

LCBA ONLINE STANLEY RULES 2020

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The Rules below are additional to the LCBA General Rules for Online Bridge on BBO and Paras 3, 4, and 6 of the LCBA Pairs Events General Rules.

1. The competition shall consist of 5 heats of Imp (Butler) Scoring Pairs. Boards played will depend on entry but it is anticipated minimum will be 18 and maximum 24.
2. It is intended to cater for pairs wishing to play against a stronger, more challenging field than that of a typical online club tournament. Entrants should be NGS 10 or above.
3. Pairs may employ any partnership understandings permitted at Level 4 as described at Section 7 of the 2019 EBU Blue Book. Before the first boards played against an opponent, players should inform their opponents of the details of their basic bidding system and carding arrangements, even if they have a convention card posted on BBO. Players are responsible for self-alerting all calls that would normally be alerted or announced by partner in accordance with the provisions of the EBU 2020 Sky-Blue Book (Para 1.2 to 1.24).
4. A single overall ranking of pairs playing in at least three heats will be generated. The ranking will be by their average Imps per board across 3 heats. That is their actual Imp Scores in these 3 heats will be totalled and divided by the number of boards they played in them. In the case of pairs playing in more than 3 heats their average will be calculated from their 3 best heats.
5. There will be no trophy or prize money, we hope to run the Stanley Trophy in f2f format in 2021.
6. The results of each heat will be submitted to the EBU and local points based on the County scale will be awarded. Results will count towards NGS.
7. The scheduled dates of the five heats are
16th September 2020
21st October 2020
18th November 2020
16th December 2020
20th January 2021
8. The entry fee will be 3 BB\$ but the LCBA reserves the right to increase to 4 BB\$ if BBO charges are increased.