

# **JOSEPHS BOWL & PLATE (BUTTERWORTH LANGLEY TROPHY) RULES 2019-20**

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**The Rules below are additional to the LCBA Teams Events General Rules.**

1. a) The competition is for teams of four.
  - b) A team may consist of up to six players, at least four of whom must be nominated for the common First Round heat. Additional players, up to the overall limit of six, may be nominated to the CC at any time prior to first playing in the event.
  - c) Each team shall [subject to d) below] be represented by only two pairs in each round. except (as detailed in the Home Play section) in the Semi-Final and Final of the Bowl.
  - d) Emergency substitutions, by the fifth and/or sixth member of the team, may however be made to cover cases of late arrival, illness during play etc. of any of the normal four playing members. Such changes at other than the end of a stanza are subject to the consent of the opponent captain.
  - e) Any team having used a player contrary to LCBA Teams Events General Rule 1, will be disqualified and may not participate thereafter, unless all payments necessary to comply are received by the LCBA (and EBU if appropriate) within 14 days of notification of discovery of this.
  - f) No player who has played for one team may later play for any other team in either the Bowl or Plate.
2. a) The winners of the Bowl competition will hold the Josephs Bowl for one year.

Subject to prime allegiance the winners qualify to represent Leicestershire in the Pachabo Cup on Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 June 2020. (If fewer than four of the team are qualified and available then the team may be completed by players from the runners-up)

  - b) At least two pairs from the winning team will each be invited to play in at least 2 Midlands League matches in the 2020-21 season.
  - c) In the Bowl competition monetary prizes of £80 and £60 will be awarded to the winners and runners-up respectively, and subject to a play-off match for third place having been played £40 and £20 to the losing semi-finalists.

If none of these are won by non-expert teams then a further prize of £20 will be awarded to the highest placed such team, subject to this team having qualified to proceed beyond the common first round. In the event of these teams being eliminated in the same round the team failing to qualify by the smallest margin is deemed to be the highest placed.
  - d) The winners of the Plate competition will hold the Butterworth Langley Trophy for one year, and monetary prizes of £40 and £20 respectively will be awarded to the winners and runners-up.
3. LCBA will award Green Points for all rounds of the Bowl competition, and Local Master points on the District Scale for all rounds of the Plate.
4. Teams MUST notify the CC if they wish to withdraw from the competition at any stage.

## **ENTRIES AND COMMON FIRST ROUND**

5. a) The common First Round will be played at the Rothley Centre on Wednesday 27 November 2019. Entry to this is restricted to a maximum of 16 teams.
  - b) Teams in which ALL players are classified as 'non-expert' players may however opt to make a direct entry to the Butterworth Langley Plate instead of playing in the common round.
6. In this first round teams will be placed without seeding into two all-play-all multi-teams sections, of as equal size as possible if 12 or more teams enter, but of only a single section if fewer enter.

Captains will draw cards to determine which section their team will play in, and their starting positions.

All matches shall be scored in IMPs, and the ranking in each multi-team section determined by summing the IMPs over all matches played in the section. Ties will be resolved primarily by the result of the match(es) between tying teams, and then if necessary by further application of the EBU principles outlined in the White Book.

The leading 4 teams in each section will qualify for the Josephs Bowl and the remaining teams will qualify for the Butterworth Langley Trophy.
7. Each team should arrive at least 15 minutes before the designated start time for this round. The Director will disqualify later arrivals if necessary in order to facilitate a prompt start.

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### **SUBSEQUENT HOME PLAY STAGES**

8. Thereafter each of the competitions will comprise only IMPs scored head-to-head matches.  
Placement of the qualifiers within each will be determined by the ranking order in the qualifying section(s).
- (i) if there are two sections - called A & B - then in the Josephs Bowl quarter-finals A1 (winner of A) will play B4 (fourth in B); the other matches being B 2 v A3; B1 v A4 and A2 v B3.
- (ii) If there is only one section the semi-finals will be A1 v A4 and A2 v A3.
- Similar principles will apply to the Butterworth Langley after allowing for any direct entries, with byes allocated as necessary to the highest ranking qualifiers, and the possibility of more than 8 qualifying.
9. a) Each team shall, except in the Semi Final and Final of the Josephs Bowl, be represented by only two pairs in each round.
- b) Emergency substitution, by a fifth or even sixth eligible player, may however be made to cover cases of late arrival, illness during play etc. of any of the normal four playing members. Such changes at other than the end of a stanza are subject to the consent of the opponent captain.
- c) In all matches the team qualifying for the first listed position in the draw shall be deemed the home team.
- d) All matches except the Semi Final and Final of the Josephs Bowl shall be played over 24 boards in four stanza of six boards, with each pair playing alternate stanza against each opposing pair.
- e) In the event of a tie a further 4 boards shall be played, two against each pair. This procedure shall be repeated until a result is obtained.
10. a) The Semi Final and Final of the Josephs Bowl shall be played over 32 boards in four stanza of eight boards.
- b) In the event of a tie a further 4 boards shall be played in two (mini)stanza of two boards; which procedure shall be repeated until the tie is resolved. Each captain's line-up selection for each pair of (mini)stanza must accord with the appropriate section of Rule 12.
11. Each match shall be arranged, played and reported to the CC before the round closing date stipulated immediately below, and also on the Master Draw Sheet, in accordance with Teams General Rule 6.  
Quarter Finals – 31 Jan 2020; Semi Finals – 13 Mar 2020; Finals & Bowl 3/4 playoff – 24 Apr 2020.  
[Plate only: If a Preliminary Round is needed to reduce the field to 8 – 3 Jan 2020.]
12. Captains of Teams of 5 or 6 players are permitted to plan to involve more than just four players in the 32 board Semi Finals & Final of the Josephs Bowl.
- A. If both captains wish to deploy 5 or 6 players, they may do so with no restriction other than exchanging line-ups prior to each stanza. There are no seating rights.
- B. If, and only if, their opponents plan to use just 2 pairs, the captain of the team of 5 or 6 must predetermine and hand to the opponent captain before the match details of his planned line-up for the whole match which will be subject to the restrictions below:
- Either a) To use 6 players as 3 pre-designated pairs, A (players 1 & 2) and B (players 3 & 4) that play in the first stanza and pair C (players 5 & 6).  
in which case if Pair C replaces either Pair A or Pair B for precisely 2 stanza, or replaces Pair A and Pair B each for precisely 1 stanza,  
then these substitutions may not both be against the same pair of the opponent team.
- or b) To use 5 players as 3 pre-designated pairs A (players 1 & 2) and B (players 3 & 4)  
that play in the first stanza and pair B\* (players 3 & 5)  
In which case if Pair B\* replaces Pair B for precisely 2 stanza  
then these substitutions may not both be against the same pair of the opponent team.