

JOYCE CUP (Mixed Pivot Teams) RULES 2015-16

Competition Controller (CC)

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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, which must include at least one male and at least one female player.
b) The director may authorise emergency substitutions, by a fifth and/or sixth player, subject to the condition that at least one male and at least one female is playing at all times, to cover cases of late arrival, illness during play etc. of any of the four nominated playing members. Changes at other than the end of a round are also subject to the consent of the opposing captain.
3. a) The competition will be run as a Multiple Teams Event split into three stanzas. The entry is restricted 14 teams.
b) Each board will be scored in IMPs and the final ranking will be based on net overall IMPs.
4. a) Each player must play one stanza with each other member of his/her team; the captain must declare his initial line-up before the commencement of play.
b) North must occupy a stationary seat throughout.
c) For the second stanza the member playing South in the first stanza must exchange orientation with the member initially playing East; with the original West remaining West.
d) For the third stanza the original South must play in the West seat; the original East must return to the East seat, and the original West must now sit South.
5. a) Each partnership must provide two completed EBU 20/20A/20B style system card and hand these to the opponents for their use throughout each stanza. Partnerships 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) Partnerships 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 partnerships having properly completed full (4 paged) EBU 20A or 20B style system cards may additionally employ any Agreements permitted at Level 4, as detailed in Section 7 of the 2015 Blue Book.
6. 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 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.
7. 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.
8. Monetary prizes of £45, £30 and £15 respectively will be awarded to the first three teams. If none of these is won by a non-expert team then a further prize of £15 will be awarded to the highest placed such team, subject to them not having finished last overall.
The definitions of non-expert players/teams are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the Competition Controller and LCBA Qualified Directors.
9. Ties will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures.
10. The LCBA will award Local Master Points on the County scale.
11. The competition will be played over 20 - 25 boards, using Pivot Movements for 6 – 14 teams as listed in Jeff Smith Teams Scorer. (with round order modified if only 6 teams)
12. The competition will be played on Wednesday 11 May 2016, at Greenfields. The playing charge is £4.00 per head.

Appendix Movements & Scoring

13 or 14 teams	12 x 2 board rounds	3 stanza of 4 rounds	
11 or 12 teams	10 x 2 board rounds	2 stanza of 4 rounds	+ 1 stanza of 2 rounds
9 or 10 teams	8 x 3 board rounds	1 stanza of 4 rounds	+ 2 stanza of 2 rounds
7 or 8 teams	6 x 4 board rounds	3 stanza of 2 rounds	
6 teams	5 x 5 board rounds	2 stanza of 2 rounds	+ 1 of 1 round [round order modified]

Appendix Movement of players and scoring

North should enter contracts/results etc on the Bridgemate and one of East/West must verify the score.

At the end of stanza 1 and 2 the retiring South will move directly to a table designated by the Director/Bridgemate, as will one of the retiring East or West; with the other retiring East or West becoming South at the team's home table.

At the end of the third stanza the whole team will return to their home table which they should clear up, and then score up, using hand copies if necessary, so that they can check the results announced by the Director.