

The Arnold Cup

Teams of 4

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Rules and Regulations

1. All players must be members of the KCBA with primary allegiance to Kent. Teams may consist of not more than SIX players, of whom at least four must be nominated at the time of entry and any remaining players by 31st March. The winning team will be invited to represent Kent in the Pachabo Cup. No player may play for more than one team in any one season.
2. The draw is made using the EBU's knockout program with first round matches being regionalised as far as possible within the constraints of teams entered. Teams are seeded based on gold points with the previous year's winners being the number 1 seed. Any team beating a seed will assume that seed's position within the draw. Green points are awarded for each played match won. The draw can be seen through the each captain's My EBU Login. **Choosing Utilities...EBUKnockouts. Under Arnold cup the match will be shown. Contact details for the opponents are also shown.**
3. Within seven days of the draw being issued the AWAY Captain shall offer the HOME Captain the choice of at least four dates for playing the match, with at least one week-end and one mid-week date being included in the offer. Dates of KCBA one-day events or the Kent Congress do not constitute valid offers. The HOME Captain must accept one of these dates within seven days of receipt of the offer. If the AWAY team fails to offer a choice of dates within the period stipulated the choice of venue and the right to offer alternative dates shall be transferred to the HOME team. Neither team shall be permitted to claim a walkover unless it has complied with this rule. If both teams are at fault then both teams will be scratched. Team Captains **MUST** give reasonable consideration to their opponents in their offer of dates.
4. The HOME team is responsible for any costs incurred by its choice of venue and for providing reasonable refreshments having regard to the time of day at which

the match is played and the distance travelled by the AWAY team. If teams agree to play at a neutral venue all costs (except travelling costs) will be shared. All matches must be played in Kent.

5. Matches up to and including the round of 9-16 shall be played over 24 boards, the quarter finals and semi-finals over 32 boards, with the final being played over 48 boards. Over 24 boards there will be a compulsory change of opponents after 12 boards, over longer matches, on the commencement of these matches, captains shall toss for choice of seating arrangements for alternate sets of 8 boards (i.e. ODD or EVEN numbered stanzas). Level 4 conventions may be played.
6. Scoring shall be by International Match Points (IMPs). In the event of a tie a further 4 boards shall be played with teams reverting to their original starting positions. This process to be repeated until the tie is broken.
7. If a team delays the start of play of a match, for any reason, by more than 30 minutes then for each subsequent complete interval of 6 minutes a board shall be withdrawn from the first set and the non-offending team shall receive +3 imps for that board. However, if a team should arrive more than one hour after the agreed start time the MATCH will be awarded to the non-offending side.
8. **CHANGE. The result must be entered promptly by both captains using the login to My EBU. Choosing Utilities....EBUKnockouts. Under Arnold cup the match will be shown, choose this to enter the result and the number of boards played by each player.**
9. An unseeded team which loses its match in the qualifying round or round one in the Arnold Cup will automatically qualify for the Arnold Plate. If the losing captain does not wish to enter the Arnold Plate the Competitions Secretary must be informed as soon as possible.
10. In the event of a dispute which cannot be settled to the mutual satisfaction of the team captains, a ruling should be sought from the Chief Tournament Director or one of the appointed KCBA referees listed under the Competition Rules and Regulations on the KCBA web site.
11. The Competitions Secretary has total discretion with regard to any matter not covered by these rules including, in exceptional circumstances, extensions of time.
12. **The default match arrangements are that the matches are played F2F. However, if both captains agree to play online (& agree the platform) then this is allowed.**