

Fixtures for 6- team divisions			
By end of Oct	2 v 5	4 v 3	6 v 1
By end of Dec	5 v 1	3 v 2	4 v 6
By end of Feb	1 v 4	3 v 5	2 v 6
By end of Mar	1 v 3	4 v 2	6 v 5
By end of Apr	2 v 1	5 v 4	6 v 3

Fixtures for 4-team divisions		
By end of Oct	1 v 2	3 v 4
By end of Dec	2 v 3	4 v 1
By end of Jan	3 v 1	4 v 2
By end of Feb	3 v 2	1 v 4
By end of Mar	2 v 1	4 v 3
By end of Apr	1 v 3	2 v 4

Results

Team	+ IMP	- IMP	DIFF	VP	TOTAL VP

WORCESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION OPEN & NO FEAR LEAGUES 2016 – 2017

**LEAGUE SECRETARY: SUE LANE, 11a CROMWELL ROAD, MALVERN,
WR14 1NA, 01684 561308**

- Matches must be played by the fixture date unless by mutual agreement and with the League Secretary having been notified in advance. The last date for playing matches is the end of April 2017.
- Results shall be submitted using the League Management System or sent to the League Secretary or emailed to

wcbasec@yahoo.co.uk

- Regular updates to the Leagues' current position can be found on the County's website, (<http://www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire/>).
- Final positions will be announced at the Association's Annual General Meeting on Sunday 14th May 2017.



VICTORY POINT SCALE					
IMPS	VPs	IMPS	VPs	IMPS	VPs
0 - 1	10 - 10	14 - 19	14 - 6	41 - 49	18 - 2
2 - 4	11 - 9	20 - 25	15 - 5	50 - 59	19 - 1
5 - 8	12 - 8	26 - 32	16 - 4	60 +	20 - 0
9 - 13	13 - 7	33 - 40	17 - 3		

DIRECTOR PLEASE!

The following is an exclusive list of the directors that you may contact should the need arise. They will be happy to give you an initial ruling and will be assisted in this by you contacting them **as soon as any problem arises**. Any decision may be appealed; should you choose to do so please advise the director involved, who will advise you how to proceed.

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OPEN LEAGUE - DIVISION 1

TEAM	DETAILS
1	BACK UP TO FIVE Sue Lane 01684 561308 11a Cromwell Road, Malvern WR14 1NA
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3	STRIPED TAILED APES Nick Forward 01527 450061 421 Birchfield Road, Redditch B97 4NF nforward@blueyonder.co.uk
4	THE NICE OLD MEN Jimmy Ledger 01905 759236 1 Drury Lane, Martin Hussingtree, Worcs, WR3 8TD (07731 799233) jledger99@sky.com
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7	FOUR NO CHUMPS Paul Slater 01527 546080 68 Crumpfields Lane, Webheath, Redditch, or 07776 165250 Worcs B97 5PW paul.slater3@sky.com

OPEN LEAGUE - DIVISION 2

TEAM	DETAILS
1	DINGLE DUOS Tim Keates 01886 888826 Flagstone Cottage, Worcester Road, (07891238188) Martley, Worcs WR6 6QA timmytastic@aol.com
2	BRIDGE AT THE RIDGE Sue Evans 01886 833111 The Ridge, Post Office Lane, Bransford, Worcs suedenn@btinternet.com WR6 5JA
3	DOUBLE FAULTS Angela Cowdry 01384 358910 48 Thicknall Drive, Pedmore, Stourbridge or 0771 8827978 DY9 0YH acowdry@virginmedia.com
4	THE UNCONVENTIONALS Paul Bryant 01299 404986 9 High Street, Bewdley, Worcs DY12 2DH arnohelenpaul@windlestone9TA.fsnet.co.uk

18. Appeals on any matter arising from these rules must be referred to the League Secretary. Any other disputes that may arise may be referred to the Worcestershire CBA Committee.

19. When a team forfeits a match or withdraws from the league having played at least one match, then that team receives no VPs and the non-offending team are awarded VPs as follows:

- The average of the teams who played the offending team, or
- the average of the non-offending team, or
- 12, whichever is the highest.

20. When a team is partly at fault for a match not being played they are awarded VPs as follows:

- The average of the teams their opponents have played, or
- their average, or
- 8, whichever is the lowest.

Fixtures

Fixtures for 7-team divisions			
By end of Oct	2 v 3	4 v 5	6 v 7
By end of Nov	1 v 6	4 v 7	5 v 3
By end of Dec	7 v 1	2 v 5	6 v 4
By end of Jan	1 v 2	7 v 3	5 v 6
By end of Feb	1 v 4	2 v 7	3 v 6
By end of Mar	3 v 1	4 v 2	7 v 5
By end of Apr	5 v 1	6 v 2	3 v 4

12. The Open League is now managed using the EBU League Management System and if team captains prefer they can enter match results directly into this rather than sending them to the League Secretary. To do this you need to log into your personal account on the EBU website and then click the League Teams button. Then click on your team name and a player roster & list of matches will be displayed. Click on the match you have a result for and enter the match data. Enter the date, please note that the format is year-month-day, then input the IMPs scored by each team and then the VPs scored by each team. Then you need to select the 4 players from your team who played in the match. Finally click the Submit button. Please note that if this method is being used then both the winning and the losing captains need to log into their accounts to report who played in the match.

We are not using the League Management System for the No Fear League and so results must be submitted as described in rule 11.

13. The normal promotion and demotion pattern will be 2 teams up and 2 teams down. In the event of a VP tie between candidates for promotion or relegation, the result of the match between the teams will be the first consideration to break the tie and if this was a draw then the difference in IMPs over the season will be considered.
14. The Committee, who will consider the known abilities of the players and the balance of the various divisions, may place newcomers to the league in any division.
15. Where, at the end of a season, a team disbands or 2 or more teams are formed from their original members, the right to retain the position of the original team shall belong to the new team that contains the greatest number of players from the original team, as long as this is at least 2 players. Where new teams contain equal numbers of the original team, the team containing the captain of the original team shall have precedence.
16. EBU Masterpoints will be awarded at the appropriate scale.
17. Teams are required to pay a registration fee. The Committee of the WCBA will determine the fee on the recommendation of the League Committee.

OPEN LEAGUE - DIVISION 3

TEAM	DETAILS
1	BROMSGROVE Barbara Griffiths 0121 445 3041 Uplands, Coopers Hill, Alvechurch, Birmingham B48 7BX gs.bg@tiscali.co.uk
2	MAGPIES Heather Westcott 01386 552871 Wheelgate, Wyre, Pershore WR10 2JF westcott333@btinternet.com
3	PEDMORE PRETENDERS Brian Nightingale 01562 720121 14 Cochrane Close, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY9 0ST briannightingale@hotmail.com
4	THE MONDAY NIGHT GANG Tony Oliver 01527 874144 47 Westfields, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Worcs B61 9HJ tony@olivers-on-line.co.uk

NO-FAIR LEAGUE – DIVISION 1

TEAM	DETAILS
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2	CROWLE Marie Eastwood 01905 381389 Le Verger, Bredicot Lane, Crowle, Worcester WR7 4AY
3	ARNHEM Andy Wright 01299 250572 Wayside, Crossway Green, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs DY13 9SH or 07778 445962 andywright.dentist@hotmail.co.uk
4	WORDSLEY Tony Shotton 01384 277618 2 Ashdown Drive, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Mids DY8 5QY ahshotton23@btinternet.com
5	RUFF DIAMONDS Tony Chapman 01905 453558 46 Kingston Avenue, Worcester, Worcs WR3 8PW or 07725 165552 tonypchapman7@gmail.com
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RULES OF WCBA BRIDGE LEAGUES

1. A Committee appointed by and reporting to the Committee of the WCBA shall manage the leagues.
2. The leagues shall consist of multiple divisions. The Committee will determine the number of divisions and the number of teams per division.
3. Open League team members must be members of the EBU and must also have Worcestershire as their county of first, or second, allegiance.
4. Teams consist of 6 players but extra players may be allowed if there are problems in arranging matches. Each player must be registered with the League Secretary prior to representing his or her team. A player may represent no more than one team per league but may play in more than one league. The League Committee may approve the registration of alternative or additional members of a team in special circumstances. If an unregistered player plays in a match the team will only be awarded 50% of the victory points gained in the match rounded down to the nearest VP. If an ineligible player plays in a match then the match is forfeit and their opponents are awarded the better of their actual score and that determined by applying rule 19.
5. The League Secretary will prepare a fixture list. As far as is practicable each team will play half of their matches at home. Matches must be played within the County of Worcestershire as it was defined prior to the local government re-organisation in 1974.
6. The first team named in the fixture list will be considered the home team and is responsible for arranging the fixture at a suitable venue with the necessary equipment and for providing light refreshments, normally at the end of play.
7. (a) The home team must offer three dates to the away team. The dates must include at least two alternative days of the week and at least two different weeks within the period specified in the fixture list. These dates must be offered at least two weeks before the start of the fixture period.

(b) If the home team fails to offer dates by the stipulated time, the away team has the right to offer three dates on the same basis as in 7(a), these to be offered within one week of the date the home team were due to offer dates, i.e. one week before the start of the fixture period.
- (c) If the away team fail to accept an offered date within two weeks of the dates being offered, or in the case of 7(b) applying, if the home team fail to accept an offered date within two weeks of the dates being offered, this will result in forfeiture of the match, provided that the League Committee are satisfied that the non-offending team has made reasonable efforts to arrange the match.
- (d) When a match is forfeited, VPs will be awarded to the non-offending side in accordance with rule 19.
- (e) When the League Committee determines that both teams are partly at fault for a match not being played then VPs will be awarded in accordance with rule 20.
8. Matches will be of 24 boards to be played in two stanzas, each of 12 boards. The visiting team should select their polarity and the home team changes their position after 12 boards. In the No Fear League matches can be reduced to 20 boards by agreement between both teams.
9. In the Open League partnerships may employ bidding methods defined under 'Level 4' in the Handbook of EBU Permitted Understandings (Blue Book, last updated August 2016). In the No Fear League partnerships may only employ bidding methods defined under 'Level 2' in the Blue Book and it is recommended that systems are based on one of the Standard English Convention Cards available on the EBU website. Any area of doubt may be clarified with the League Secretary or one of the directors shown in the fixture list.
10. Matches will be scored in IMPs converted to VPs in accordance with the scale published each season with the fixture list.
11. The captain of the winning team shall advise the League Secretary of the match result, giving the names of the players of both teams, and the IMP and VP scores. In the event of a tie the captain of the home side will be responsible for this.