

LEICESTERSHIRE CUP & PLATE 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 Final of the Cup.
 - 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 Cup or Plate.
2. a) The winners of the Cup competition will hold the Leicestershire Cup for one year.
 - b) Monetary prizes of £60 and £30 will be awarded to the first two teams in the Cup, and of £30 and £15 to the first two teams in the Plate.

If neither of the Cup prizes 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 Round 1. 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.
3. Aggregate scoring shall be used throughout, honours not counting
4. The LCBA will award local Master Points on the County Scale in the Cup competition, and on the Club Scale in the Plate.
5. Teams MUST notify the CC if they wish to withdraw from the competition at any stage.

ENTRIES AND COMMON FIRST ROUND

6. a) The common First Round will be played at the Rothley Centre on Wednesday 30 October 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 Plate instead of playing in the common round.
7. a) The competitions will be organised on a knock-out basis.
 - b) The R1 draw covers the whole of the competitions with byes being allocated in the next round as necessary. If an odd number of teams enter there will be a single triangular match (triella) in Round 1.
 - c) All head-to-head matches shall be played over 24 boards in four stanzas of six boards. Each pair shall play alternate stanzas against each opposing pair.
 - d) 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.
 - e) The winner of each R1 head-to-head match will qualify for Round 2 of the Cup and the loser for the Plate.
8. a) Triangular matches shall be played in two sessions, each of 12 boards with 6 played against each other team. Prior to the start of play each captain shall independently inform the Director of which two of his four players will sit North-South in the first session. After that session has been scored the captains shall provide the same information for the second session. There are no seating rights, the captains are required to make their dispositions without knowledge of those of the other teams.
 - b) The team gaining the best net Aggregate Score over the three mini-matches will be deemed the winner of the triella. They and the team with the second best Aggregate Score will both qualify for the next Round of the Cup, being placed in opposite halves of the draw. The third team will qualify for the Plate competition. Ties between just two teams jointly first shall be split for the purpose of determining position in the subsequent round(s) by the drawing of lots.
 - c) If there is a tie involving third place a single session of two board matches shall be played involving the two (or three) tying teams; and repeated until the tie is split
9. If In Round 1 after the Director has authorized the start of play in the presumption that any team will become complete, he will apply the principles of Teams General Rule 7.

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SUBSEQUENT HOMEPLAY STAGES

10. a) Each team shall be represented by only two pairs in each round, except the Final of the Cup (see 13 below)
 - 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/round 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 Final of the Cup 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.
- 11 a) The Final of the Cup competition 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 13.
12. 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 – 17 Jan 2020; Semi Finals – 28 Feb 2020; Finals – 10 Apr 2020.
[Plate only: If a Preliminary Round is needed in reduce field to 8 – 13 Dec 2019.]
13. Captains of Teams of 5 or 6 players are permitted to plan to involve more than just 4 players in the 32 board Cup Final in accordance with the conditions below.
 - 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.