

## **Chiltern Leagues Rules For Elimination Pairs - 2016**

1 The preliminary round will be played as a normal club pairs event under the club's normal rules during the months from January to March. Heats may be held in any participating club and other clubs within the district at the discretion of the organizer or committee. The final will be held on Wednesday April 27th 2016.

2 No player may make more than one attempt to qualify. They must record their intention or otherwise at the start of the event and Directors must record all those attempting to qualify on the results sheet. Pairs should also record any intention, if known, of attempting to qualify elsewhere.

3 One third of the total entry, rounded down, may qualify for the final. The total entry means all pairs playing that night, irrespective of whether they are attempting to qualify. For example, if there is a total entry of 31 pairs, of which 14 are attempting to qualify, up to 10 of these 14 qualify. Should one or more pairs qualify, but later find themselves unable to play, they may be replaced by next lowest pairs. All qualifiers must achieve a minimum score of 50%. In the event of there being too many qualifiers for the final the organisers reserve the right to reduce the number of qualifiers from clubs with the largest number of qualifiers. Substitutions now allowed under rule 6.

4 Each club is responsible for sending a complete list of results for their qualifying round to the organiser. This should include date, total entry with those attempting to qualify starred, scores and qualifiers. This must reach the organiser before 10th April. Table fees of £3.50 per pair are payable on the night.

5 At the final, conventions are limited to those allowed under EBU level 3.

6 Where one partner of a pair cannot play in the final, the remaining qualifier may pair up with another similar single qualifier subject to approval of the organizer.