

YATES CUP (No-Fear) PAIRS RULES 2018-19

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1. This is a 'no fear' style event open to both members and non-members of the LCBA, and is operated under Blanket Licence Provision 1.2.1.
2. a) The competition is for pairs.
b) No person may play in this competition unless he be defined by the LCBA for Tournament purposes as a non-expert.
The definitions of non-expert players/pairs/teams are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, the Competition Controller and LCBA Qualified Directors.
c) The competing pairs will comprise two fields.
 - i) Field one will consist of those who have recently been or still are attending tuition classes for beginners or improvers; and will compete for the Yates Cup.
 - ii) Field two will consist, **if sufficient are available**, of non-expert players and be filled by invitation.
d) Normally field one will sit E/W and field two will sit N/S in a two-winner Mitchell movement.
e) However if the number of beginners/improvers is two or more greater than the number of invitees available, then the CC shall split the beginners/improvers into two balanced groups to sit in opposite directions with invitees filling the vacant seats, and a one-winner movement will be played. (see 6 c)
3. a) Each player must provide a completed EBU 20/20A/20B style convention card and hand this to the opponents for their use throughout each round. Pairs not having completed such cards should normally* be furnished with EBU 20B style LCBA Simple System Standard English 2015 Cards and required to play in accordance with these until personal EBU style cards are completed. WBF style cards may not be used.
* The CC will however consider whether in the case of a particular beginner pair it would be more appropriate to supply copies of the LCBA Simple System Level 1 Basic Acol 2015 Card.
b) Pairs with properly completed EBU 20/20A/20B style convention cards, may employ EBU Level 2 Permitted Agreements, as detailed in Section 6 of the 2017 Blue Book.
c) No player may make a psychic bid or in any way wilfully deviate from the announced system and agreements recorded on his convention card.
4. Any pair either wishing to appeal, or reserve the right to later appeal, against a decision of the Director should inform the Director and the other pair of this and ensure that all relevant details of the hand and decision etc are recorded on a witnessed statement before leaving the venue.
Whether the actual appeal is immediate, or made later after reflection or consultation, it must be sent in writing by email or post to the CC within two days of the event.
5. All results shall be treated as provisional until confirmed by the CC after receipt of the event records and the determination of any appeal.
6. a) i) The leading pair in field one (beginners or improvers) will hold the Yates Cup for one year.
ii) Monetary prizes of £20 and £10 will be awarded to the first two pairs in this field.
b) A monetary prize of £10 will be awarded to the first pair in field two.
c) If a one-winner movement is played the Yates Cup award and the prizes will be allocated to the highest placed from each category in the overall list.
d) Ties will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures.
7. The LCBA will award local Master Points on the District scale.
8. The competition will normally be played over approximately 22 boards using a *recommended movement*. The absolute limits of the range are 18 and 24 boards.
9. The competition will be played on Tuesday 16 April 2019 at the Bradgate Club. Entry is restricted to a maximum of 14 full tables. The playing charge is £1.00 per player.

Appendices providing technical information and advice for the Director and Tutors are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary and the Competition Controller who will circulate appropriate details to them.

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Appendices – for Director and/or Tutors

1. MOVEMENTS

Recommended Movements for 5 - 14 full tables

			Max Played (needed)
5	Simple Mitchell	5 rounds of 4 boards	20 boards
6	Skip Mitchell	5 rounds of 4 boards	20 boards (24 needed)
7	Simple Mitchell	7 rounds of 3 boards	21 boards
8	Skip Mitchell	7 rounds of 3 boards	21 boards (24 needed)
9	Simple Mitchell (truncated)	7 of 9 rounds of 3 boards	21 boards (27 needed)
10	Skip Mitchell	9 rounds of 2 boards	18 boards (20 needed)
11	Simple Mitchell	11 rounds of 2 boards	22 boards
12	Skip Mitchell	11 rounds of 2 boards	22 boards (24 needed)
13	Simple Mitchell (truncated)	11 rounds of 2 boards	22 boards (26 needed)
14	Skip Mitchell (truncated)	11 rounds of 2 boards	22 boards (28 needed)

One-winner versions of these movements to be played if necessary (see 2 e)

In the case of truncated movements, if the 'natural' speed of play is such as to permit an extra round to be completed within an overall time of 3 hours then this extra round can be played. But this should not be a target.

2. SLOW PLAY

Board Removal for Slow Play:-

Should not be treated primarily as a punishment but a necessity to enable the movement to be completed.

If the pace of the movement was allowed to be that of the slowest pair it is quite likely that the scheduled rounds would not be completed in 3 hours.

However the appropriate removal of a single board (out of 3) where any table is playing too slowly will ensure that those playing at a generally acceptable pace are not kept waiting unduly and thus those who can keep pace are allowed the opportunity to play a reasonable number of boards.

Remember the decision to take away the last board of any round at any table must always be made in good time; and announced to the table before any player at the table has made a call on the board.

If neither pair has offended before, the Director is likely to judge that both pairs share the responsibility for the slowness. In this case both should be given an average (50%) on the board.

There are greater problems when two board rounds are scheduled, and the movement to the next round may need to be staggered. In these circumstances it is quite likely a board will need to be taken away from a couple of tables. At any table where one pair is totally innocent they should be given 60%.

If in a later round a board has to be taken away from a pair for a second time it would be quite usual to give them 40%; their opponents, if not previous offenders, being given either 50% or 60% depending on whether or not they are judged to be also partly responsible for the slowness.

3. APPEALS

Although it can be deduced from rule 4 that an appeal against a Director ruling can be made, it is unlikely any beginner would by himself instigate such action and these competition rules, unlike those of other events do not specify how this should be done. [Field 2 pairs are expected NOT to appeal!]

Should any Field 1 pair/player be clearly upset by, or appear sceptical of, a decision or ruling he has made the Director is advised to refer that player to a 'suitable third party' with whom to discuss the matter. This person (akin to an EBU cuddly) will normally be able to satisfy the player that he has been treated fairly.

However on the rare occasion it seems appropriate the 'cuddly' may either invite the Director to review his ruling and/or prepare a suitable appeal on behalf of the aggrieved player(s) to be sent, by email or post within 2 days to the CC for the attention of the LCBA L & E Committee.