

YATES CUP (No-Fear) PAIRS RULES 2015-16

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1. This is a 'no fear' style event open to both members and non-members of the LCBA, and is operated under Blanket Licence Provision 1.2.1.
2. a) The competition is for pairs.
b) No person may play in this competition unless he be defined by the LCBA for Tournament purposes as a non-expert.
The definitions of non-expert players/pairs/teams are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the Competition Controller and LCBA Qualified Directors.
c) The competing pairs will comprise two fields.
i) Field one will consist of those who have recently been or still are attending tuition classes for beginners or improvers; and will compete for the Yates Cup.
ii) Field two will consist of non-expert players and be filled by invitation.
d) Normally field one will sit E/W and field two will sit N/S in a two-winner Mitchell movement.
e) However if the number of beginners/improvers is two or more greater than the number of invitees available, then the CC shall split the beginners/improvers into two balanced groups to sit in opposite directions with invitees filling the vacant seats, and a one-winner movement will be played. (see 6 c)
3. a) Each player must provide a completed EBU 20/20A/20B style convention card and hand this to the opponents for their use throughout each round. Pairs not having completed such cards should normally* 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.
* The CC will however consider whether in the case of a particular beginner pair it would be more appropriate to supply copies of the LCBA Simple System Level 1 Basic Acol 2015 Card.
b) Pairs with properly completed EBU 20/20A/20B style convention cards, may employ EBU Level 2 Permitted Agreements, as detailed in Section 6 of the 2015 Blue Book. ☐
c) No player may make a psychic bid or in any way wilfully deviate from the announced system and agreements recorded on his convention card.
4. Any pair either wishing to appeal, or reserve the right to later appeal, against a decision of the Director 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.
5. All results shall be treated as provisional until confirmed by the CC after receipt of the event records and the determination of any appeal.
6. a) i) The leading pair in field one (beginners or improvers) will hold the Yates Cup for one year.
ii) Monetary prizes of £20 and £10 will be awarded to the first two pairs in this field.
b) A monetary prize of £10 will be awarded to the first pair in field two.
c) If a one-winner movement is played the Yates Cup award and the prizes will be allocated to the highest placed from each category in the overall list.
d) Ties will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures.
7. The LCBA will award local Master Points on the District scale.
8. The competition will normally be played over approximately 22 boards using a *recommended movement*. The absolute limits of the range are 18 and 24 boards.
9. The competition will be played on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at the Bradgate Club. Entry is restricted to a maximum of 14 full tables. The playing charge is £1.00 per player.

Appendices providing technical information and advice for the Director and Tutors are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary and the Competition Controller who will circulate appropriate details to them.