

# Independent Schools Tennis Association



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## **I.S.T.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020** to be held at **Eton College, Windsor.**

To avoid incurring the higher rates for late entries, **enter before 13<sup>th</sup> February.**

All matches in 2020 take place at the main site which now comprises 10 acrylic courts, 10 artificial clay courts and 24 astroturf courts. Expect some senior plate matches, some U15 and all U13 matches to take place on the astroturf courts.

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

#### **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> – Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

|                           |                             |
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| <b>Youll Cup,</b>         | U19 boys' team of two pairs |
| <b>Thomas Bowl,</b>       | U15 boys, 1 or 2 pairs      |
| <b>Asbury-Bailey Cup,</b> | U15 girls, 1 or 2 pairs     |

#### **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

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| <b>Loveband Trophy,</b> | U19 girls, 1 or 2 pairs |
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#### **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

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| <b>John Barrett Cup,</b>  | U13 boys, 1 or 2 pairs; check-in 8.45 am    |
| <b>Ralph Cake Trophy,</b> | U13 girls, 1 or 2 pairs; check-in 12.45 pm. |

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 only should check in at 12.45p.m. on Monday and Tuesday).

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 to 6 with no tie-break.

U15 plate matches in knock-out stages following round robins are one set to 8 with a tie-break at 7 all.

**b) FORMAT OF EVENTS – BOYS**

**1. YOULL CUP (U19) Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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 may 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 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

All competitors must be under 15 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, that is to say born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004. Before playing, every competitor will be required to fill in a form giving his date of birth, and mobile number. 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 to 6, no tie-break. 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 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.

**6. SPRINGTHORPE BOYS CUP for Boys (an U15 Plate) Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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, first to 8 games (tie-break at 7-7).

**7. PHILLIPS CUP (an U15 Plate) Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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 (sets to 6, no tie-break) followed by a knockout stage for group winners (matches one set to 8, tiebreak at 7-7).

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

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

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 8.45am – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

All competitors must be under 13 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, that is to say born after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006. 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.

Matches will be first to reach 6 games, no tie-break, 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 9.00 a.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 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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, no tie-break. 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 29<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

All competitors must be under 15 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, that is to say born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004. Before playing, each competitor is required to fill in a form giving her date of birth, and mobile number. 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, no tie-break. 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 29<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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 (an U15 Plate) Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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, first to 8 games (tie-break at 7-7). 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 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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, no tie-break) followed by knockout stage for the group winners (where the matches will be one set to 8 with a tiebreak at 7-7). Matches in this event will be played on Eton's Astroturf courts.

### **16. RALPH CAKE TROPHY (U13) Monday 29<sup>th</sup> (1.00 p.m.) to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

All competitors must be under 13 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, that is to say born after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006. 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. Matches will be **one set** to 6 games, no tie-break, 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 need to register at 12.45p.m. on both days for this event.**

#### **c) ENTRY FEES (These are held at the rates for 2019)**

|                                 |                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| - Annual subscription           | £20.00          | (£30 after 13th February) |
| - Youll Cup                     | £33.00 per team | (£44 after 13th February) |
| - Thomas Bowl                   | £22.00 per pair | (£33 after 13th February) |
| - Loveband trophy               | £22.00 per pair | (£33 after 13th February) |
| - Asbury-Bailey Cup             | £22.00 per pair | (£33 after 13th February) |
| - John Barrett Cup (U13 Boys)   | £22.00 per pair | (£33 after 13th February) |
| - Ralph Cake Trophy (U13 Girls) | £22.00 per pair | (£33 after 13th February) |

#### **d) ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries should be made by **THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019** 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 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 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. A copy of the draws with provisional timings for matches, along with details of how to get to Eton, will be emailed to schools after the draw has taken place. Draws with provisional timings will be posted on the ISTA website.

e) **REQUESTS FOR A LATE START**

Schools should be ready to play from 9 am, and 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. **Please specify reasons on the entry form. Teams should request a late start only if absolutely necessary.**

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

**A school unable to compete on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June should ask for a Sunday start. This should only be done if absolutely necessary i.e. there is a major school calendared school event on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Schools must give details and justify the request on the entry form. Requests for a Sunday start need to be approved by the ISTA Committee and are not guaranteed to be accepted. 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 prefer 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. The Copthorne Hotel, Slough, 01753-516222, [www.cophorneslough.co.uk](http://www.cophorneslough.co.uk), offers some good prices on groups and shared rooms.

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 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' and players' mobile numbers.**

For the duration of the tournament, the tournament telephone number will be 07774-240 955. 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 and those of their players to the referees to ensure that players can always be contacted. This reduces delays.

i) **USE OF WHATSAPP**

As last year, 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. Please can we ask that the all teams clear up their own litter. The amount of litter left each year is a considerable headache to the Committee 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**

For 2020, we have received the excellent news that there will again be **ISTA representative matches against the All England Club for both girls and boys**. Each match will be for two ISTA pairs. Both matches will take place on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. 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. Please request that a player be considered only if he or she is definitely available on the match day. Please make your likely players aware of the dates, and advise them that they should keep them free.

There will also be a fixture against **the Public Schools' Old Boys LTA** (see below). The provisional date for this match is **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** at 1.00 p.m. 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 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 you can join for the first five years for free! Please see their website [www.psoblta.co.uk](http://www.psoblta.co.uk) for further details or contact the Honorary Secretary.

Adrian Blackman, Honorary Secretary, ISTA.

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019