

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CLUBS BRIDGE LEAGUE

for Teams of Four

RULES: 2015-16 SEASON

1. A team consists of at least four nominated members, plus as many substitutes as are needed throughout the season. A player can be nominated for at most one team.
2. A nominated player cannot act as a substitute for another team in the same division, but can act as a substitute in any number of teams in a different division from their own team. A nominated player cannot substitute more than twice for any one team.
3. Clubs or players or group of players forming a team need not be GCBA members, but it is hoped that taking part in league matches will encourage membership.
4. Matches shall be of 24 boards - 12 played as a first half with change of opponents for the second half. The away team retains seating for the second half with the home team pairs changing direction.
5. SCORING : Each board will be scored in IMPs with the total difference for the match being converted to VPs 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. League champions will be the team with the highest number of points in Division 1. A tie will be decided by a play-off for the first place in Division 1 only. When other teams finish with the same number of points and promotion or relegation is involved, the issue will be decided by the match played between the two teams. If this resulted in a draw the deciding factor will be the IMP score for that match and if the home contact has not reported the total IMPs the advantage will be to the away team.
7. Two months are allocated for each fixture. Before the end of the first month, the home team must offer three dates for the visitors to select one. There must be at least two weeks' notice before the first date offered and dates must not be all in the same week or for the same day in a week. Failure to fulfil these obligations gives the non-offending team the right to claim the match or to offer later dates, one of which the offending team must accept or forfeit the match. The same rule applies if the away team do not accept one of the three dates offered, or if either team cannot fulfil a match on an agreed date.
8. The home team will notify the league secretary of the result in IMPs and VPs as soon as possible after the match.
9. EBU master points will be awarded (to those who want them) at the end of the season to players of winning teams. For a drawn match the points will be shared by all eight players. The number of points for each match will be according to the EBU Handbook, Chapter 4, Section 8.
10. The non-offending team in an unplayed match will be awarded a 12-0 win, but EBU master points will not be awarded for win by default.
11. The league is primarily a social league, and it is hoped that any dispute will be resolved amicably at the table. When resolution is not possible, the facts of the case should be agreed, and the home captain contact the league secretary as soon as possible to obtain a ruling.

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