

# **SAMANI SALVER & SILVER PLATE RULES 2018-19**

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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) Each LCBA League side taking part in the 2018-19 season may make either one or two entries into the Cup competition, each subject to an entry fee of £5 per team.
- c) Each team will be allocated a handicap based on the final position of that side at the end of the league season.
- d) Teams based on the side at the top of Division 1 will have a handicap of zero, and all other teams will receive 120 points for each position lower, ties not being split, in the league - with the exceptions shown in the table below:

Div/Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0	120	240	360	480	720	960
2	600	840	1080	1200	1320	1560	1800
3	1440	1680	1920	2040	2280	2520	
4	2160	2400	2640	2760	2880	3000	

(i.e. Teams based on the side at the top of a lower division will be ranked next after the teams based on the side bottom-but-two in the division immediately above, and the teams based on the runner-up of the lower division will be ranked next after the teams based on the side bottom-but-one of the division immediately above.)

2. a) Players that have played for a League Side during that season and remaining eligible to do so for the remainder of the season shall be eligible to play for either, but not both, of its Samani Salver/Plate teams.
    - b) i) No player who has played for one team in the Samani Salver/Plate may later play for any team based upon another Club/Group, or an equal or lower ranking team from the same Club.
    - ii) A player may play for a higher-ranking team (i.e. one with a lower handicap) from the same Club; but will not thereafter be eligible to play for any team ranking equal to, or lower than, this team to which he was promoted.
  - c) A team may also include up to two players in any one match or four players in total who did not play for the League side during that season, but meet one of the conditions i), ii) or iii):
    - i) If the player has played for another Club/Group in the league in the 2018-19 season, then subject to the highest ranking side for which he played being lower ranking than the League side on which the team he wishes to join is based. Additionally if that other Club/Group has entered any team in the Samani Salver/Plate for which he would have been eligible to play the consent of that Club/Group must first be obtained and lodged with the CC.
    - ii) If the player did not play in the league in the 2018-19 season but had done so in an earlier season then subject to the then ranking of the side they last played for in the league being lower than or equal to the 2018-19 ranking of the league side on which the team he wishes to join is based.
    - iii) If the player has never played in the league then the Club/Group must first contact the CC; the TSC will then rule as to which team(s) he may play in based on his Master Point Ranking and the NGS.
3. a) The winners of the Samani Salver and Silver Plate competitions will hold the trophies for one year.
  - b) Monetary prizes of £40 and £20 respectively will be awarded to the Samani Salver winners and runners-up, and £20 to the winners of the Silver Plate.
4. Master points will not be awarded.
5. a) The closing date for entries is 11 April 2019.
  - b) At the time of making entry each league side must state whether or not, should its team(s) lose their first match, be it in the Preliminary Round, or Rounds of 32 or 16 of the Samani Salver, the team(s) will play in the Silver Plate.
6. a) If the entry exceeds 32 teams a PR will be held comprising as many matches as necessary to reduce the Salver field to precisely 32. Whether or not a PR is required, unless a bye is necessary all remaining teams will play in the Round of 32, and then there will be as many matches in the Round of 16 as necessary to reduce the field to 8. The CC will together with another TSC member conduct a draw determining by lot, subject to i) to iii), which teams shall be required to play in the PR and Round of 32 and the pairings in these and all subsequent rounds of the Samani Salver, with the first drawn in each pair being deemed the home team.

In this draw

    - i) Two teams based on the same league club will not be paired for their first match.
    - ii) If there is an odd number of entries the holders will receive an initial bye, and then an away draw for their first match. [If the holders do not enter all byes shall be allocated randomly in the draw.]
    - iii) Teams given byes will as far as possible receive an away draw next. The draw will be otherwise random.
  - b) The initial pairings of the Silver Plate competition will be generated from those of the Samani Salver competition by replacing each team in the Samani Salver by the team that they beat in that Competition.
  - c) In both competitions the team drawn first or qualifying for the first listed position in each pairing shall be deemed the home team.

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7. a) Aggregate scoring shall be used in all matches, and the result determined after allowing for the net handicap calculated in accordance with Rule 1; honours do not count.
  - b) Each team shall be represented by only two pairs in each round. Emergency substitutions, 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. Changes at other than the end of a stanza are subject to the consent of the opposing captain.
  - c) All matches shall be played 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, with a handicap of exactly one-sixth of the original net handicap. This procedure shall be repeated until a result is obtained.
8. Each match shall be arranged, played and reported to the Competition Controller before the round closing date stipulated on the master draw sheet in accordance with the Teams General Rule 6, except that if the captains fail to agree upon an alternative date then the match shall take place on the Thursday immediately preceding the round completion date.

### Appendix: Round Completion dates 2019 (For Salver & Plate unless stated)

R of 64 (if any)	R of 32 (prob Salver only)	Round of 16	Round of 8	Semi-finals	Finals
May 10	May 24	June 21	July 19	Aug 16	Sep 13