

Cleverly Teams League rules – 2019/20

1. A team consists of at least four nominated members plus as many substitutes as are needed throughout the season. A nominated player cannot be a nominated player for any other team and should play for other teams only as a last resort to avoid match cancellation.
2. Clubs or Groups of Players forming a team need not be GCBA or English Bridge Union (EBU) Members but it is hoped that taking part will encourage membership. (It is necessary for at least one member of the Team to be an EBU Member in order to enter results on-line, see 6 below, and only EBU Members can be awarded Master Points)
3. A period is allocated for each fixture. The Home Team should offer a minimum of three dates, not all in the same week or same day of the week. There should be at least two weeks notice before the first date offered. If the away team do not accept one of the three dates and they are willing to host the game they should offer three dates in return. We expect teams to be sufficiently accommodating to allow iterations of this process to suffice. If it proves impossible to arrange a match then both teams will be awarded a 40% score unless one team can demonstrate to the CTL organiser that the other team is at fault in which case the score will be 60% (or their average score if greater) to those not at fault, and 0 to the other team. Contact ctl@gcba.org.uk if necessary.
4. Matches will be of two twelve board sessions with a change of opponents at half time. The AWAY team is usually stationary throughout. Light refreshments should be provided.
5. Scoring – each board will be scored in IMPs with the total difference for the match converted to Victory Points as follows

IMP	VP	IMP	VP
0-1	10-10	28-34	16-4
2-5	11-9	35-43	17-3
6-10	12-8	44-53	18-2
11-15	13-7	54-65	19-1
16-21	14-6	66+	20-0
22-27	15-5		

6. Team Captains should agree the result of the match and one (usually the Home Team) record the result on the EBU web-site as specified in the procedure attached as soon as possible after the match, detailing the players taking part. Any team unable to do so should send its results (players on both sides and score) to ctl@gcba.org.uk Note that the system allows only EBU Members names to be entered and only they will be awarded Local Points for each match they win at the end of the season.
7. The structure of the league for next season is one County-wide First division based on 2018/9 results together with two Regional divisions (North & South). Promotion to the First Division will be offered to the leading teams from Regional Divisions (and to the second if they decline, etc). The bottom two teams in Division 1 should expect to be relegated, and reabsorbed into Regional Divisions in the following year.
8. The Cleverly Teams League is primarily a competition for friendly bridge players, the First Division includes many who have been playing for years but the Regional Divisions can be the starting point for those of you who have played lots of Duplicate Pairs but little or no Teams Bridge. It is also designed to bring together players from all around Gloucestershire whose Clubs maybe too small to run Teams events and also to introduce them to the possibility of playing in other County events – usually held in Cheltenham Bridge Club.
9. If disputes or law infringements occur reference to the Law Book will often suffice. Otherwise please send details to ctd@gcba.org.uk for advice.