

COMPETITION PACK

LTA MEN'S & LADIES' OVER 35 COUNTY CUP Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August 2019 Friday 23 to Sunday 25 August 2019

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All information correct as of 13 May 2019

Nomination Deadlines -

Ladies' Over 35s - Monday 1 July 2019 (Nominations open Monday 27 May 2019) Men's Over 35s - Monday 8 July 2019 (Nominations open Monday 3 June)

To be submitted using the on-line entry system via http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/findtournament.aspx

Should you require further information please contact Julie Piper at The LTA on 020 8 487 7000 or countycup@LTA.org.uk

Welcome to the Competition Pack for the LTA Men's and Ladies Over 35s County Cup Event. It is hoped the following information will help answer any questions you have about the Event.

County Cup Events give players the opportunity of representing their counties in a competitive team environment and the age groups range from 9U through to adult categories.

The Men's Over 35s County Cup Event was first played in 1990 with Surrey being the first winners and the Ladies Over 35 Event in 1993 and again, Surrey were the first winners.

Event Details -

The Over 35s County Cup Event is a 'one-off Event' played over 3 days - usually the beginning of August for the ladies and the end of August for the men.

The 44 counties are placed in 22 groups of 4 counties per gender. These groups are placed in order of the previous year's results with Group 1 being the 'premier league'. All groups will play at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne.

The match format is played on a round-robin basis with each team playing 2 singles and 3 doubles. All rubbers to be the best of 3 sets. The third set in any match will consist of a Champions Tie Break game (to 10).

Counties may nominate a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players.

The Order of Play is outlined in the fact sheet.

General -

No complaint in connection with the LTA Over 35s County Cup Event can be entertained by the LTA unless lodged in writing with the LTA's Officiating Development Manager at Officiatingsupport@lta.org.uk within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint (please see LTA Competition Regulation 8.1).

2019 MENS GROUPS			
GROUP 1	W	R	
A Kent			
B Yorkshire			
C Hertfordshire			
D Leicestershire			
GROUP 2A	W	R	
A North of Scotland			
B West of Scotland			
C Middlesex			
D Herefordshire & Worcestershire			
GROUP 2B	W	R	
A Dorset			
B Surrey			
C Bedfordshire			
D Suffolk			
ROUP 3A	W	R	
A Gloucestershire			
B Lancashire			
C Hampshire & IOW			
D Cornwall			
ROUP 3B	W	R	
A Devon	VV	K	
B Derbyshire			
C Essex			
D Sussex			
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ROUP 4A	W	R	
A Cambridgeshire B Oxfordshire			
C Warwickshire			
D Cheshire			
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ROUP 4B A Berkshire	W	R	
B Buckinghamshire			
C East of Scotland D Nottinghamshire			
ROUP 5A	W	R	
A Shropshire			
B Durham & Cleveland			
C Staffordshire D Northumberland			
ROUP 5B	W	R	
A Somerset			
B Lincolnshire			
C South Wales			
D North Wales		<u> </u>	
ROUP 6A	W	R	
A South of Scotland			
B Wiltshire			
C Cumbria			
D Isle of Man			
	W	R	
ROUP 6B			
A Northamptonshire			
GROUP 6B A Northamptonshire B Avon C Norfolk			

LTA MENS & LADIES OVER 35s COUNTY CUP EVENT

Ladies Event – Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August 2019 Men's Event – Friday 23 to Sunday 25 August 2019

TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET

Personnel	Event Director – Julie Piper Event Referee – Kris Dymond Court Supervisors – TBC Physio – Pippa Kirtley + 3 other therapists Stringer – Luciano Cestari				
Tournament Office	Ground Floor Offices ITC Building – Devonshire Park College Road EASTBOURNE BN21 4JJ				
	Tel: 01323 723 575 or 07971 141 326 (Julie) / 07747 082 548 (Kris) E-Mail: julie.piper@LTA.org.uk or K dymond1@hotmail.com				
Captain's Meeting	Ladies – Friday 2 August at 9.15am in the Devonshire Lounge Mens – Friday 23 August at 9.15am in the Devonshire Lounge				
Physiotherapist – Pippa Kirtley	The treatment area will be in the new Locker Room building.				
	Please remember, Pippa and her team can get extremely busy first thing in the morning and they will see players as quickly as they can.				
	On-court treatment or those players whose injury requires immediate treatment takes priority.				
	This service will be available from 9.30 am each morning.				
	The physio service cost is £140.00 per team and payment will be required on the first day at the relevant Team Captains Meeting. Payment can be made either by cash or cheque (made payable to P Kirtley) at the Team Captains Meeting.				
Stringer –	Luciano will provide a stringing service as detailed below:				
Luciano Cestari	Ladies – Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August Collect at 10.00am each morning and return at approximately 5.00pm same day				
	Mens – Friday 23 to Sunday 25 August Luciano will be on-site from 9.00am to close of play on all three days. He will be located in the Reception Area of the ILTC Building.				
	The charge will be TBC per racket with strings.				
	Luciano's contact details are: Mobile: 07538 656 905 E-Mail: cestari.luciano@gmail.com				
	If you bring your own equipment you are requested not to operate on-site at Devonshire Park.				
Player Eligibility	It is a county's responsibility to check the eligibility of all team players. The use of an ineligible player may result in a county forfeiting all rubber(s) in which that player competed and/or relegation. Please refer to Rule 36 Area Qualification ruling.				
	It is the Referee's responsibility to check the BTM of all players. If a player is not listed and the player is not a BTM, then the player in question must join the BTM scheme prior to play commencing.				
Nominations and Use of	Counties may nominate a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players.				
Substitute	Please refer to Points 2 and 4 in the Rules and Regulations				

Practice Courts	6 courts are available at Devonshire Park. These can only be booked on-site – 30 mins per county.					
	Ladies – Thursday	1 August 3.00pm to 6.30pm				
	Mens – Thursday 22 August 3.00pm to 6.30pm During the Event, weather and condition of courts permitting, practice courts will be available from 10.00am each day.					
Start Time of Play	Weather and condition of courts permitting, matches should start no later than 10.30am.					
	Please refer to Points 11 and 14 in the Rules and Regulations.					
Match Format	Please refer to Points 3, 11 and 14 in the Rules and Regulations					
	Rubbers should not be conceded if this affects the final position of counties in a group. Ple refer to points 15 and 16 in Rules and Regulations.					
Order of Play	Round 1 Match 1 Match 2 Match 3	Singles 2 v Singles 2 Singles 1 v Singles 1 Doubles 1 v Doubles	Round 2 Match 4 Match 5	Doubles 1 v Doubles 2 Doubles 2 v Doubles 1		
Discipline & Code Violations	Your attention is drawn to Rule 10, 10.1 and 10.2 of the Rules & Regulations regarding discipline of all players, both on and off-site, during the Event. All players must abide by the LTA Code of Conduct. Kris will inform the Team Captain if it has been necessary to issue a code violation. These will be recorded on the LP file and sent to the LTA. The LTA will be notified (verbally) immediately if it has been necessary to default a player. A default counts for the duration of the Event regardless of however many matches/days remain.					
Miscellaneous	<u>Tennis Balls</u> – The Babolat yellow ball will be used. If, for any reason there are insufficient balls, the best used balls from earlier matches will be re-used.					
	<u>Clothing</u> - Please remind players about the clothing regulations – if ladies are wearing 'ball shorts' or 'leggings' they will be required to wear a skirt over the top of them and, for all players, clothing with oversized logos will <u>not</u> be permitted.					
Finals Day Presentations – Sunday 4 and Sunday 25 August Weather permitting; these will take place after play has ended. All teams are request on-site until these have taken place.						
	Catering – Kiosk on Centre Court / No. 1 Court Complex Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August – 10.00am to 4.00pm Friday 23 to Sunday 25 August – 10.00am to 4.00pm					
Team Captains are reminded about the necessity for their teams to keep the venue tidy. A crockery, glasses, etc. should be returned to the catering area. Please ensure rubbish by used!.						
	Car Parking - Reduced price car parking is no longer available and so the full price as detailed on the parking meter in the College Road car park applies.					
	Available in the N	nanging Facilities - ailable in the New Fitness / Changing Room Building. The showers in the Tennis Centre are DT available for use.				
	Groundstaff Gratuity - Each team is required to give a £5.00 gratuity to the groundstaff – this will be collected at the Team Captains Meeting.					

County Cup Events 2019 General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all Events

- 1. The management of the County Cup Events shall be entrusted to the LTA Competitions Team, with power to suspend or modify any of these Regulations to meet exceptional circumstances and to decide any question of eligibility, qualifications of competitors, interpretation of the Regulations or otherwise. The LTA Competitions Team's decision shall be final.
- 2. For the purpose of the County Cup Events, which shall be area competitions subject to the Lawn Tennis Associations Limited Rules 35 and 36 (including appendix 1), the following shall be regarded as Counties: East of Scotland, North of Scotland, South of Scotland, West of Scotland, North Wales, South Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man.
- 3. Although it is not compulsory to compete, all Counties shall be entered in the relevant County Cup Event. Any County intending not to compete in an Event must email notification to the Event Director (countycup@LTA.org.uk) 9 months before the relevant event. Where appropriate, any County that withdraws from an Event shall be placed in the lowest group for the following year and will have any applicable funding for that Event withdrawn.
- 4. A player is qualified to represent an area in any County Cup Event if they meet the criteria outlined in the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rule 36. No player may represent more than one County in any Event.
- 5. Referee(s) shall be appointed for each venue by the LTA Competitions Team. The Referee shall decide any point that relates to the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis, County Cup Rules & Regulations and / or LTA Code of Conduct which may be referred to him/her. He/she shall decide whether or not the match shall be stopped owing to the state of the courts, the state of the weather, darkness, or other unavoidable hindrance. After consulting with the Event Director and / or Event Referee if necessary, the Referee shall have the final say in all on-site matters.
- 6. Once final nominations have been submitted no other player may represent the County during the Event except in exceptional circumstances (such as illness, injury or bereavement) which reduces the number of available nominated players for a County to less than the minimum required for the relevant County Cup Event. In this case the Referee shall consult the Event Director, who may authorise the nomination of the necessary number of substitutes for the remainder of the Event.
- 7. A County shall not be bound to play the same team throughout the Event but no change shall be made in the composition of the teams engaged in a match after daily nominations have been submitted. If any player, team or doubles pairing play out of order, those rubbers they competed in and below shall be declared null and void. If a match is postponed to the next day before any play has taken place the composition of the competing teams may be changed.
- 8. If a player(s) is / are defaulted, except in cases of punctuality, then that player(s) is no longer allowed to take any further part in that competition.
- 9. For Events being played outdoors, indoor courts must not be used unless the courts are on-site and any additional cost to the LTA or a County Association has been authorised in advance by the Event Director.
- 10. The County Association via its appointed captain (or other designated person accompanying the Team) is responsible for the behaviour of its Team on and off the site for the duration of the event which includes but is not limited to traveling to, staying at accommodation and returning to the County.
 - Any incident shall be dealt with in accordance with these Regulations and the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Appendices). Entry into the County Cup Events constitutes acceptance, by both the County and its individual members of the team, of the LTA's jurisdiction to deal with any disciplinary matter in accordance with these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) and the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Appendices). In particular, the following shall apply:
 - 10.1 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident occurring on the site of the venue shall be referred to the Referee for decision and any appeal against his decision shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance to the LTA Disciplinary & Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules.
 - 10.2 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident off the site of the Centre shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance with the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules.
- 11. Any complaint relating to eligibility of players and / or nominations must be lodged, in writing, with the Event Director within 48 hours after the end of the Event.

LTA Mens & Ladies Over 35s County Cup Event Special Regulations

- 1. Competing Counties will be divided into Groups. Excluding Group 1, Groups will be divided into Sections A and B of not more than four Counties. Each County shall play one match against each other County in the same Section or Group over 3 days.
- 2. Final nominations, in British Tennis Rating order, must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before start of play on the first day. Equally rated players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the Event.
 - Counties should nominate a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players.
- 3. Each match shall consist of five rubbers two singles and three doubles: commencing with No 2 playing No 2 of the opposing team and then No 1 playing No 1 of the opposing team followed by doubles.
 - The match format is played on a round-robin basis with each team playing 2 singles and 3 doubles. All rubbers to be the best of 3 sets. The third set in any match will consist of a Champions Tie Break game (to 10).
- 4. Daily singles and doubles nominations must be submitted to the Referee 15 minutes before the start of play on each day. The singles players shall be nominated in order according to the final nominations (Reg 2).
 - Two named substitutes, who may be used for the doubles in Round 2 only, must be nominated at the same time as the singles and doubles nominations. A change of pairing for Round 2 may be made to the Referee before the start of that round.
 - A 5th / 6th player may be introduced to play doubles in Round 2 as a substitute for any player nominated to play in Round 1 but no player shall meet in Round 2 a player whom he met in Round 1. If both singles players are nominated to play doubles in Round 2 they must play together as a pair.
- 5. A player who has been defaulted may not be substituted.
- 6. If any player(s) is absent when called upon to play by the Referee that rubber and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opponent(s) and they shall be entitled to two love sets. This shall apply separately to singles and doubles. If in any rubber one or more player(s) is absent from each side the rubber shall be void.
- 7. If a player or doubles pair plays out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded two love sets.
- 8. If a player is unable to complete a rubber that has started due to injury, sickness or disqualification, the opposing player or pair shall be awarded the requisite number of games to win the rubber.
- 9. If any County fields an ineligible player, the rubbers contested by that player and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opposition by a score of 6-0 6-0. This shall apply separately to singles and doubles.
- 10. If a match in progress cannot be finished on the scheduled day, the result of the match shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed provided that Round 1 of the day's programme has been completed in both matches of the Group or, either team has won 2 singles rubbers. If the above has not been completed the following actions will take place:
 - (a) If no result has been achieved, the Referee will consider all possible options to achieve a result as specified above. These options could include completing outstanding matches at the end of a subsequent day's play or, the use of abbreviated scoring to complete rounds or unfinished matches and, if necessary, the scheduled matches for that day.
 - (b) In the event of neither of these options being considered practical by the Referee, the unfinished rubber(s) could be halved.
- 11. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
- 12. The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

- 13. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If on the final day a match in progress cannot be finished, the result of the match shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed as follows:
 - (a) By the majority of rubbers won; or
 - (b) If there is equality of rubbers, by the majority of sets won; or
 - (c) If there is equality of rubbers and sets, by the majority of games won
 - (d) If there is equality of rubbers, sets and games, the match shall be tied and a draw recorded
- If no play is possible in any group for the duration of the Event, the Event Director shall decide promotion and 14. relegation of Counties for the following year, whether a Champion County can be declared or to declare the competition void.
- 15. The final standings in each Group or Section shall be determined by the following:
 - (a) The team with the greatest number of match points.
 - (b) If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
 - (c) If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
 - (d) If more than two teams are level, the percentage of sets won out of sets played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie)
 - (e) If more than two teams are level, the percentage of games won out of games played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie)
- 16. The Group formation for the following year's Event shall be as follows:

Group 1:

- 1st and 2nd placed teams remain in Group
- 3rd placed team goes to Group 2a
- 4th placed team goes to Group 2b

Groups 2a & 2b:

- 1st placed teams go to Group 1 2nd placed teams record placed teams remain in Group 2 and swap sections
- 3rd placed teams remain in Group and section
- 4th placed teams remain in section and are relegated to Group 3

Groups 3a to 5b:

- 1st placed teams change in section and are promoted to Group above
- placed teams remain in Group and swap sections
- 3rd placed teams remain in Group and section
- 4th placed teams remain in section and are relegated to Group below

Group 6a & 6b:

- t placed teams change section and are promoted to Group above
- 2nd & 4th placed teams remain in Group and swap sections
- 3rd placed teams remain in Group

Online Nomination Process for all LTA County Cup Events 2019 All players must be nominated by the designated nomination deadline

Details required

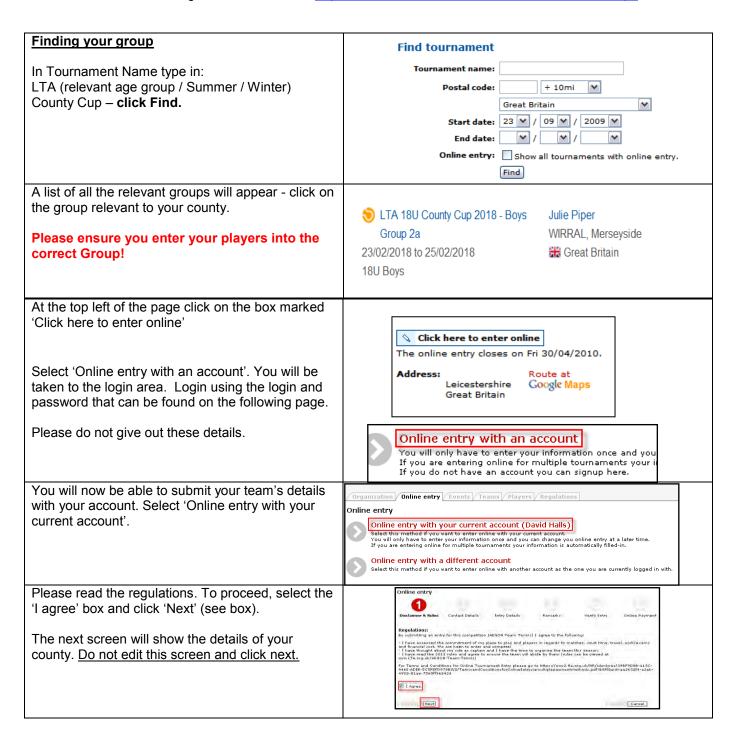
Please make sure you have the following information before you start the online procedure:

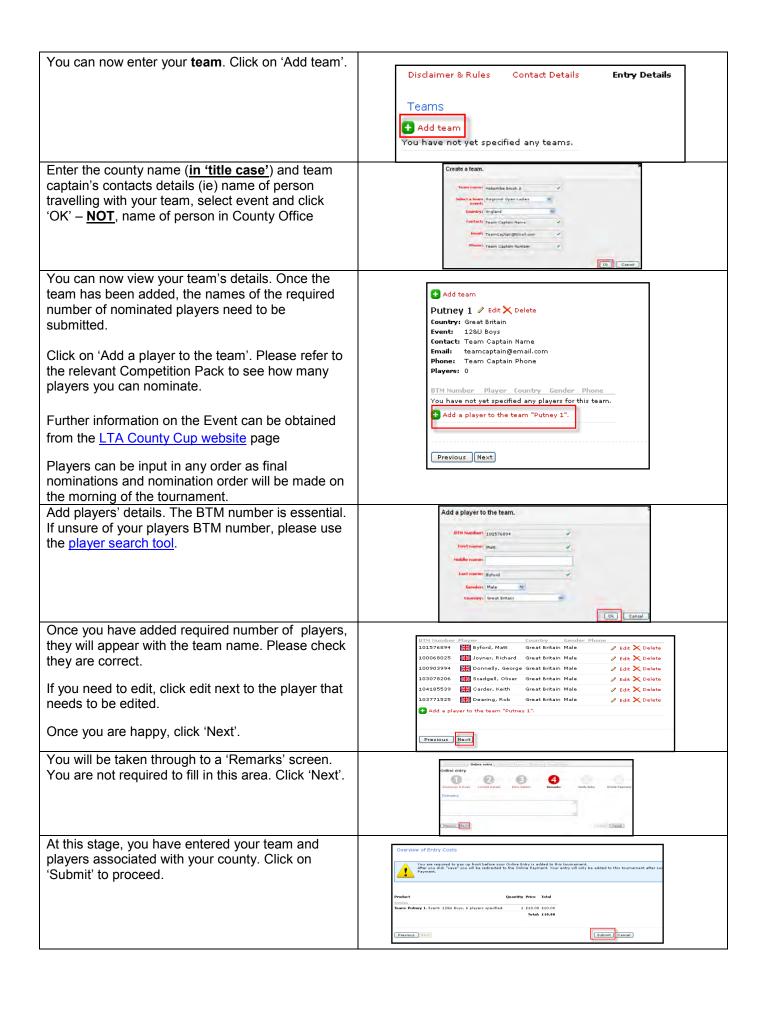
Team Captain's name, email and mobile number

Correct spelling of players' names, correct BTM numbers and they are eligible to represent your county.

Online process

Please access the following link on the internet: http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/findtournament.aspx





You have now completed the process. You will receive an e-mail from tournament software confirming your entry.

Amendments / additions to nominations will have to be made via countycup@lta.org.uk

Organization	Online entry Events Teams Players Regulations
Thank You	
You have succes	fully completed your online entry for this tournament. If you wish to make changes to this or other online ent ing the online entries tab.

Following are the relevant logins and passwords for each county. These are unique to each county – please do **NOT** amend / change, disclose to anyone outside the County Office or use another county's details!

NAME OF COUNTY	LOGIN	PASSWORD
Avon	Itacountyavo	sfpa36gs
Bedfordshire	Itacountybed	zp5kpr64
Berkshire	Itacountyber	zp5kpr64
Buckinghamshire	Itacountybuc	s5ksfwwk
Cambridgeshire	Itacountycam	6sr8pt2m
Channel Islands	Itacountyc.i	hgymxt7n
Cheshire	Itacountyche	YNJSVSASBZ
Cornwall	Itacountycor	cxetpyx7
Cumbria	Itacountycum	pkm9xx48
Derbyshire	Itacountyder	jz5fn2sq
Devon	Itacountydev	xpawx2zr
Dorset	Itacountydor	xpawx2zr
Durham & Cleveland	Itacountydur	adfa5z6s
Essex	Itacountyess	adfa5z6s
Gloucestershire	Itacountyglo	5rygx5wb
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	Itacountyham	5rygx5wb
Herefordshire & Worcestershire	Itacountyh&w	MbcFyWVDkH
Hertfordshire	Itacountyher	fg6x543c
Isle Of Man	Itacountyiom	K7pwJ9FJeq
Kent	Itacountyken	awm4x7rw
Lancashire	Itacountylan	njsg57yx
Leicestershire	Itacountylei	njsg57yx
Lincolnshire	Itacountylin	2azxc64y
Middlesex	Itacountymid	2azxc64y
Norfolk	Itacountynor	tng559sf
Northamptonshire	Itacountyntp	3r6q5cp2
Northumberland	Itacountyntb	3r6q5cp2
Nottinghamshire	Itacountynot	efb6bbw3
Oxfordshire		Z3FP7PxqDh
Scotland East	Itacountyoxf	•
	Itacountyesc	r6hjjb33
Scotland North	Itacountynsc	7rbh1scx
Scotland South	Itacountyssc	fAE9Qgknhf
Scotland West	Itacountywsc	8gWsQ7ej8b
Shropshire	Itacountysal	sPJCA2AHAg
Somerset	Itacountysom	6ctsjgt6
Staffordshire	Itacountysta	h338rgz7
Suffolk	Itacountysuf	h338rgz7
Surrey	Itacountysur	cfhejkpp
Sussex	Itacountysus	N9cH9WNj79
Wales North	Itacountyn.w	p6ptrjwq
Wales South	Itacountys.w	XZKpmXTZPx
Warwickshire	Itacountywar	9yjwzmyb
Wiltshire	Itacountywil	9yjwzmyb
Yorkshire	Itacountyyor	5b34rrnt

Queries

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