

GIMSON TROPHY RULES 2019-20

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The Rules below are additional to the LCBA Pairs Events General Rules.

1. a) The competition is for pairs.
b) The competition shall comprise a qualifying round (the Semi-Final) and an all-play-all Final.
c) The membership status of all entrants will be checked on receipt of entry. Any pair including an ineligible player will be disqualified rendering them unable to participate, unless such player(s) makes all payments necessary to become eligible and these payments are received by the CC before the Semi-Final starts.
d) The CC may allow a partnership to employ a substitute in the Semi-Final subject to meeting the conditions in 2 below and no player with Prime Allegiance to another county being the substitute.
This regulation applies to substitution of a player for either the whole or for a part of the Semi-Final.
e) If the entry to the Semi-Final comprises an odd number of pairs, the Director may permit a standby pair to play "without standing".
Boards played by such a pair shall not be scored. All other pairs must be made aware of this in advance
2. a) The intended substantive partnership shall be declared at the time of making the entry.
b) One player only in a partnership may be substituted for.
c) No substitute may play for/in another partnership in the event.
3. a) In the Semi-Final pairs will be placed without seeding into two fields by, subject to mobility requirements, the drawing of lots. The first seven pairs from each field will then qualify for the all play all Final.
b) Reserves ranked in accordance with standard EBU procedures will be called upon to maintain if possible, a Final of 7 full tables.
4. a) To qualify to play in the Final a player must play at least half of the boards in the Semi-Final. If a duly entered player is unable to do this he is thereby disqualified, but if his substitute does play for at least half of the boards in the Semi-Final he may (subject to satisfying the requirements of 1c & d) be re-designated as the second substantive member of the partnership and qualify to play in the Final.
b) The Director is permitted to allow a temporary substitution without penalty for up to 4 boards in the Final. He may allow a longer substitution in order to facilitate the smooth running of the event, but the pair will then play "without standing" – as in the Semi-Final.
5. a) The winners of the competition will hold the Gimson Trophy for one year.
b) Subject to prime allegiance
 - (i) The leading three pairs will qualify to represent the county in the Corwen Trophy, at Kent Hill Park Training and Conference Centre, Milton Keynes MK7 6BZ, on Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2020. Other pairs scoring over 50% in the Final will rank as reserves.
 - (ii) The winning pair & the runners-up will be invited to represent Leicestershire in a Midlands League 2020-21 season match.
- c) Monetary prizes of £80, £60, £40 and £20 will be awarded to the first four pairs in the Final. If none of these are won by non-expert pairs then a further prize of £20 will be awarded to the highest placed such pair, subject to this pair not finishing last in their field in the Semi-Final.
6. a) The Semi-Final will be played at the Rothley Centre on Wednesday 1 April 2020; playing charge £4.00 per head.
b) The Final will be played at the County Club (St. Oswald) on Sunday 26 April 2020; playing charge £6.00 per head.
7. The LCBA will award Local Master Points on the Regional scale in the Semi-Final and Green Points in the Final.
8. a) Entry is restricted to a maximum of 28 pairs.
b) If 16 or fewer pairs enter the semi-final shall not be played and all entrants shall proceed directly to the final extended if necessary to 8 tables
9. Pairs MUST notify the CC if they wish to withdraw from the competition at any stage.