

# **SAMANI SALVER & SILVER PLATE 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, published on the LCBA website, for the year 2015-16
2. a) The competition is for teams of four.
- b) Each LCBA League side taking part in the 2015-16 season may make either one or two entries into the Cup competition, each subject to an entry fee of £5 per team.
- c) Each team will be allocated a handicap based on the final position of that side at the end of the league season.
- d) Teams based on the side at the top of Division 1 will have a handicap of zero, and all other teams will receive 100 points for each position lower, ties not being split, in the league - with the exceptions shown in the table below:

Div/Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0	100	200	300	400	600	800
2	500	700	900	1000	1100	1300	1500
3	1200	1400	1600	1700	1800	2000	2200
4	1900	2100	2300	2400	2500	2600	

(i.e. Teams based on the side at the top of a lower division will be ranked next after the teams based on the side bottom-but-two in the division immediately above, and the teams based on the runner-up of the lower division will be ranked next after the teams based on the side bottom-but-one of the division immediately above.)

3. a) Players that have played for a League Side during that season and remaining eligible to do so for the remainder of the season shall be eligible to play for either, but not both, of its Samani Salver/Plate teams.
- b) i) No player who has played for one team in the Samani Salver/Plate may later play for any team based upon another Club/Group, or an equal or lower ranking team from the same Club.
- ii) A player may play for a higher-ranking team (i.e. one with a lower handicap) from the same Club; but will not thereafter be eligible to play for any team ranking equal to, or lower than, this team to which he was promoted.
- c) A team may also include up to two players in any one match or four players in total who did not play for the League side during that season, but meet one of the conditions i), ii) or iii):
- i) If the player has played for another Club/Group in the league in the 2015-16 season, then subject to the highest ranking side for which he played being lower ranking than the League side on which the team he wishes to join is based. Additionally if that other Club/Group has entered any team in the Samani Salver/Plate for which he would have been eligible to play the consent of that Club/Group must first be obtained and lodged with the CC.
- ii) If the player did not play in the league in the 2015-16 season but had done so in an earlier season then subject to the then ranking of the side they last played for in the league being lower than or equal to the 2015-16 ranking of the league side on which the team he wishes to join is based.
- iii) If the player has never played in the league then the Club/Group must first contact the CC; the TSC will then rule as to which team(s) he may play in based on his Master Point Ranking and the NGS.
4. 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 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.
5. 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.  
(It is strongly recommended that in home-play matches each captain bring a standard LCBA Appeal Form, downloadable from the Website, to the match.)
- 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.
6. 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.
7. a) The winners of the Samani Salver and Silver Plate competitions will hold the trophies for one year.
- b) Monetary prizes of £40 and £20 respectively will be awarded to the Samani Salver winners and runners-up, and £20 to the winners of the Silver Plate.
8. Master points will not be awarded.
9. a) The closing date for entries is 14 April 2016.

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- b) At the time of making entry each league side must state whether or not, should its team(s) lose their first match, be it in the Preliminary Round, or Rounds of 32 or 16 of the Samani Salver, the team(s) will play in the Silver Plate.
10. a) If the entry exceeds 32 teams a PR will be held comprising as many matches as necessary to reduce the Salver field to precisely 32. Whether or not a PR is required, unless a bye is necessary all remaining teams will play in the Round of 32, and then there will be as many matches in the Round of 16 as necessary to reduce the field to 8. The CC will together with another TSC member conduct a draw determining by lot, subject to i) to iii), which teams shall be required to play in the PR and Round of 32 and the pairings in these and all subsequent rounds of the Samani Salver, with the first drawn in each pair being deemed the home team.
- In this draw
- i) Two teams based on the same league club will not be paired for their first match.
- ii) If there is an odd number of entries the holders will receive an initial bye, and then an away draw for their first match. [If the holders do not enter all byes shall be allocated randomly in the draw.]
- iii) Teams given byes will as far as possible receive an away draw next. The draw will be otherwise random.
- b) The initial pairings of the Silver Plate competition will be generated from those of the Samani Salver competition by replacing each team in the Samani Salver by the team that they beat in that Competition.
- c) In both competitions the team drawn first or qualifying for the first listed position in each pairing shall be deemed the home team.
11. a) Aggregate scoring shall be used in all matches, and the result determined after allowing for the net handicap calculated in accordance with Rule 2; honours do not count.
- b) Each team shall be represented by only two pairs in each round. 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. Changes at other than the end of a stanza are subject to the consent of the opposing captain.
- c) All matches shall be played in four stanzas of six boards. Each pair shall play alternate stanzas against each opposing pair.
- d) In the event of a tie a further 4 boards shall be played, two against each pair, with a handicap of exactly one-sixth of the original net handicap. This procedure shall be repeated until a result is obtained.
12. a) The results of all matches must be notified by both teams to the CC within seven days, and never later than the closing date for the round. The returns must include the forename and surname of the players in each team. If unable to send by email the captain must first telephone the result and then send the full details to him by post within the same period.
- b) The CC will inform each captain of his next opponent. If either captain has not heard from his opposite number within seven days of the completion of the round he must inform the CC forthwith.
13. a) Within seven days of the pairing being confirmed the deemed Away Team captain should offer to the Home Team captain a minimum of three weekday evening dates, all prior to the round completion date shown on the schedule appended to these rules, not clashing with any LCBA event, spread over a period of at least eight days and 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 an offer within seven days, or to accept a date offered within a further seven days, should be reported to the CC.
- b) If the captains fail to agree upon an alternative date then the match shall take place on the Thursday immediately preceding the round completion date.
- c) Failure to play the match by the round completion date will normally result in the elimination of at least one of the teams from the competition.
14. a) Teams retain the status, rights and responsibilities of deemed home (and away) teams as determined in each round by Rule 10 irrespective of where the match is actually played.
- b) Consequently unless the two captains make any prior agreements to the contrary
- i) the deemed home team retains responsible for the provision of equipment and payment of any table money.
- ii) the deemed away team shall take stationary seats, & its Captain, or his nominee shall be designated as Director
15. Should a team arrive more than 15 minutes late, its opponents have the following rights:
- a) After 45 minutes of un-notified late arrival, or 90 minutes 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.
- 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 100 aggregate points 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 100 points 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).

### Appendix: Round Completion dates 2016 (For Salver & Plate unless stated)

R of 64 (if any)	R of 32 (prob Salver only)	Round of 16	Round of 8	Semi-finals	Finals
May 6	May 20	June 17	July 15	Aug 12	Sep 9