

## **LCBA PAIRS EVENTS GENERAL RULES 2019-20**

These apply to ALL Pairs Events, except where specifically stated on Individual Event Rules in RED

1. a) 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 2019-20.  
b) Hand records of boards played are published on the LCBA website alongside the preliminary results, but paper copies are printed for entrants who have specifically requested this service.
2. a) Each player should provide a completed EBU 20B style System Card and hand this to the opponents for their use throughout each round. Pairs having properly completed such cards may employ any Partnership Understandings permitted at Level 4, as detailed in Section 7 of the 2019 Blue Book.  
b) Pairs not having completed such cards will normally be provided by the Director with pre-completed EBU Standard English Foundation Level Cards, required to play in accordance with these and restricted to using only Level 2 Partnership Understandings (detailed in Section 6 of 2019 Blue Book) until fuller cards are completed.  
c) The Competition Controller (CC) may where he deems it appropriate personally authorize the use of Level 4 Partnership Understandings by pairs with only partially completed EBU 20B style System Cards, or EBU old style or other non-standard System Cards; or delegate this authority to the Director. However in no circumstances may WBF style cards be used.
3. 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.
4. All heat or overall event results shall be treated as provisional until confirmed by the CC after receipt of the event records and the determination of any appeal.
5. The definitions of expert and non-expert players or pairs are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the CC and LCBA qualified Directors.
6. Ties will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures.
7. a) Each pair should arrive at least 15 minutes before the designated start time. The Director may disqualify later arrivals if necessary in order to facilitate a prompt start.  
b) Details of recommended movements are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the CC and LCBA qualified Directors.