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For Tennis Clubs in Streatham

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Proposal

To stage an inter-club competition between the five tennis clubs located in the general area of Streatham within the London Borough of Lambeth.

Aims

- To involve the members of each participating club in a competition that brings them together to mark and celebrate the Millennium;
- To use the competition as a means of widely promoting the game at a local level;
- To increase interest in the local clubs and encourage participation in the game by the local community;
- To provide an opportunity to involve and train volunteers;
- To set the framework for an on-going unique summer competition between the clubs to be managed under a joint collaboration by the participant clubs.

Applicant

The application is made by Tennis Interlink on behalf of Woodfield Grove Tennis Club ("WGTC"), a not-for-profit membership club with its own constitution and bank accounts.

The competition will be run under the auspices of Woodfield Grove Tennis Club in the first year but the intent is to continue The Millennium Cup beyond the year 2000 when its own constitution will be drawn up, representing the competing clubs and providing for the necessary future organisation.

Eligibility

Woodfield Grove Tennis Club is eligible to apply for an *Awards for All* grant to cover the costs of the competition in year one. The application is being made independently of the Lawn Tennis Association and the Surrey County LTA as it is essentially a one-off, friendly competition that will lay the foundation for an annual future event run under a different constitution.

Providing the competition continues, then sanction from these two governing bodies will be sought.

The competition is eligible for a grant as a new event culminating in a special community celebration with a mix of activities.

Timing

The competition will be played between the 1st May and 31st October 2000.

Funding

Funding is required to cover:

- Start-up costs
- Administration costs via a token fixed fee for the Tournament Director (Tennis Interlink)
- Production of materials
- Advertising in the local press to promote the event among the clubs in Streatham and the local community
- Cost of tennis balls, courts and prizes
- Incidental volunteer expenses
- The Finals Day Millennium Cup Party for participant teams, officials and volunteers

The Rules of the Competition

The Competition will be played in accordance with the LTA Rules, the LTA Code of Conduct and the Rules of Tennis issued by the ITF as follows: -

Entrants: The following clubs are invited to participate: -

<u>Woodfield Grove Tennis Club</u> 9 Woodfield Grove, SW16 1LR	4 courts: 3 cushioned acrylic, 1 hard (4 Floodlit) 0181-769 3871
<u>Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club</u> 35a Killieser Avenue, SW2	5 courts: 5 macadam (2 Floodlit) 0181-674 0463
<u>Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club</u> 43 Becmead Avenue, SW161UJ	8 courts: 5 macadam, 3 shale (3 Floodlit) 0181-673 1730
<u>Grafton Lawn Tennis Club</u> 70a Thornton Road, SW12 0LF	8 courts: 4 macadam, 4 shale (1 Floodlit) 0181-671 8364
<u>West Norwood</u> Knights Hill, SE23	4 courts: 4 macadam 0181-513 2191

Closing Date: The deadline for confirmation of entries is 31th March 2000.

Timing: Millennium Cup ties will be played at the weekends, the idea being that club members are encouraged to come and watch in support of their teams, whether they are playing at home or away.

Dates: The competition will start in early May, with the finals held in mid to late September or early October. The rest of the month of October is held in reserve in the event of inclement weather or other logistical scheduling problems.

Format: There will be a total of 12 ties, 10 of which will be played within a league on a round robin basis, followed by a third place play-off and a final.

Rubbers: Each tie will consist of 9 matches played in two rounds (courts permitting), namely: -

First Round	Under 18 Boys Singles Under 18 Girls Singles Men's Singles (no age restriction) Women's Singles (no age restriction) Veteran Over 50 Men's Singles Veteran Over 50 Women's Singles
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Second Round

Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles
Mixed Doubles

The second round of doubles matches may be played in any combination of the singles players that the captain sees fit.

Squad Nominations: Prior to the start of the competition, each team may nominate a squad of up to 12 players from which the team is selected, all of who must be bona fide members of the club they are representing.

A non-playing Captain may be nominated in addition to the squad of 12 players if required.

Teams: Each team shall consist of: -

One boy and one girl aged Under 18,
One man and one woman aged Over 50 plus
One man and one woman of any age.

Each competing team will be nominated to the Referee a week prior to the match for publicity purposes.

Substitutions may be allowed in extenuating circumstances provided the Captain, before play in the tie starts, notifies the Referee.

Matches: All matches will be the best of three sets with the tiebreak operating in all three sets at 6 games all.

A point will be scored for each set won and the team with most points at the end of the tie deemed the winner of that tie.

In the event of a tie in sets, the maximum number of games won will determine the winning team.

Balls: 4 tennis balls will be provided for each match with new balls in the third set if required.

Referee: A Referee and an Assistant Referee will be appointed by the Tournament Director to oversee the competition, one of who will be in attendance at each tie.

Officiating: Each team is to provide a team of court officials comprised of one chair umpire and four lines people who will attend each tie, whether at home or away.

The two officiating teams are to mix up and work together to cover at least two matches as directed by the Referee.

Feature Matches: The two Captains will decide together and inform the Referee which two matches are the best of the tie so that these may be featured one after the other for the enjoyment of the spectators and these are the matches to be umpired.

The finals and play-off ties will have Court Officials selected from other clubs.

Draw: There will be a public draw held in mid April to determine which teams will play on which weekends.

Home Ties: Lot will also draw the team playing at home.

Tie Arrangements: The home team is responsible for the tie arrangements, including whether this is to be played on the Saturday or Sunday and the start time, which must be advised to the Tournament Director within 10 days of the draw for publicity purposes.

Order of Play: The Referee will determine the dates for each tie in consultation with the Tournament Director.

This may be along the following lines: -

<u>SAMPLE DRAW</u>	<u>2/3 May 2000</u>	<u>22/23 May 2000</u>	<u>12/13 June 2000</u>	<u>11/12 July 2000</u>	<u>1-2 Aug 2000</u>	<u>22-23 Aug 2000</u>
<u>Woodfield Grove versus</u>	Telford Park (Home)	<i>Wigmore (Away)</i>	<i>Grafton (Away)</i>	<i>West Norwood (Away)</i>		
<u>Telford Park versus</u>	<i>Woodfield Grove (Away)</i>		Wigmore (Home)	Grafton (Home)	<i>West Norwood (Away)</i>	
<u>Wigmore versus</u>	Grafton (Home)	Woodfield Grove (Home)	<i>Telford Park (Away)</i>			West Norwood (Home)
<u>Grafton versus</u>	<i>Wigmore (Away)</i>	West Norwood (Home)	Woodfield Grove (Home)	<i>Telford Park (Away)</i>		
<u>West Norwood versus</u>		<i>Grafton (Away)</i>		Woodfield Grove (Home)	Telford Park (Home)	<i>Wigmore (Away)</i>

Results: The number of sets won at each tie will be recorded against each team playing in the round robin (or league).

The two teams winning the most points will contest the final while the next two teams will compete in the third place play-off.

In the event of a tie in sets, the number of games won will determine the league results.

<u>LEAGUE TABLE</u>	<u>Woodfield Grove</u>	<u>Telford Park</u>	<u>Wigmore</u>	<u>Grafton</u>	<u>West Norwood</u>	<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>
<u>Woodfield Grove</u>						
<u>Telford Park</u>						
<u>Wigmore</u>						
<u>Grafton</u>						
<u>West Norwood</u>						

Final: The Final tie will be held on Saturday 3rd or Sunday 4th October 2000 between the two teams with the most points. The club that did not host the previous round robin match will have the home advantage unless it elects otherwise.

Playoff: A third place play-off will be held on Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 September 2000. The club that did not host the previous round robin match will have the home advantage unless it elects otherwise.

Prizes: The Champion Club will receive *The Millennium Cup* perpetual trophy which it may keep for one year or until such time as the event is contested again.

Each member of the squad in each club will receive a commemorative Millennium Cup medal at the Final Party.

The Champion Club will receive £1,000 in prize money.

The Club that is the runner-up will receive £500.

A contribution of £100 will be made to each of the remaining three competing clubs.

Prize money is payable to the club concerned and is to be used for the benefit of the general membership as a whole as may be determined by its management committee.

Proposed Budget

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Awards for All grant	5000	5,000
Club Entry Fees, 5 @ £50	250	250
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME = £	5,250	5,250
EXPENSES		
Start-up organisational costs, namely administrator, phone calls, postage, design of materials, meetings etc	500	4750
Printing of materials, entry forms, press releases, posters etc	100	4650
Advertising costs	250	4400
Tennis Balls	506	3894
Perpetual Trophy plus commemorative medals for all participants	350	3544
Prize money for the winning Club, runner-up and losers	1800	1744
Misc. Volunteer Expenses	100	1684
Finals Day Party (for all members of participating teams, officials, volunteers etc), say 100 @ £10 per head	1000	684
Hire of live band for the party	500	144
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES = £	5,106	
Profit to be carried forward for next year's event		£144

Conclusions

- The *Awards for All* grant will enable a unique competition entitled *The Millennium Cup* to be launched in Lambeth involving the junior and senior sections of the five tennis clubs;
- This will become a means for the sport to celebrate the Millennium at a grass roots level involving all age groups within each club as well as the local community;
- With an important prize benefiting the winning club, the project will also provide several areas in which to involve a host of volunteers in what will become a significant PR exercise within each club in terms of training and social activities;
- It will also promote the clubs and the sport to a wider audience within the borough;
- With sufficient funding to run the inaugural *Millennium Cup* well, sponsorship support can be secured from local businesses to continue the event on an annual basis thereafter;
- *The Millennium Cup* will bring together the five tennis clubs in a unique manner that will lay the foundation for future co-operation and healthy competition in a spirit that will benefit of the community as a whole.

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