

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

LAKELAND RULES

1. Each club in the county is entitled to enter one team in this inter-club teams-of-eight competition. Once all such entries have been submitted to the competition organiser by the due date, the competition organiser may accept extra entries from any club.
2. A team will consist of eight players all of whom must be fully paid up members of the Northamptonshire Contract Bridge Association and members of the club that they represent.
3. Players can only play for their club of primary allegiance (i.e. the club they represent in the Northamptonshire Inter-Club Teams-of-Eight Leagues.)
4. The competition will be run in two rooms as two teams of four. At half-time teams may change polarity within their own room but may not change rooms.
5. In both rooms, each team will play against every other team. The number of boards will be determined by the director and will depend upon the number of teams competing.
6. Level 4 conventions will be permitted.
7. At the halftime break the IMP scores against each team will be calculated and agreed. The director will adjudicate on any discrepancies.
8. This procedure will be repeated at the end of the second session and any team leaving without agreeing all their scores may have any disputed scores determined against them. The IMPs gained in each room against each of the other teams will be added together before being converted to Victory Points according to the appropriate scale.
9. After each session all scores must be agreed and disputes determined by the director within 30 minutes of the last board being completed. Any appeal arising from the director's decision shall be decided by an appeals committee formed for that purpose on the night. Members of the appeals committee shall if possible be drawn from the County Conduct Committee (Excluding members of the clubs involved in the dispute.) Appeals shall be heard as soon as practically possible during the halftime break or at the end of the competition. Only the teams involved in the original dispute can appeal against the director's ruling.
10. Local Points will be awarded at the county scale for Swiss teams according to the number of boards played in each match. Ranking points will also be awarded to the top team(s).