

The Pairs League

Entries for the 2019-20 season should be sent to

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Payment of £40 per pair should be made either

- (a) by bank transfer to bank sort code 40-35-37 account number 40532010 (your name as reference please) or
- (b) by cheque, payable to LCBA, posted to the address above.

If initial entry is by phone or email then payment, effectively confirming your entry, must be received by at the very latest Friday 27 December 2019.

Entries will be accepted in the order that payment is received but priority may be given to pairs who played in the previous year if there is over-subscription.

To avoid sit-outs it is necessary to have an even number of pairs. Entries will be accepted in the order that payment is received. If on the closing date there is an odd number, every effort will be made to find another pair, but as a last resort the last entry received may be rejected.

The event is split into divisions (minimum 8 pairs per division), so that most pairs should find themselves playing against players of a similar standard. Unless there are insufficient entries to make this possible the two top scoring pairs in divisions 2 & 3 last season will be promoted to division 1 & 2 respectively provided that they re-enter as the same pair.

More Information

The event is a competition for pairs, but scored using Teams IMPs. The same computer-dealt hands will be played by all divisions, with hard copies available at the end of each evening.

[For further details see the Pairs League guide and Competition Rules – published on the LCBA website]

Playing Dates A series of five evenings on the following dates, all Thursdays, at the County Bridge Club (St. Oswald).

16 January, 13 February, 12 March, 9 April and 14 May 2020.

Format. Ideally divisions will comprise eight pairs (normally playing three 8 board stanza per session), but some divisions of ten may be required.

Starting Positions, Movements and Scoring

Starting positions and movements will be provided for each pair at the start of each evening session. At the end of each stanza, each EW pair will score up in IMPs with each of the other NS pairs in their division, and convert their IMP score to Victory Points. .

Eligibility **Entrants** must be paid-up members of the EBU/LCBA. In most cases paid-up status is an automatic consequence of playing on club-nights at an LCBA club but if the player does not play on club-nights then an LCBA membership fee of £4.00 per head will be required. See Eligibility document for details.

Substitutes It is essential for the successful running of this competition that each pair turns up for all five evening sessions in the series. Anyone unable to play must field a substitute pair or player (of broadly similar standard).

Prizes, Promotion & Relegation

A cash prize of £80 will be awarded to the pair placed first in each division.

At the end of the series there will again be promotion and relegation between the divisions, but the precise implementation of this will depend on the size of the entry for the following season.