

- c) It should be noted however that if a board is
- i) played twice with the same team NS in the earlier of the two stanzas in which it is due to be played this need not be treated as a fouled board; the situation can be retrieved by the other team playing NS twice in the later stanza.
 - ii) otherwise fouled in the earlier stanza, it can always be played and scored normally in the later one, re-dealing if necessary

8 SCORES FOR UNPLAYED AND DEFAULTED MATCHES

9 POSTPONEMENT OF MATCHES

10 DISPUTES, RULINGS & APPEALS

- 10.1 When a bridge law related problem or question arises at a table the Director (see 6.5) should make a ruling.
- 10.2 A captain wishing to appeal, or preserve the right to appeal, a ruling must record this on the Match Result Form, notify the Director & seek to ensure all parties have clear factual records.
- 10.2.1 The actual appeal should be made on an LCBA League Appeal & Psyche Form and submitted within 3 days of the match, together with all required documentation as detailed on that form, to the LS for transmission to the L&E. Normally a single Appeal Form should be fully completed on the night with an agreed statement from the two captains of the facts, (including the original claim, the name of the Director and the ruling he gave), as well as making clear the claim(s) now made. If however separate Appeal Forms are submitted, or a team wishes to make a further statement, copies must be sent to both the opponent captain and the Director, simultaneously with the submission to the LS.
- 10.2.2 Any appeal against a decision of the L&E must be submitted, within 14 days of receipt of that decision, to the LS for the attention of the National Authority (EBU Laws & Ethics Committee) accompanied by a deposit of £75 and in accordance with section 1.7 of the 2015 White Book.
- 10.3 Any appeal against a decision of the LS or LSC can only be made to the LCBA Executive Committee. A representative of each team involved will be invited to the meeting hearing this appeal. The outcome may not be further appealed.
- 10.4 Any serious misconduct allegation, associated with an appeal under 10.2 or 10.3 or otherwise, lodged with the General Secretary of the LCBA will be referred to the Investigatory Committee and then if appropriate either to the LCBA Conduct Committee or the National Authority, which bodies shall determine any sanctions to be applied.

FOOTNOTE 1 - Eligibility to play in LCBA Competitions (2015-16) – General Conditions

Players may not be members of the LCBA unless they are 'Player Members of the EBU'.

A person is a 'Player Member of the EBU' if he is a member of any EBU Affiliated Club that has, as required, reported his club membership and necessary personal details to the EBU. Any person may alternatively become a 'Player Member of the EBU' by making a subscription of £32 to the EBU (inclusive of £4 LCBA subscription) thus becoming a Direct Player Member of the EBU with Prime Allegiance to the LCBA).

To play in LCBA Members-only Competitions (Josephs Bowl, Leics Cup & their Plates, Joyce Cup, LCBA League, Samani Salver/Plate, Gimson & Stanley Trophies, Otto & Edith, Buckby, Olga, Hyman Crammer Prs, Pairs League) EBU Player Members must also for year 2015-16 either a) be a paid up member of at least one EBU Club which is affiliated to the LCBA, and have declared personal Prime Allegiance to the LCBA, and play on average in approximately one P2P session per month in total in all such LCBA Clubs,- in which case no LCBA subscription is required;

or b) have paid an LCBA subscription of £4 (£1.50 if a Junior).

Note this subscription is due where the EBU Player Member

- (i) otherwise satisfies a) but plays less frequently; or
- (ii) is a Direct EBU Player Member; or
- (iii) has declared Prime Allegiance to another County Association.

All such LCBA Subscriptions, of either £4 or £1.50, should be sent to Pat Beasley at 7 Sharnbrook Gardens, Sharnford, Hinckley, Leics. LE10 3QD, indicating the category (i), (ii), or (iii). Cheques should be made payable to LCBA.4

'ON THE NIGHT' RULES FOR LEAGUE MATCHES 2015-16

This is essentially an extract from the LCBA League Rules featuring in a handy format on a single sheet those that you might need to refer to 'on the night'.

Part 1 Comprises **Reminders**, summarising important matters that should be attended to **BEFORE** the match is begun.

Part 2 Is a full unabridged copy of the **Five Rules** that apply directly to match arrangements and to situations that may arise on the night.

Part 1 – The Reminders

The deemed (see 9.2) home team should provide at least (see 5.1)

- an authorised copy of the 2007 Laws,
 - a copy of at least Sections 5 – 7 of the 2015 Blue Book &
 - the LCBA League Playing Director's Guide, together with
 - a copy of these LCBA League rules for reference as necessary during the match.
- [Not of course forgetting your score sheet and the Match Result Form (as confirmation and cross-check of LMS entries), and in case of need LCBA Simple System Cards and blank EBU ones, Appeal and Psyche forms.]
- [An Away team captain would be prudent to bring copies himself – just in case.]

Each player must provide (see 5.2)

- a completed EBU 20/20A/20B style system card; Pairs not having completed such a card should be furnished with LCBA Simple System Standard English Cards [in division 4 the LCBA Simple System Basic Acoll Cards] and required to play in accordance with these

Seating (see 6.4)

- Each pair of the visiting team shall be allowed a choice of stationary seats;
- Each pair of the home team shall, subject to the provisions of Rule 7, play an equal number of boards at each table and alternate stanzas NS and EW respectively.

Director (see 6.5)

- Before play commences the captains should if possible agree upon an experienced Director (failing that an experienced player), to act as Director should a ruling be needed. Without such agreement the captain of the away team, or his nominee, shall so act.

Part 2 – Five of the LCBA LEAGUE RULES

[All ten are listed, but for details of others see full rules.]

1 LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

2 LEAGUE STRUCTURE

3 TIE BREAKS

4 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 4.1 All regular players must be Player Members of the EBU who meet the general LCBA conditions (see Footnote 1) for participation in the Association's Members-only competitions for the year 2015-16.
- However if a Club/Group is unable to fulfil a fixture by playing only such LCBA members then
- 4.1.1 In divisions 1 - 3 inclusive up to two 'other persons' may if necessary be introduced in order to complete a team, without penalty subject to all payments necessary to make such persons, retrospectively and thereafter, eligible being made within 14 days of the Club/Group being aware that this had happened.
- 4.1.2 In division 4 any such 'other persons' may be introduced to play in one match without any penalty or payment being due. If however any such 'other person' plays in any further match then all payments necessary to make them retrospectively and thereafter eligible must be made within 14 days of the Club/Group being aware that this had happened.

- 4.2 If any such payments remain outstanding 14 days after the Club/Group was notified by the LS; then he is authorised to apply a late-payment surcharge of £5, and shall issue a final warning that unless payment is received within 14 days thereafter all matches in which the player(s) concerned played will be deemed lost by default and scored as in 8.
- 4.3 No-one may play for two Clubs/Groups in a season without the prior approval of the LSC.
- 4.4 Each Club having two or more teams in the League must nominate eight players for each team, other than its lowest. Nominees must be expected to play in at least five matches for the team for which they are nominated. They may not play for any lower ranking team; that is one identified by a later letter of the alphabet.
- 4.5 The nominations should be sent to the LS prior to the first match of the season; if none are received those playing in the opening match will be deemed nominated. Nominations may only be changed with the consent of the LSC. The LS will aim to warn a Club if any of its nominated players appear unlikely to meet the five match criterion in 4.4. The LSC may subsequently require the Club to nominate either additional, or replacement, players.
- 4.6.1 If any team includes anyone barred from playing for that team by the provisions of 4.3 - 4.5 then the match(s) in which that person played whilst barred will normally be deemed lost by default and scored as in 8.
- 4.6.2 However if the infringement is under the provision of 4.3, and the LSC is satisfied that the player and the team concerned were both quite unaware at the time of playing that the player was barred from participation in the match, and that the player was not of a higher standard than the norm for that team or division, the match score as played shall stand, but a fine of 2 VP shall be deducted from the overall VP score of that team for the season.

5 LAWS, SYSTEMS, CONVENTIONS

- 5.6 Matches shall be played in accordance with the 2007 Laws of Duplicate Bridge and supplementary regulations laid down by the Laws & Ethics Committee of the EBU. The home team should provide at least an authorised copy of the 2007 Laws, a copy of the 2015 Blue Book which took effect on 1 August 2015, the LCBA Guide for League Playing Directors, together with a copy of the 'On the Night' LCBA League Rules for reference as necessary during the match.
- 5.7 Each player must provide a completed EBU 20/20A/20B style system card (see Footnote 2), and hand this to the opponents for their use throughout each stanza. Pairs not having completed such cards should be furnished with EBU 20B style LCBA Simple System Standard English Cards [or alternatively in division 4 only an LCBA Simple System Basic Acol Card] and required to play in accordance with these until alternative personal EBU cards are completed. WBF style cards may not be used.
- 5.3.1 In divisions 1 - 3 inclusive pairs with properly completed (2 paged) EBU 20 style system cards, may employ EBU Level 2 Permitted Agreements, as detailed in Section 6 of the 2015 Blue Book.
However pairs wishing to include Agreements only permitted at Level 4, as detailed in Section 7 of the 2015 Blue Book must complete full (4 paged) EBU 20A or preferably 20B style system cards.
- 5.3.2 In division 4 pairs with properly completed (2 paged) EBU 20 style or (4 paged) EBU 20A/20B style system cards may employ EBU Level 2 Permitted Agreements [N.B. Multi 2^{**} is not permitted.], as detailed in Section 6 of the 2015 Blue Book.
[Copies of these sections of the 2015 Blue Book are posted on the LCBA Website.]

6 MATCH ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1 Matches are scheduled to begin at 7.15 p.m. unless the captains have agreed upon a different time.
- 6.2 Teams shall consist of 8 players. Reserve players may be brought in at the end of a stanza. A planned substitution at any other time requires the consent of the opponent captain.
- 6.3 Matches shall normally consist of 24 boards, but captains may agree to reduce a match to 20 boards.

- 6.4 Each pair/reserve of the visiting team shall be allowed a choice of stationary seats; each pair/reserve of the home team shall then, subject to the provisions of Rule 7, play an equal number of boards at each table, and alternate stanzas NS and EW respectively. New opponent pairs may, but are not obliged to, compare their scores in the previous stanza at the start of the second and fourth stanzas.
- 6.5 Before play commences the captains should if possible agree upon an experienced Director (or failing that, an experienced player), to act as Director should a ruling be needed. Without such agreement the captain of the away team, or his nominee, shall act as Director.
- 6.6 If a psychic bid is reported to the Director, he shall, on request, record the details of the board on which it occurred, and report the matter to the LS for the attention of the Laws & Ethics SC of the LCBA. The Director may also record and similarly report any departure from the system that he considers should be brought to its attention.
- 6.7 The net aggregate score on each board of a match shall be converted to an IMP score using the standard scale, and the net IMPs for the match shall be converted to a VP score using the scale shown on the Match Result Form
- 6.8 The team captains should each countersign their opponent's Match Result Form at the end of the match and enter result and players on the EBU League Management System without delay

7 LATENESS & PARTIAL ABSENCE PROVISIONS and FOULED OR UNPLAYED BOARD PROVISIONS

- 7.1 Even if only one team is complete at the agreed start time, then within 5 minutes thereafter play should be begun at as many tables as possible, subject to not requiring the offending team to field other than intended partnerships
The non-offending team shall decide at which table(s) play shall initially be begun, and the sequence in which play shall be begun at the other table(s).
- 7.2 If any table is still incomplete 15 minutes after play actually starts then the first 2 boards due to be played there should be removed from that table; the next 2 such boards then being removed after each further 15 minutes of incompleteness.
- 7.3 On each board played at 3 (or 2) tables an artificial score shall be awarded at the table(s) at which the board was not played. The artificial score shall be the most favourable to the non-offending side of the real scores on the board. A full record of the scoring of all boards for which any artificial score was awarded shall be sent to the LS with the Match Result Form.
- 7.4 Any board played at no more than one table shall be scored +4 / -4 IMPs in favour of the non-offending team.
- 7.5 If a team is still incomplete 45 minutes after the scheduled start time, or at any stage becomes incomplete due to illness or emergency for in total 45 minutes, the non-offending team shall in all cases have the option of either (a) continuing the match; but with artificial scores as in 7.3 continuing to be given at the incomplete table(s) until, if ever, they become complete, or (b) withdrawing; in which case the match shall be scored as in 8.
- 7.6 If for any reason the second half of a match is not started within 1 hour and 45 minutes of the scheduled match start time (i.e. normally by 9.00 p.m.) a captain may require each later stanza to be reduced by 1 board
- 7.7.1 A board unplayed at one or more tables due to the absence of one or more players shall be scored as indicated in 7.3 – 7.5 above.
- 7.7.2 If it is unplayed for any other reason at one or more tables then these Fouled Board regulations shall apply:
- a) If the board is fouled at either of the two tables sharing the boards in any stanza then the score at the other of these tables shall be cancelled, and the IMP conversion for this board shall initially be that for the net score at the other two tables.
- b) However if the fouling is due solely to the actions of one team then a second artificial IMP score of +3/-3 in favour of the non-offending team shall be added to this. If both teams offend no such score is added.