

Upminster & Cranham Bridge Club Online League

Introduction

This Upminster & Cranham Bridge Club (UCBC) league consists of simple 10 board round robin matches, 1 match against each of the other teams.

Please be aware that it is intended to be an enjoyable experience for players, be they beginners, newcomers to team or online bridge or experienced and highly skilled players. Therefore, within reason, the greatest amount of freedom will be allowed albeit confined by the rules of online bridge and those of the English Bridge Union (EBU).

Our league is based on the EBU Lockdown League and follows similar rules as well as being setup in a similar way. There will be divisions if the number of entries allow and if so teams will be initially seeded but subsequently join from the bottom. Promotion between leagues is as described below. The league table and match results will be available from the EBU website under 'Leagues' – 'Upminster & Cranham Bridge Club'.

Divisions/promotions

The number of divisions will be determined by the number of entries, if more than one division exists promotion and relegation will take place at the start of each new season. 1 team will be promoted or relegated in divisions numbering 6 or less, 2 teams in larger divisions.

New teams will normally start from the bottom of the pre-existing structure to give preference to existing teams, they may only enter at the beginning of a new season. If a team drops out however a substitute may be accepted.

Format

For all divisions the season will consist of a single round robin played in 10 board matches on Bridgebase Online (BBO).

Matches should be arranged between opposing team captains on a date at a mutually convenient time in line with a draw advised by UCBC as determined by team numbers. It is hoped matches will take place during quieter BBO times and specifically not during Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Matches will consist of 1 set of 10 boards with no seating change. Master Points are awarded on completion of the league.

Teams must have 4 players selected from a squad of up to 6.

Setting up matches

It will be the duty of the home captain (as specified in the draw) to set up the home matches and the duty of the away captain to ensure that the home captain has all the BBO usernames of the away team. Home captains have seating rights. When arranged it is suggested players log on at least 15 mins prior to the agreed start time.

The home captain may seek help with setting matches up from UCBC or any other team or friend/contact. Matches should be set up with the Barometer off and kibitzers should be unable to talk to players.

The match should be set up to be scored by IMPS using random boards, the score should then be converted to Victory Points (VPs) using the 10 board scale as advised.

Results

The captain of the winning team should enter the IMPs and VPs for both teams as well as player names into EBULeague. To do this go to your My EBU account and select 'Utilities' and then 'EBULeague'. UCBC can assist by doing this for you if you send an email with the details as described. It would be good practice for the away captain to be informed when this has been done and for them to check the entry.

Rearranging Matches

Should a team be unable to make a scheduled game and become aware of this in advance they are entitled to attempt to rearrange the match with the opposing captain on an urgent basis. In general, if the rearranged match takes place before the end date of the current season then this will be acceptable.

A non-played match will be scored 14-6 in favour of a non-offending team, if both teams are unable to play the match will be scored 10-10. If a team fails to turn up or advise its opponents in advance the match will be awarded in its opponent's favour 15-5. Decisions regarding awarding matches will be the domain of UCBC.

Undos

If undos are allowed, they are permitted strictly for mis-clicks (or more humorously Miss Mouses) **ONLY**. Since this is true, they should be allowed when requested. Disputes may be referred to UCBC whose decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Regulations

This is a **FRIENDLY** competition, however, it is still regulated by BBO, EBU and Online Match Regulations except where over ridden by anything within this document. In all matters the decision of UCBC is final. Master Points will be issued after completion of each season for matches won or drawn. There is a £1 charge per player per match to cover costs, this is rounded down where possible if a team wishes to make one payment at the beginning of a season.

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