



Surrey County Bridge Association

One Day Events – Rules, Regulations and Description

1. General

Unless specified all players must be members of the EBU.

EBU rules in force at the time of the event will apply but in case of conflict any rules published by the SCBA will take precedence.

Unless specified Level 4 systems and conventions as at the time set out in the current edition of the EBU Blue Book are permitted

Unless specified all events are one session with a minimum of 36 boards if numbers permit.

Duplimate boards will be played and hand records will be available at the close of the event.

Refusal to pay entry fees for an event may result in disqualification or the removal of master points won.

Players are expected to attend if they enter or they have been informed that they have qualified for an event. If withdrawal is unavoidable, the players concerned must inform a member of the Committee at the earliest opportunity. In the case of last minute withdrawal please call the SCBA Tournament Mobile 07531 804887 so that the start of the event is not delayed. Players are expected to arrive and check in at the event at least five minutes before the advertised starting time. Failure to do so may result in either a fine of match points, or exclusion from the event.

Both members of a pair must have identically completed convention cards. Failure to do so may mean that a penalty is imposed. In the event of a dispute, if a partnership's convention cards contain inaccuracies, lack relevant information, fail to disclose explicit or implicit understandings, disagree materially with each other or disagree materially with any explanations given, TDs and Appeals Committees will give the benefit of doubt to the opponents. In potential misinformation cases, such shortcomings will prejudice any claim that it was the call rather than the explanation which was mistaken.

If players become aware of a scoring error within 24 hours of the results being published on the website, they must inform the Competitions Secretary immediately.

Additional competition specific rules and descriptions are set out below.

2. Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8

This is an inter-club multiple teams competition for teams of eight to be held as a one-day two-session event. Clubs may enter more than one team.

The winners may represent Surrey in the EBU Garden Cities Trophy event.

3. Bracketed Pairs

This event is open to all players. It is a two-session event. The first session will comprise 24-27 boards. Players will then be divided into two equal sections in ranking order. In the second half of the event they will play 24-27 boards against the other players in that section.

4. Charity Simultaneous Pairs

A Charity pairs event to be played twice a year at Affiliated Clubs during February and September.

Clubs will receive an invitation letter from the Surrey event organiser and must register their participation in the event with the EBU for each day(s) of the week they will play. There will be different sets of boards for each weekday Monday-Friday.

The Surrey CBA Committee will nominate each year the charity to be the recipient for the event held in February, and the Banstead Rehabilitation Centre will be the charity for the event held in September.

5. Club Pairs Challenge

The SCBA will designate a specific week in which each Affiliated Club may choose a day to take part in the Club Pairs Challenge. Each Club may only participate in the Club Pairs Challenge once during the week but there is no restriction on the number of times a player may take part in the qualifying competition.

Clubs will receive an invitation letter from the event organiser and must inform the organiser if they wish to take part in the competition and if so on which day. Subsequently the qualifying pairs should be entered into the competition final either by direct entry using the SCBA website, or by clubs providing the organiser with details of the qualifying pairs.

All pairs that are awarded master points from the Club heat may be entered into the Club Pairs Challenge final. No substitute player within a pair is permitted and should a qualified pair be unable to take part in the final, then no substitute pair will be allowed. The results of the Club qualifying competition must be available to the Challenge Cup organiser on request.

6. County Pairs (Cup & Plate)

This will be a two-session event. The first session will comprise approximately 24-27 boards.

The leading 14 pairs from the first session will then participate in an all-play-all final for the County Pairs Cup. The remaining pairs will participate in a consolation final for the County Pairs Plate.

Green Points will be awarded in the County Pairs Cup, and County level black points will be awarded in both the qualifying session and the County Pairs Plate.

The leading 5 pairs in the County Pairs Cup, where both members of the partnership have primary allegiance to Surrey at the time of the event, will be invited to represent the County in the Reg Corwen Trophy.

7. Ladies'/Men's/Mixed Pairs

These are pairs events for all female, all male and mixed sex pairs respectively.

8 Mary Edwards Cup

Each affiliated club may enter one pair to represent the club, who have qualified by competition. If the champion pair is unable to play, the highest available pair from the ranking order may be entered. No substitute player within a pair is permitted.

9. Next Step Pairs

These events are aimed at new and inexperienced bridge players and students who have been learning for at least a year. Special efforts will be made to ensure that the events take place in a friendly atmosphere so that even players who feel they are inexperienced can be sure of a warm welcome.

Would be suitable for players up to the level of County Master, but EBU membership is not required

Systems and conventions are limited to Level 2 as at the time set out in the EBU Blue Book.

Master points will be awarded to EBU members as appropriate.

10. Prize Week

A prize of a free entry to any SCBA single session event this season for which they are eligible will be awarded, initially, to the top 6 pairs from each club's result if it's a single-winner movement, or the top 3 N/S pairs + top 3 E/W pairs if using a two winner movement

Clubs can only run one heat during the week - they can choose any one of their ordinary sessions and use any boards.

However, a person can only win a prize once. After that, people can still play at their usual club sessions of course, whether or not these are Prize Week heats, but a player will not be eligible for any prize if he/she has already made one successful attempt elsewhere.

In that case, the person + partner would be considered ineligible and the organiser would discount them in that second club's results, and would offer the prize to the next pair down on the list.

Players can only claim a free entry to a single session SCBA competition with the partner with whom they won the prize. No substitutions within a pair are allowed.

11. Senior Pairs Goblet

This is for pairs where each member is at least 60 years of age in the calendar year of the event. E.g. someone having their 60th birthday in December would be eligible to play in this event the previous January should it be held then.

12. Surrey and Novice League Finals

The Surrey League Divisions 2, 3 & 4 and the Novice League are divided into approximately geographical sections and play a series of matches with other teams in their section during October to May. In June a multiple teams event is held for teams that have qualified in their section in order to determine the overall winner of each

Division. Systems and conventions allowed are: Divisions 2 & 3: Level 4;
Division 4: Level 2 and Novice League: Standard English Acol Foundation Level
with the addition of transfers over 1 & 2NT, and weak twos.

Division 1 is a County-wide competition and so is not involved in the multiple teams
event at the end of the season.

Please refer to the rules for these separate leagues at:
<http://www.bridgewebs.com/surrey/>

13. Wanborough Cup

Each affiliated club may enter one team, which has qualified by competition, to
represent the club.

Such competition may be a team competition or a cross IMPs competition.

If pairs from the champion team (or the top two pairs from the Cross-IMP
competition) are not all able to play, then pairs who have already played in the
competition may be chosen at the discretion of the club from the highest ranking
teams/pairs.

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