

## **JOSEPHS BOWL & PLATE (BUTTERWORTH LANGLEY TROPHY) 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. a) The competition is for teams of four.
  - b) A team may consist of up to six players, at least four of whom must be nominated for the common First Round heat. Additional players, up to the overall limit of six, may be nominated to the CC at any time prior to first playing in the event. Entry is restricted to a maximum of 24 teams.
  - c) Planned (non-emergency) substitutions. The planned use of more than four players in any single match (permitted only in JB R2 onwards) must comply with Appendix 1.
  - d) Emergency substitutions, by the fifth and/or sixth member of the team, may be made to cover cases of late arrival, illness during play etc. of any of the normal four playing members. Such changes at other than the end of a stanza are subject to the consent of the opponent captain.
  - e) The membership status of all competitors will be checked after the First Round.

Any team having used an ineligible player will be disqualified and may not participate thereafter, in either Bowl or Plate, unless this player makes all payments necessary to become eligible and these payments are received by the LCBA (and EBU if appropriate) by Wednesday 16 December 2015, or the CC is notified by that date of the replacement by an eligible player, subject to the overall limit of six.
  - f) No player who has played for one team may later play for any other team in either the Bowl or Plate.
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 stanza. 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 other 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 team 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 team, 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.

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  - 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 records specified in the rules and the determination of any appeal.
6. a) The winners of the competition will hold the Josephs Bowl for one year, and subject to prime allegiance.
  - (i) the winners qualify to represent Leicestershire in the Pachabo Cup. (If fewer than four of the team are qualified and available then the team may be completed by players from the runners-up, or replaced by a team composed only of players from the runners-up, as per EBU guidelines.)
  - (ii) at least two pairs from the winning team will be invited to represent Leicestershire in a Midlands League match.
  - b) Monetary prizes of £80 and £60 will be awarded to the winners and runners-up respectively, and subject to a play-off match for third place having been played £40 and £20 to the losing semi-finalists.

If none of these are won by non-expert teams then a further prize of £20 will be awarded to the highest placed such team, subject to this team having qualified to proceed beyond the first round. In the event of these teams being eliminated in the same round the team failing to qualify by the smallest margin is deemed to be the highest placed.

*The definitions of non-expert players/pairs/teams are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the Competition Controller and LCBA Qualified Directors.*
7. The Playing Charge for the Common First Round and for each of Rounds 2 and 3 of both competitions is £4 per head.
8. LCBA will award Green Points for all rounds of the Bowl competition.
9. Teams MUST notify the CC if they wish to withdraw from the competition at any stage.

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## **COMMON FIRST ROUND and JB R2 & R3**

10. a) The competition will be organised on a knock-out basis.
  - b) Each team shall be represented by only two pairs in the common Round 1, which will be played at the Rothley Centre on Wednesday 2 December 2015. (Up to 6 players may play in later rounds of the Bowl.)
  - c) Emergency substitutions, by a fifth or even sixth eligible player may however be made to cover cases of late arrival, illness during play etc. of any of the normal four playing members. Such changes at other than the end of a stanza are subject to the consent of the opponent captain.
  - d) All head-to-head matches shall be scored in IMPs and played over 24 boards in four stanzas of six boards. Each pair shall play alternate stanzas against each opposing pair.
  - e) In the event of a tie a further 4 boards shall be played, two against each pair. This procedure shall be repeated until a result is obtained.
  - f) The winner of each R1 head-to-head match will qualify for Round 2 of the Bowl, the loser will qualify for the Butterworth Langley Plate competition
11. The R1 draw covers the whole of the competitions with byes being allocated in Round 1X & 2 as necessary based on the total entry. If an odd number of teams enter there will be a single triangular match in Round 1.
- 12 a) Triangular matches shall be played in two sessions, each of 12 boards with 6 played against each other team. Prior to the start of play each captain shall independently inform the Director of which two of his four players will sit North-South in the first session. After that session has been scored the captains shall provide the same information for the second session. There are no seating rights, the captains are required to make their dispositions without knowledge of those of the other teams.
  - b) The team gaining the best net number of IMPs over the three mini-matches will be deemed the winner of this. They and the team with the second best number of net IMPs will both qualify for Round 2 of the Bowl, being placed in opposite halves of the draw. The third team will qualify for the Butterworth-Langley Plate competition. Ties between just two teams jointly first shall be split for the purpose of determining position in the subsequent round(s) by the drawing of lots.
  - c) If there is a tie involving third place a single session of two board matches shall be played involving the two (or three) tying teams; and repeated until the tie is split
- 13 a) If 8 or fewer (or 12 or more) teams, qualify through Round 1, Round 2 shall comprise as many head-to-head matches as necessary to reduce the field to exactly 4 (or 8) teams.
  - b) However If 9, 10 or 11 qualify through Round 1 a supplementary home-play round (Round 1X) comprising as many 24 board head-to-head matches as required to reduce the qualifiers for Round 2 to precisely 8, to be played by 22 January 2016, will be inserted..
14. The schedule for the next two rounds is  
Round 2, Round 3                      Wednesdays 27 January, & 24 February 2016                      at Blaby Bridge Club
- 15 a) In all these matches the team qualifying for the first listed position in the draw shall be deemed the home team.
  - b) All matches shall be scored in IMPs, and (except in Round 3 if this be the SFs) played over 24 boards in four stanzas each of six boards. SF matches shall be played over 32 boards in four stanzas each of eight boards. If, as is normal, each captain plans to deploy just two pairs in the match then each pair shall play alternate stanzas against each opposing pair. In the event of a tie a further 4 boards shall be played, two against each pair. This procedure shall be repeated until a result is obtained. If either captain plans to use more than four players in a match then such use must comply with Appendix 1.

## **JB HOMEPLAY STAGES:**

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17. a) If the semi-finals are scheduled as Round 3 the finals shall take place by agreement between the teams by 29 April 2016. Otherwise the semi finals and finals shall take place by agreement between the teams concerned subject to the date limitations of 1 April 2016 and 6 May 2016 respectively.
  - b) Within seven days of the pairing being confirmed, the deemed away team captain should offer to the deemed home team captain, a minimum of three weekday evening dates, not clashing with any LCBA event, spread over a period of at least eight days, with a minimum of seven clear days notice of the first date. Not all dates offered should be for the same day of the week. Any failure to make a timely offer, or to accept a date within a further seven days, should be reported to the CC who will seek to expedite the playing of the match but who has the discretion to default one or both teams.
  - c) In all cases the deemed home team will be responsible for venue arrangements, including the payment of any table money wherever the match be played.
  - d) The results of these privately played matches must be notified by both teams to the CC within seven days, and never later than the closing date of the round.

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The return must include the names of the players in each team and how many boards each member played.

- e) In these privately played matches, unless a prior arrangement to the contrary is made, the deemed Away Team Captain or his nominee shall be designated as Director.
- 18 Should a team arrive more than 15 minutes late, its opponents have the following rights:
- a) After one hour of un-notified late arrival, or two hours of notified late arrival, the match is awarded to the non-offending side. 'Notification' may (obviously) be by message, but the presence of even a single member of the team is deemed to indicate an intention to play and constitutes 'notification' in the context of this rule. In Round 1X these times are reduced to 45 and 90 minutes respectively.
  - b) For each completed 15 minute delay within a scheduled play period, the match is to be reduced by two boards, awarding the non-offending side 3 IMPs per board. Only the initial stanza is shortened, removing board 1 onwards, leaving full standard stanza thereafter.
  - c) If both teams are late the match shall be curtailed according to the time interval of the latest arrival after the other side became complete, again with the award of 3 IMPs per board removed (details as in b), or awarded to the first completed side subject to the 'time interval' before the second side becoming complete reaching the 'lateness' figures in a).

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### **Appendix 1:**

- A If a captain intends to field a team of more than four players then he must inform his opposite number of this, indicating the three partnerships involved, before the line-up for the first stanza is arranged.
- B Planned changes in line-up may only be made between stanzas.
- C The two pairs deployed in the first stanza are deemed to be the PRIMARY pairs; the pair introduced later is deemed to be the SUBSTITUTE pair. This substitute pair can include a member of a primary pair.
- D The SUBSTITUTE pair may replace, in different stanzas, just one or both of the PRIMARY pairs; but neither PRIMARY pair may be used as a substitute for the other PRIMARY pair.
- E No captain may make a planned change that would result in ANY pair deployed in precisely two stanzas playing both of these against the same opponent pair.  
It follows that:
  - i) One PRIMARY pair may be replaced in ONE stanza by a SUBSTITUTE pair without restriction.
  - ii) If the SUBSTITUTE pair play in precisely TWO stanzas, whether twice as substitutes for one primary pair, or once for each of the two primary pairs, then the SUBSTITUTE pair may NOT play both of these stanzas against the same opponent pair
  - iii) If the SUBSTITUTE pair play in a THIRD stanza then if they replace one PRIMARY pair in precisely TWO stanzas, then these two stanzas may not be ones in which that primary pair were scheduled to play the same opponent pair.
- F In the event of a tie, the captain of each team of more than four must nominate two pairs to represent his team throughout the tie-breaking process. No further changes to the line-up may be made.

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### **Rules specific to THE JOSEPHS PLATE (BUTTERWORTH LANGLEY TROPHY)**

- B1. 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, which are published in the LCBA League Rules & on the LCBA website.
- B2 This teams-of-four competition is for bona fide entrants to the Josephs Bowl eliminated there from by losing their first match. Teams MUST notify the CC if they wish to withdraw from the competition at any stage.
- B3 a) Teams of fewer than six players may nominate additional players, subject to the overall limit of six, to the CC prior to participation in the Plate.
  - b) Any such additional players must satisfy the requirements of Rule 1 and not have played previously for any other team in the Josephs Bowl or Plate; nor may they subsequently play for another team in either. The use of an ineligible player will normally lead to the disqualification of the team.
- B4.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 stanza. 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 other 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.
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- B5.a) Any team 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 team, of this and ensure that all relevant details of the hand and decision etc. are recorded on a witnessed statement before leaving the venue.

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- B6. All results shall be treated as provisional until confirmed by the CC after receipt of the records specified in the rules and the determination of any appeal.
- B7 a) The winners of the competition will hold the Butterworth Langley Trophy for one year.
  - b) Monetary prizes of £40 and £20 respectively will be awarded to the winners and runners-up.
  - c) The LCBA will award Local Master points on the District Scale.
- B8 a) The competition will be organized on a knock-out basis.
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  - c) The draw for the common R1 covers the whole of the competition with byes being allocated in Round 1X & 2 as necessary.
- B10 Round 2 and Round 3 matches will be played, alongside the Josephs Bowl matches at the Blaby Bridge Club on Wednesday 27 January and Wednesday 24 February 2016.
- B11 In all matches the team qualifying for the first listed position in the draw shall be deemed the home team.
- B12 If the semi-finals are scheduled as Round 3 the final shall take place by agreement between the teams by 29 April 2016. Otherwise the semi finals and finals shall take place by agreement between the teams concerned subject to the date limitations of 1 April 2016 and 6 May 2016 respectively.
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