

WILDE CUP RULES 2015-16

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1. This is a 'no fear' style event for non-expert teams, open to both members and non-members of the LCBA, and is operated under Licensing Regulation 1.2.1.
2.
 - a) The competition is for teams of four.
 - b) The Director may authorise emergency substitutions, by a fifth or even sixth player, to cover cases of late arrival, illness during play etc. of any of the normal four nominated playing members. Changes at other than the end of a round are subject to the consent of the opposing captain.
 - c) No person may play in this competition unless he be either
 - (i) an LCBA member who has played a minimum of two matches in the current season for an LCBA League Division 3 or 4 team – subject only to not having played as many or more matches in total in the current season for teams in Division 1 or 2, or
 - (ii) a person, LCBA member or non-member, who has in the last 12 months played no matches for teams in Division 1 or 2 of the LCBA League or for any County Team, and has never been ranked higher than Five Star Master.
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 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.
 - 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 Wilde Cup for one year.
 - b) Monetary prizes of £40 and £20 will be awarded to the winners and runners-up respectively.
If both of these are won by teams including a Master or higher a further prize of £20 will be awarded to the highest placed team in which no player is ranked higher than County Master, unless placed last overall.
7. The competition will be played over approximately 24 boards. The absolute limits of the range, which will be played only in exceptional circumstances, are 20 and 28 boards.
8. It will be played on Wednesday 13 January 2016 at the County Bridge Club. The playing charge is £4.00 per head.
9. The competition is restricted to 14 teams and normally run as an IMP scored Multiple Teams Event, but
 - (i) a net match IMPs cap of 25 shall be applied to matches of four or fewer boards, and
 - (ii) the result of matches of five or more boards shall be converted into a Victory Point score using the standard conversion scale.

Details of recommended movements are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the Competition Controller and LCBA Qualified Directors..
10. Ties will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures.
11. The LCBA will award local Master Points on the District scale.