



RECREATIONAL COMPETITION

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RECREATIONAL COMPETITION – WHAT IS IT?

- External Competition for those that don't make the BUCS Leagues
- Compete in a fun and relaxed environment
- Team competition
- Represent your university

RECREATIONAL COMPETITION – WHERE HAS IT COME FROM?

- Feedback from universities – play drop off rates after Freshers’
- Some universities organise informal competition between universities but would like more structure
- Success of less formal competition between universities – e.g. LUSL and SSS
- Not all areas are the same – flexibility

***MIDLANDS REC TEAM
COMP - PILOT***

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- Piloted in 2015 and 2016 as part of the Aegon International Event at Nottingham.
- Teams of 4-6 from local universities
- Mix of singles and doubles
- Players each receive prizes, team t-shirts
- Support each other on court to create 'Team Atmosphere'
- Unique rules – 'Power Play' – win 3 points instead of 1

MIDLANDS REC TEAM COMP – PLAYER FEEDBACK

- Enjoyed informal atmosphere
- Non pressurized environment
- Great atmosphere – helped by having a central venue
- Fast paced – not boring
- Combine with a social event/ BBQ for all players
- Music in background to add to atmosphere - team playlists.
- Timings



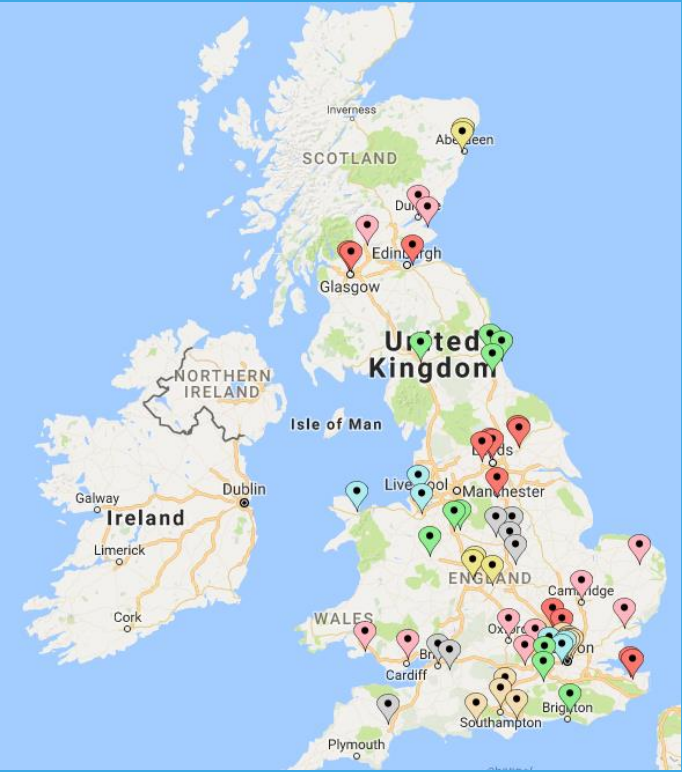
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- Universities compete in clusters/local groups
- Each group of universities has an appointed cluster organiser
- Each university provides a team of 2 men and 2 women for each fixture (multiple teams if players are available)
- Team will play a mixture of doubles and singles matches
- Each university will host an event throughout the year

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20 Clusters

Cluster Organiser

University
Lead
Contact

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UNIVERSITY ROLES

CLUSTER ORGANISER

- Liaise with University Lead Contacts within cluster to book dates for each of the fixtures (one per university) and communicate dates to each university
- Report numbers to Regional Tennis Competition Coordinator
- Host each of the events in terms of timings etc.
- Choose competition format

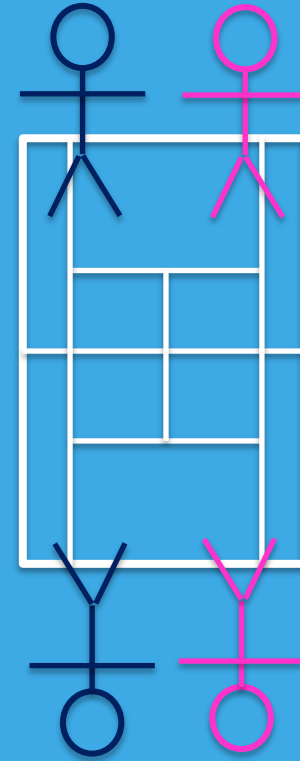
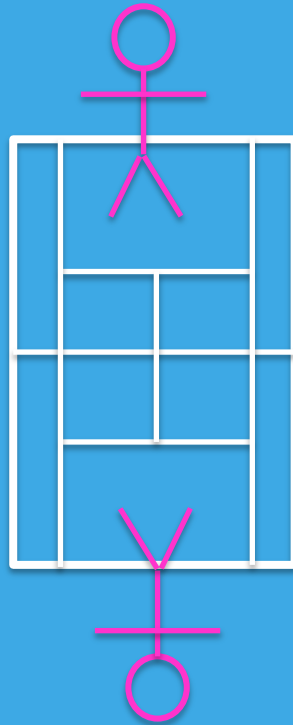
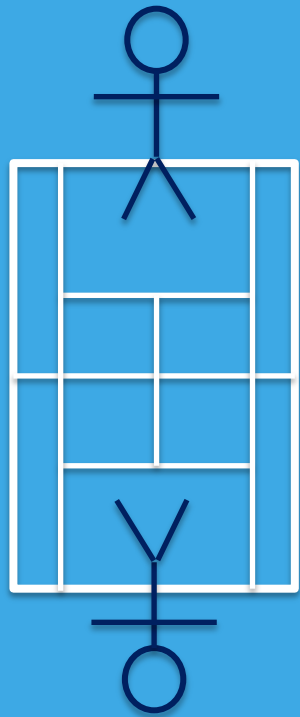
UNIVERSITY LEAD CONTACT

- Book courts at university for home match
- Provide balls for home match
- Organise team for each fixture

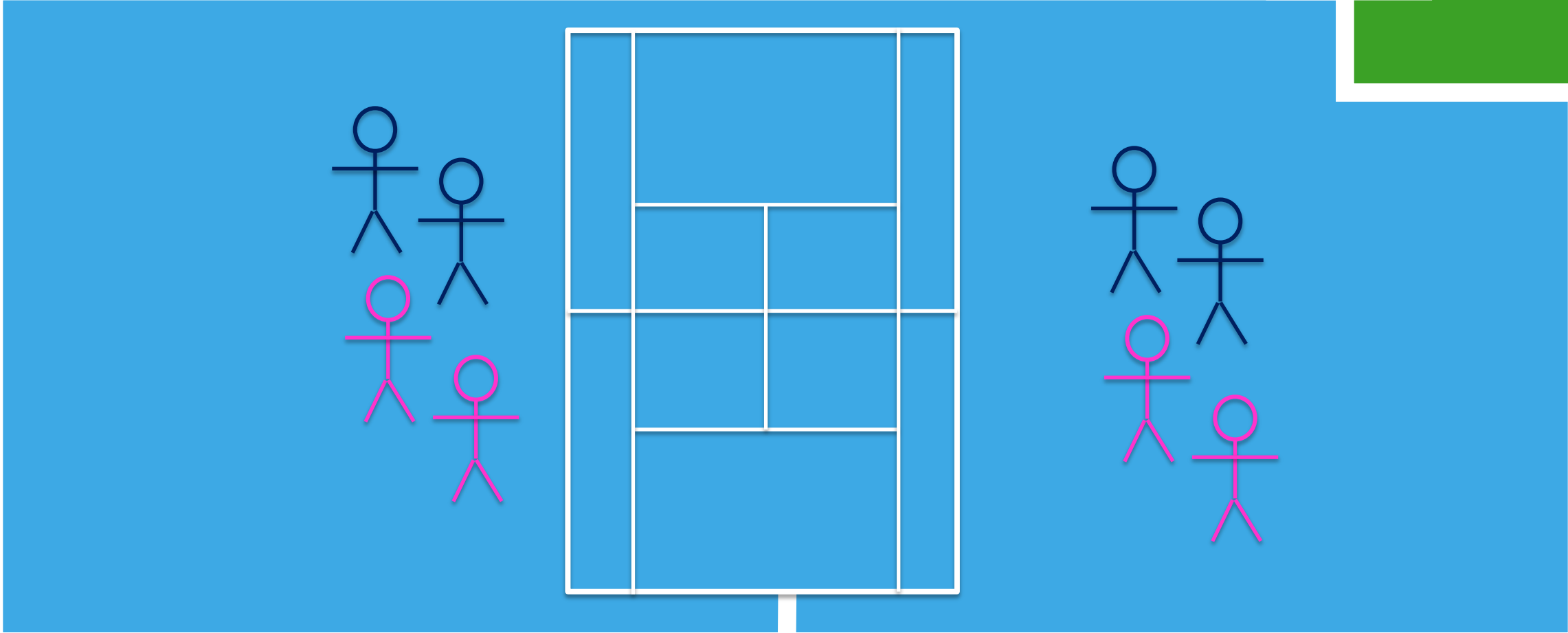


COMPETITION FORMATS

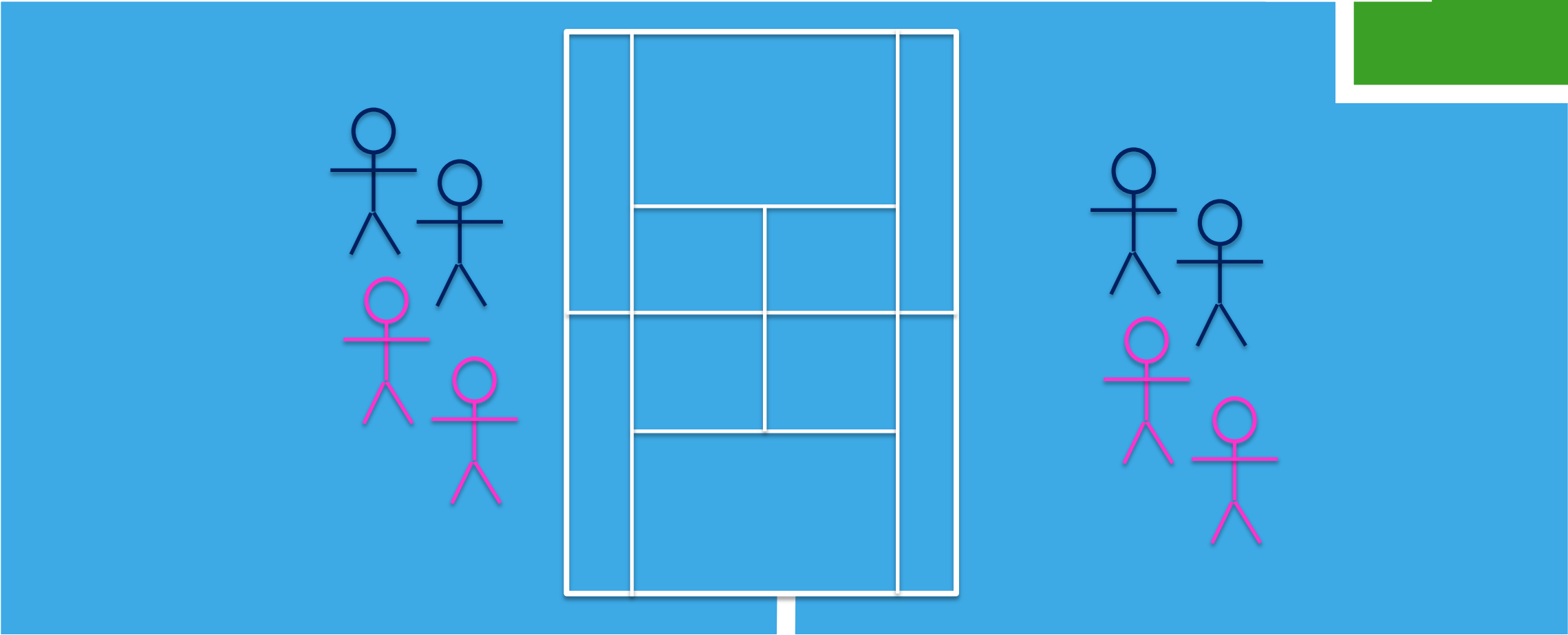
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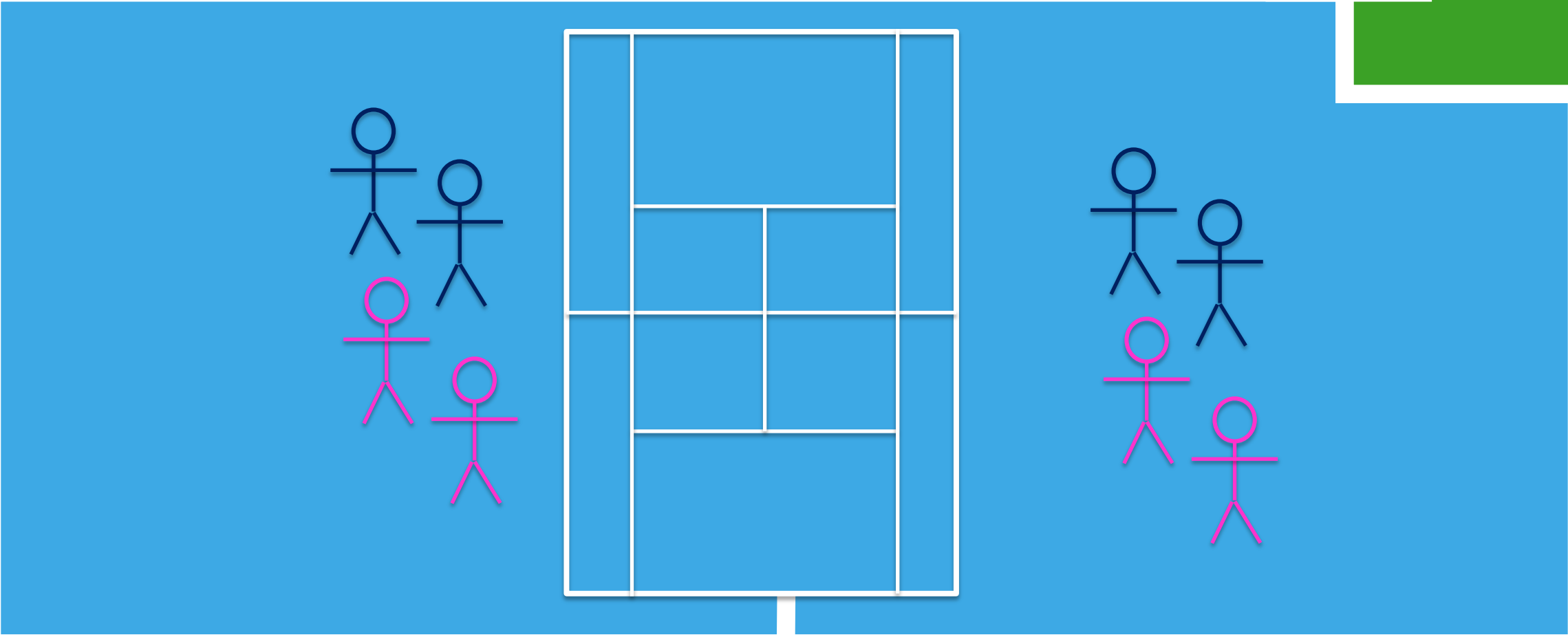
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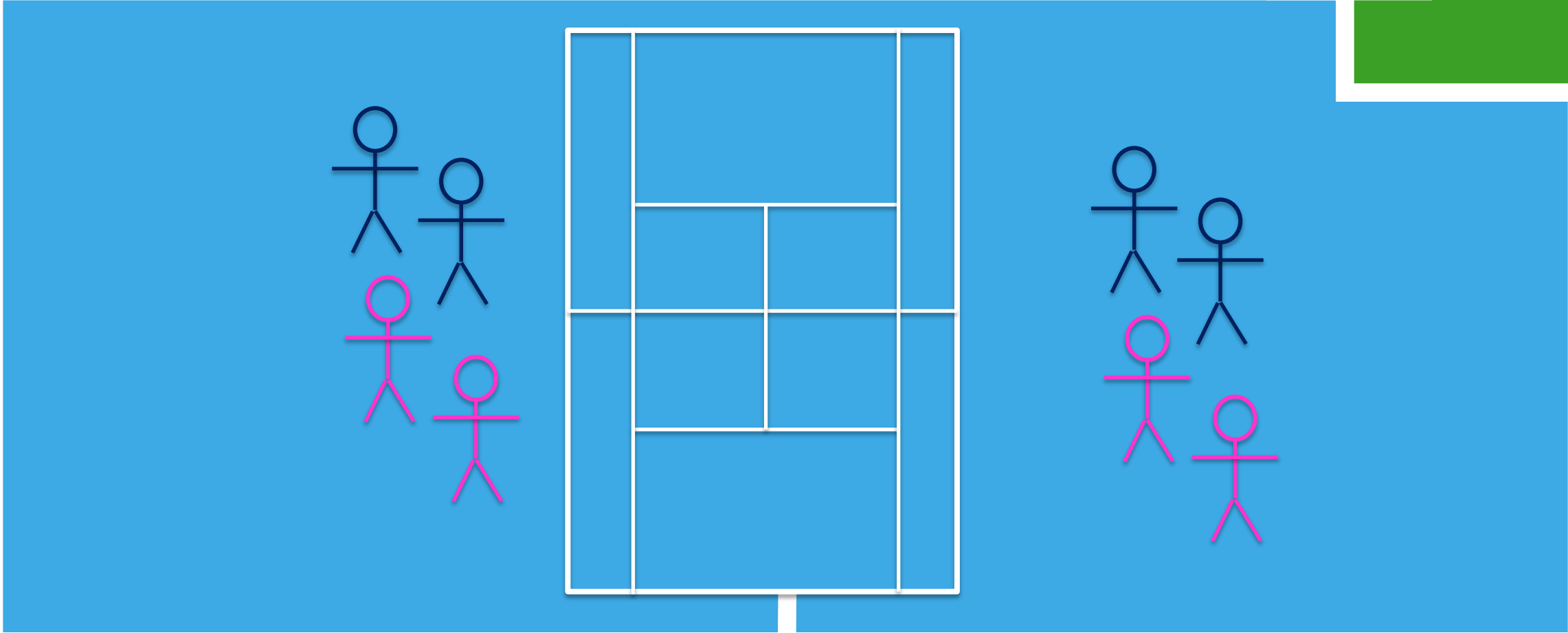
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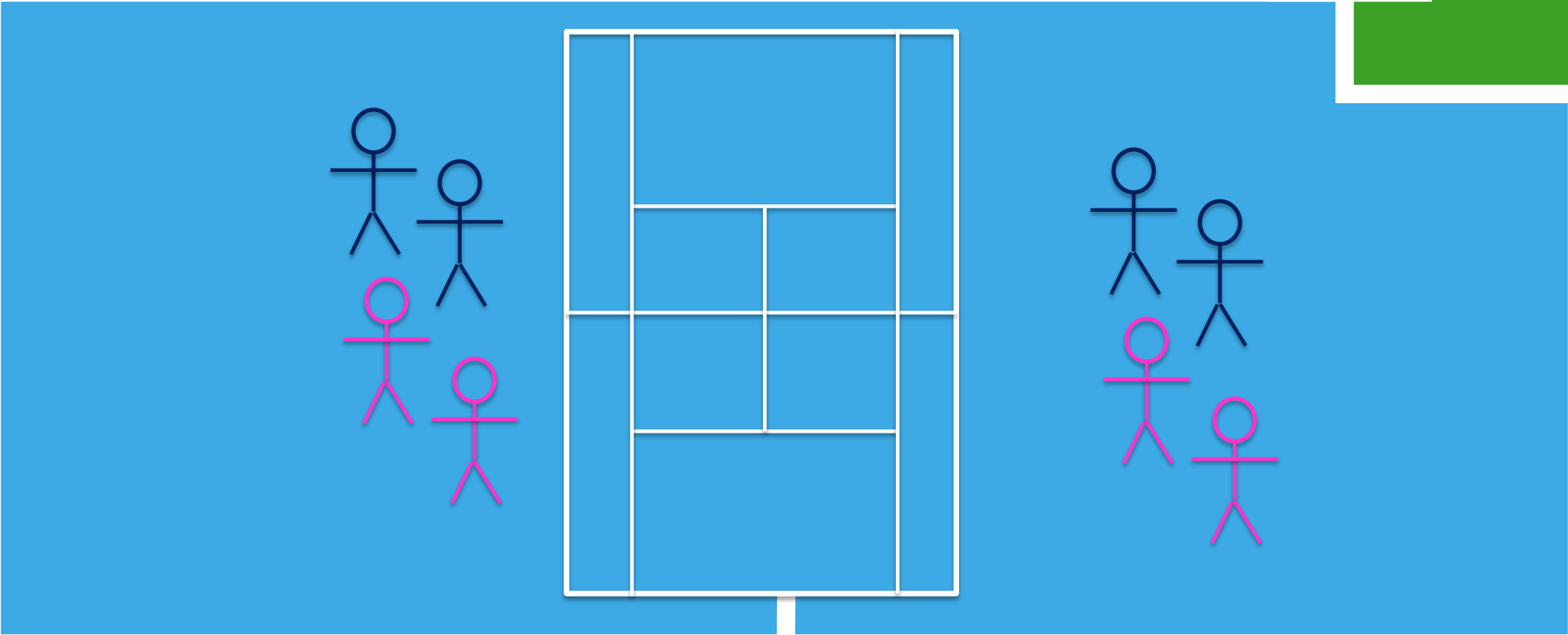
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ACTION PLAN

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ACTIONS – SEPTEMBER

- Cluster Organiser to email University Lead Contacts to find suitable dates and venues for competitions
- University Lead Contacts to arrange court hire at their venue for their one home match throughout the year.
- Cluster Organiser to send out confirmation of dates for competition within cluster

ACTIONS – BEFORE EACH COMPETITION

- University Lead Contact to arrange a team for each fixture and relevant travel
- Cluster Organiser to remind university lead contact about upcoming competition date
- University Lead Contact to order new balls for the competition (4 per court)

ACTIONS – AT EACH EVENT

- Cluster Organiser to arrive at the venue early to prepare for the event
- Cluster Organiser to welcome all players and monitor schedule of matches
- Players, Lead Contacts and Organisers to tweet live updates from each fixture using #unitennis
- Cluster Organiser to email Regional Tennis Competition Coordinator with the number of teams, universities and players at each event
- Have fun!

Any questions?