

## **BUCKBY CUP RULES 2015-16**

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1. All competitors must be paid-up Player Members of the EBU who meet the general LCBA conditions for participation in the Association's Members-only competitions for the year 2015-16.
2. The competition is for male pairs.
3.
  - a) Each player must provide a completed EBU 20/20A/20B style system card and hand this to the opponents for their use throughout each round. Pairs not having completed such cards should be furnished with EBU 20B style LCBA Simple System Standard English 2015 Cards and required to play in accordance with these until personal EBU style cards are completed. WBF style cards may not be used.
  - b) 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.
  - c) However pairs having properly completed full (4 paged) EBU 20A or 20B style system cards may also employ any Agreements permitted at Level 4, as detailed in Section 7 of the 2015 Blue Book.
4.
  - a) Any pair either wishing to appeal, or reserve the right to later appeal, against a decision of the Director or Scorer should inform the Director and the other pair of this and ensure that all relevant details of the hand and decision etc. are recorded on a witnessed statement before leaving the venue.  
Whether the actual appeal is immediate, or made later after reflection or consultation, it must be sent in writing by email or post to the CC within two days of the event.
  - b) 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 CC for the attention of the Laws and 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.
5. All results shall be treated as provisional until confirmed by the CC after receipt of the event records and the determination of any appeal.
6.
  - a) The winners of the competition will hold the Buckby Cup for one year.
  - b) Monetary prizes of £30, £20 and £10 will be awarded to the first three pairs. If none of these is won by a non-expert pair then a further prize of £10 will be awarded to the highest placed such pair, subject to them not having finished last overall.  
*The definitions of non-expert players/pairs/teams are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the Competition Controller and LCBA Qualified Directors.*  
Ties will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures.
7. The LCBA will award local Master Points on the County scale.
8. Entry is restricted to a maximum of 28 pairs, and together with the Olga to an overall limit of 48 pairs. The competition will normally be played over 26 or 27 boards, using a recommended movement. The absolute limits of the range, which will only be played in exceptional circumstances, are 22 and 28 boards.  
*Details of recommended movements are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the Competition Controller and LCBA Qualified Directors..*
9. The competition will be played on Wednesday 27 April 2016 at the Rothley Centre. The playing charge is £4.00 per head.