

# DEVA BRIDGE CLUB COMPETITIONS - PROCEDURES for 2025-2026

This notice gives details of conditions, table fees etc. for competitions for the club year.

**ONLY CLUB MEMBERS MAY QUALIFY FOR COMPETITION FINALS**; except the Bowl & Congress.

Table money for regular duplicate sessions is £3 in the club and \$3 on BBO. A visitor surcharge (currently £1) applies in the club, there is no surcharge on BBO. Finals & semi-finals are in the club.

**1. THE CHESTER CONGRESS** - An EBU Licensed Blue Point event open to EBU/WBU members only. The competition is to be held on the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - PAIRS on the Saturday & SWISS TEAMS on the Sunday. Initial seating will be by a random draw on arrival.

**1a. PAIRS** – Dependent on numbers either: a qualifying round before a refreshment break followed by the Final which will be a 7 Table Full Howell (13 rounds of 2 boards) & a Consolation competition for the runners up; or a near all-play-all in two sessions with a break.

**1b. SWISS TEAMS** – Dependent on numbers either: 6 or 7 matches of 8 or 7 boards; or a multiple teams competition – and in either case with a break for refreshments.

Prizes: CHESTER CONGRESS PAIRS – Cash prizes for first and second places  
CONSOLATION PAIRS – Cash prizes for first and second places  
QUALIFIER PAIRS - Cash prizes for first and second places  
CHESTER CONGRESS SWISS TEAMS – Cash prizes for first and second teams  
Total cash prizes of 20-25% of total entrance fees.

**2. THE CHESTER BOWL** - An EBU Licensed Blue Point Pairs event open to EBU/WBU members only. A DEVA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY EVENT in aid of a Charity chosen by the President.

The competition is to be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Initial seating will be by a random draw on arrival. Dependant on numbers either: a qualifying round before a refreshment break followed by the Final which will be a 7 Table Full Howell (13 rounds of 2 boards) & a Consolation competition for the runners up; or a near all-play-all in two sessions.

Prizes: - CHESTER BOWL – Cash prizes for first and second places  
CONSOLATION – Cash prizes for first and second places  
QUALIFIER PAIRS - Cash prizes for first and second places  
Total cash prizes of 20-25% of total entrance fees.

## **3. CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Monday & Tuesday evening, and Wednesday & Friday afternoon, pairs sessions September to January are included in the Championship Pairs Ladder. The Ladder is based on the highest average scores for pairs playing at least 6 times. The top 28 pairs go into two Semi-Finals (any individual in the top 28 with more than one partner decides/agrees which partner to play with in semi-finals opening up places to lower placed pairs with a score of at least 50%). The Semi-Finals will be held on Wednesdays 4 and 11 March 2026, qualifying pairs play in just one semi-final based on position in ladder (1<sup>st</sup> to A 2<sup>nd</sup> to B etc...) adjusted if necessary to reflect player availability. The Final will be on Wednesday 18 March 2026. The Semi-Finals will be no more than 24 boards and the Final will be a 7 Table Full Howell (13 rounds of 2 boards). "Blue" points will apply in the Semi-Finals and the Final. If less than 28 pairs play in the semi-final then the number in the final will be pared back so as to be roughly half the semi-finalists.

Semi-Final and Final – Table Money: (Currently £3) + £1.50 for prize money

Prizes: - Winners share £60; 2<sup>nd</sup> share £40; 3<sup>rd</sup> share £20

## **4. TEAMS OF FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP** (Visiting teams are welcome to join the heats)

Teams can consist of up to 6 players. No player may be a member of more than one team. The qualifying competition will be run over five heats (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays September to January starting at 7pm). To qualify for the final a team must play in at least **three qualifying rounds**. At most 9 teams can qualify for the final, if necessary selected on the basis of the total IMPS from their best three qualifying rounds. The FINAL is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm. A carry forward IMP score of 20% of total IMPS from the best three qualifying rounds will apply in the final. The final will be Blue Pointed.

Table Money: (Currently £3) + £1 per player per round

Prizes: - Winners share £40; 2<sup>nd</sup> share £20

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## **5. FEARN CUP** (Open to non-members by invitation)

All regular Monday evening, Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon and Friday afternoon pairs sessions from October to February are included in the Fearn Cup Ladder. Qualification to the final depends on the total of the highest percentage scores with up to 3 different partners. The top 20 qualify for the final to be held on Sunday 19 April 2026. The final will be an individual movement of 19 2-board rounds in two sessions with an interval for refreshments. A simplified Bridge system will be in place for the Final and copies will be made available beforehand. If insufficient numbers then those playing with 2 different partners may be invited.

No Table Money to pay in Final: A compulsory charge will be made for refreshments.

Prizes: - Winner £30; 2<sup>nd</sup> £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> £10

## **6. LADIES' & MEN'S PAIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Two arrow switched sessions (one Ladies' Pairs and one Men's Pairs) to be played on Thursday 16 April 2026; - **NO MIXED PAIRS**. Only pairs that are both Deva Bridge Club members may qualify for prizes.

Table Money: (currently £3) + £1 per player.

Prizes: - Winners share £12; 2<sup>nd</sup> share £8; 3<sup>rd</sup> share £4

## **7. MIXED PAIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

An arrow switched Mixed Pairs session to be played on Thursday 21 May 2026 - **ONLY MIXED PAIRS**  
Only pairs that are both Deva Bridge Club members may qualify for prizes.

Table Money: (currently £3) + £1 per player.

Prizes: - Winners share £16; 2<sup>nd</sup> share £10; 3<sup>rd</sup> share £8

## **8. PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**A DEVA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY EVENT** in aid of a Charity chosen by the President. Will be a Pairs event played on Sunday 8 March 2026.

Entry fee to be advised nearer the date (to include a meal)

Prizes to be awarded to the winning pair/pairs

## **9. BOB GRAHAM INDIVIDUAL TROPHY**

The final for the 2024/2025 competition will be held on Thursday 30 October 2025 for the top 20 players in a ranking order based on the aggregate of scores obtained in Monday sessions throughout the year (September to August). The movement will be an individual competition of 19 1-board rounds. A standard system (bidding and carding) will apply to the competition.

Table Money Final: (currently £3) + £1 per player

Prizes: - Winner £10; 2<sup>nd</sup> £8; 3<sup>rd</sup> £6

## **10. THE GLYN ELLIS TEAMS TROPHY – LADIES vs GENTLEMEN**

**A DEVA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY EVENT** in aid of a Charity chosen by the President.

The competition is a teams of 4 event with the same number of ladies' and men's teams. Limited to 10 teams on each side, and the movement for 10 teams on each side would likely be 9 rounds of 3 boards. The event is to be played on Sunday 9 August 2026.

Entry fee to be advised nearer the date (to include a snack/tea).

Prizes: - The Trophy (held in the prize cabinet) & prizes to the winning ladies' & men's teams

## **11. CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Will be a Pairs event played on Sunday 7 December 2025.

Entry fee to be advised nearer the date (to include a meal).

Prizes to be awarded to the winning pair/pairs