6, and the third set a championship tie-break. The knockout stages will eventually produce the winners of the **Thomas Bowl**, and the pairs for the **Thomas Shield** and the **Springthorpe Boys Cup**.

**5. THOMAS SHIELD (U15)**

**The Thomas Shield** is for losing quarter-finalists in the Thomas Bowl knockout. The Shield is played on a knock-out basis. Matches are best of three sets, tie-break at 6-6, with third set a championship tie-break.

**6. SPRINGTHORPE BOYS CUP for Boys (U15 Plate) Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

The Springthorpe Cup is a knockout event for pairs that qualify for the knockout stage of the Thomas Bowl where they then lose their first match. The format is matches of one set.

**7. PHILLIPS CUP (U15 Plate) Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

It is assumed that all pairs who do not qualify for the knockout stages of the Thomas Bowl (i.e. pairs that finish third or below in their round robin group) will take part in **the Phillips Cup**. The format of the Phillips Cup is a round robin (matches of one set) followed by a knockout stage for group winners (matches one set).

Matches in this event will be played on Eton's Astroturf courts.

**8. JOHN BARRETT CUP (U13)**

**Monday 4th 8.45am – Tuesday 5th July**

All competitors must be under 13 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, that is to say born after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008. Neither IAPS nor junior schools of senior schools are permitted to enter teams in this event (i.e. competitors must be from an Independent 11-18 school). Players may not play in this event **and** also in either the Thomas Bowl or the Youll Cup.

Each school may enter **one or two** pairs. All players will have matches on both Monday and Tuesday. Matches will be one set to six, and will be on a round robin basis. On the second day, group winners and probably runners-up will then play a further round robin followed by a knockout. There will also be a consolation event (a round robin followed by a knock-out) for those not qualifying for the winners & runners-up event. Thus all players can expect to play extensively on both days.

**Please note that all teams will be required to register at 8.45a.m. in order to have a prompt 9.00a.m. start.** No play is scheduled for Monday afternoon, to allow the courts to be used by the U13 Girls.

**c) FORMAT OF EVENTS – GIRLS**

**9. LOVEBAND TROPHY (U19)**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

A school may enter one or two pairs, with the first pair not necessarily being the stronger pair. However, if the school has requested seeding for a particularly strong pair and the pair has been seeded, then this pair must be nominated as first pair and play as such. **The Loveband Trophy is run as a round-robin in the initial stage**, with matches of one set to 6. This allows pairs to play more matches and play a greater variety of schools. **The main draw Loveband Trophy knockout matches** (following the round robins, for probably the top two pairs per group) will be best of 3 sets, tie-breaks at 6-6, the third set a championship tie-break. **It is assumed that all pairs will play in the various consolation competitions if and when they should reach them.**

**All pairs must be available to start their group matches at 9.00am or 10.30am on the Sunday.**

**10. LOVEBAND SHIELD**

**Monday 4th to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

This is for Loveband Trophy losing quarter-finalists. This is played on a knock-out basis. Matches are best of three sets, tie-break at 6-6, with third set a championship tie-break.

**11. LOVEBAND PLATE (U19)**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

It is assumed that all pairs coming third or below in their group in the round robin stage of the Loveband Trophy will take part in the Loveband Plate. The 1<sup>st</sup> round, either a knockout or in a group of three, will probably be played on Sunday afternoon; subsequent rounds will start on Monday, following the same format as the Loveband Trophy. Matches in this event may be played on Eton's Astroturf courts.

**12. ASBURY-BAILEY CUP (U15)**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

All competitors must be under 15 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, that is to say born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006. No player may represent her school in this event and in the Loveband Trophy or the Ralph Cake Trophy in the same year. A school may enter one or two pairs, with the first pair not necessarily being the stronger pair. However, if the school has requested seeding for a particularly strong pair and the pair has been seeded, then this pair must be nominated as first pair and play as such.

**The Asbury-Bailey Cup is run as a round-robin in the initial stage** with matches of one set. This allows pairs to play more matches and play a greater variety of schools. Because of the size of the entry, some Asbury-Bailey round robin matches will be played on the astroturf.

**In the second stage**, from each Asbury-Bailey round robin group **the two top pairs** progress to the main **Asbury Bailey Cup knockout**; **the third and lower placed pairs** proceed to the **Asbury-Bailey Plate** (see below). It is assumed that **all pairs will play in the various consolation competitions if and when they should reach them**; these will be played on the astroturf, except in the final rounds.

**The main draw Asbury Bailey Cup knockout matches will be best of 3 sets**, tie-breaks at 6-6, and the third set a championship tie-break. The knockout stages will eventually produce the winners of the **Asbury Bailey Cup**, the **Asbury Bailey Shield**, and the pairs for the **Springthorpe Girls Cup**.

**13. ASBURY-BAILEY-SHIELD Monday 4th to Tuesday 5th July**

The **Asbury-Bailey Shield** is for losing quarter-finalists in the Asbury-Bailey main draw. This is played on a knock-out basis. Matches are best of three sets, tie-break at 6-6, with third set a championship tie-break.

**14. SPRINGTHORPE GIRLS CUP (U15 Plate) Sunday 3rd to Tuesday 5th July**

The Springthorpe Cup is a knockout event for pairs that qualify for the knockout stage of the Asbury-Bailey Cup where they then lose their first match. The format is matches of one set. All pairs that lose their first match in the Asbury-Bailey main draw knockout are expected to play in the Springthorpe Cup.

**15. ASBURY-BAILEY PLATE (U15) Sunday 3rd to Tuesday 5th July**

It is assumed that all pairs who do not qualify for the knockout stages of Asbury-Bailey Cup (i.e. pairs that finish third or below in their round robin group) will take part in **the Asbury-Bailey Plate**. The format of the Asbury-Bailey Plate will be a round robin (sets to 6) followed by knockout stage for the group winners (where the matches will be one set). Matches in this event will be played on Eton's Astroturf courts.

**16. RALPH CAKE TROPHY (U13) Monday 4th (12.30p.m.) to Tuesday 5th July**

All competitors must be under 13 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, that is to say born after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008. Neither IAPS nor junior schools of senior schools are permitted to enter teams in this event (i.e. competitors must be from an Independent 11-18 school). Players may not play in this event and either the Asbury-Bailey or Loveband.

Each school may enter **one or two** pairs. All players will have matches on both Monday and Tuesday. Matches will be **one set** to 6 games, and will be on a round robin basis. On the second day, group winners and probably runners-up will then play a further round robin and then a knockout. There will also be a consolation event (a round robin followed by a knock-out) for those not qualifying for the winners & runners-up event. Thus all players can expect to play extensively on both days. Most matches will be played on Eton's Astroturf courts.

**Please note that all players for this event need to register at 12.30 p.m. on Monday;** Tuesday's registration time will be announced on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

c) <b><u>ENTRY FEES</u></b>	(These are held at the rates for 2021)
Annual subscription	£20.00
Youll Cup	£33.00 per team
Thomas Bowl	£22.00 per pair
Loveband trophy	£22.00 per pair
Asbury-Bailey Cup	£22.00 per pair
John Barrett Cup (U13 Boys)	£22.00 per pair
Ralph Cake Trophy (U13 Girls)	£22.00 per pair

Some schools who entered the cancelled 2020 or 2021 Championships, which were cancelled because of Covid, accepted ISTA's invitation to carry over their affiliation and entry to the 2022 Championships. Those schools should adjust their payment due for the 2022 Championships in the light of what ISTA already holds from them.

Schools who have entry fees and affiliation carried over to 2022 will have been told by ISTA either confidentially what sum has been carried over or via the centralised list sent with the Championship Details.

d) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries should be made by **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2022** by completing the Google entry form. **Payment of the affiliation and entry fees should be made electronically to Independent Schools Tennis Association, sort code 30-97-55, account number 00258933, giving as Reference the name of the school entering.**

**Please refer carefully to paragraph c above, regarding fees held over from 2021.**

Please make every effort to ensure that your school processes the payment as soon as possible after you have made the entry, so that ISTA can easily monitor entry payments. **Please send a notification of payment to ISTA's Hon Treasurer, Ms Carolyn Nicholls, [cen@cranleigh.org](mailto:cen@cranleigh.org), stating clearly the name of the school for which the entry is made.**

The draw will be made on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. **Thereafter, approximate timings for entered pairs will be emailed to schools** to help them plan travel and accommodation. Because of Covid the draws, with more definite timings for matches along with details of how to get to Eton, will be emailed to schools shortly before the Championships. Draws with provisional timings will be posted on the ISTA website.

Refunds will be available for schools or pairs that have to withdraw because of Covid, but for no other reason. If the Championships have to be cancelled because of Covid, schools will be offered the choice, as in 2021, between a refund for entries or ISTA holding them over until 2023 by which time, we hope, to have passed through the worst of the pandemic.

e) **ARRIVAL; REQUESTS FOR A LATE START; REQUESTS FOR A SUNDAY START**

**Schools should be ready to play from 9 am**, and should tick the entry form to confirm that they will be able to do so; **check-in for round robin events will be at 8.45 am.**

**A school with a long distance to travel may request a late start.** Teams should request a late start only if absolutely necessary.

The time of an anticipated and necessary late arrival **MUST** be clearly given on the entry form, with the reasons specified. and justified.

**We need to keep low the number of Youll Cup teams and U15 pairs given a Sunday start** (but we want to lose none of them). If a high number are unavailable on Saturday, we have courts unused on Saturday and then, to everyone's disadvantage, there is excess pressure on courts on remaining days, and a restricted variety of potential opponents for schools on both Saturday and Sunday.

**A school unable to compete on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July should ask for a Sunday start. This should only be done if absolutely necessary**, e.g. there is a whole school obligatory calendared school event (not merely a team match) on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Schools must give details and justify the request on the entry form. Requests for a Sunday start will not necessarily be granted. If a Sunday start is approved, then the school must be ready to play by 10.30 a.m. without exception.

f) **ACCOMMODATION**

Schools have to make their own arrangements with hotels or other establishments, and so should examine the websites and talk to staff to check for the best deals and arrangements for extending or shortening stays. For accommodation in the Windsor area, use [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk), click on 'accommodation' to find hotels, b & bs etc. It is very helpful.

Schools may choose to stay at one of the Travelodges, [www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk). There is one conveniently in Slough, 01753-516897 (but check its parking arrangements for minibuses), another near Heathrow, and one in the middle of Windsor. There are some cheap deals involving family rooms, but check the conditions.

g) **DRESS CODE**

**We strongly recommend that a school organises its own tennis team-strip.** Players then look smart and identifiable as belonging to a particular school because the tennis clothing can carry the school's badge, logo or name, or have distinctive style and colouring. Additionally, it helps referees and spectators see which teams are on court, and follow the progress of matches.

Each item of clothing worn on court at the Championships should be recognised tennis clothing and predominately white unless the school team clothing has a coloured scheme (but a coloured shirt must be the school tennis shirt – not just some practice shirt!). If the weather is cold, smart recognised tennis track suits may be worn for the warm-up. Colleagues in charge of tennis are urged to ensure all players are suitably dressed. The referee reserves the right to ask players who are incorrectly dressed to change their clothing.

Tennis footwear: shoes should be suitable for acrylic surface and for synthetic clay (called “Smashcourt”) or for astroturf. Shoes may not be trainers, nor leave black marks on the court surface.

h) **TOURNAMENT TELEPHONE NUMBER, & colleagues’ mobile numbers.**

For the duration of the tournament, **the tournament telephone number will be 07850-04655**. The reserve number will be 07711-617 349. Schools and players are asked to ring in if they have any problems during the tournament, especially if they are delayed and will be arriving late on any day. **Colleagues in charge should issue this number to players and parents travelling independently.**

Colleagues i/c teams are asked to give the numbers of their mobiles to the referees to ensure that players can always be contacted. This reduces delays.

i) **USE OF WHATSAPP**

As in recent years, the Hon Sec Adrian Blackman is organising a WhatsApp group for colleagues i/c teams. Please ensure that you authorise him to join you to the group if you wish to. We recommend this. It makes it simple for referees to contact schools and to get players to where they are needed.

j) **REFRESHMENTS**

Refreshments, including hot meals, will be available on the main site. We ask that all teams clear up their own litter. The amount of litter left each year has been a considerable headache to the Committee and Eton’s groundstaff, so please make every effort to support us with this.

k) **CODE OF CONDUCT**

L.T.A Tournament regulations and codes of conduct will apply. The decision of the referee in all matters is final.

l) **REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES**

There will be ISTA representative matches against the **All England Club for both girls and boys**. Each match will be for two ISTA pairs. The **girls’ and boys’ matches** will take place simultaneously on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022** on the Wimbledon grass courts, weather permitting. Please let the Honorary Secretary know well in advance if you believe that one (or two) of your players are strong enough to be considered, and would like to play. The final teams will be selected during the ISTA championships. Only request that a player be considered if he or she is definitely available on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Please make your likely players aware of the date, and advise them that they should keep the date free.

There will also be a fixture against **the Public Schools’ Old Boys LTA** (see below). The provisional date for this match is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please let the Honorary Secretary know if you would like one of your players to be considered for this match, and advise him to keep the date free.

m) **PUBLIC SCHOOLS OLD BOYS LTA**

**School leavers are invited to join** the PSOBLTA. There is an attractive fixture list of matches against universities, clubs and schools, and an annual dinner at The All England Club, Wimbledon with a celebrity speaker. School leavers or colleagues should speak to members of the ISTA Committee if interested. Matches are good fun and membership is excellent value at £50 for life or, as a school leaver, it is free for you to join for the first five years! Please see their website [www.psoblta.co.uk](http://www.psoblta.co.uk) for further details or contact the Honorary Secretary. There will be membership application forms available at the Championships.