

WESTMORLAND COUNTY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

for the Eva Wilde Trophy

WCBA

All rules and regulations for this competition are the sole responsibility of the committee of Westmorland County Contract Bridge Association, in accordance with the rules and regulations set down by the EBU. The committee reserves the right to change the rules prior to inviting entries. Its interpretation of the rules and its resolution of disputes, non-played matches and extensions will be final. The committee will appoint a competition secretary to manage the event.

Eligibility

The competition is open to all members of good standing of the Westmorland Contract Bridge Association.

Teams

A team must consist of between four and six players. After an initial entry, additional players may be added provided that the new players have not been members of another team and the number of players in the team does not exceed six. This rule applies up to, and including, the date of the county final. The competition secretary should be informed of any such additions. Players added after the initial entry should have been members of the Association for at least 3 months. The entry form will contain contact details for each Captain. If these change the competition secretary should be informed as soon as reasonably possible. Any four of the six players may be selected for each match. Substitutions during a match are not permitted.

Draw

Entries must be received before the draw, which will be made at the Annual General Meeting. The event will be played as a knock-out competition at all stages. The finalists from the previous year will be drawn into opposite halves of the draw, and there will be no other form of seeding.

Arranging matches

It is hoped that all matches can be arranged amicably.

Unless otherwise agreed by both Captains

- The Home team is responsible for providing an appropriate venue
- The Away team are not expected to pay for the use of the selected venue
- The Home team are to provide refreshments, usually after the first 12 boards

It is the responsibility of both team captains to contact each other at the start of each round to try to arrange a date for playing their match. In the event that the team captains are unable to arrange their match they should inform the competition secretary at least 4 weeks before the round is due to be completed (or as soon as reasonable practical). The competition secretary will record all available details about why it has not been possible to arrange the match, and refer to the county committee for a ruling. Save in exceptional circumstances, no extension to the play by date for the round will be given.

Matches

All matches will consist of 24 boards played in two stanzas of 12 boards with an extra 4 boards to be played in the event of a tie (and so on until a result is achieved). All players are requested to have a fully completed convention card. If a partnership arrives without a convention card, they can complete one before play starts or they must play simple systems only. This competition will be played as an EBU Level 4 event.

Seating rights

The team captains shall toss for seating rights. The winner of the toss has the right to seat his/her players for the first stanza of 12 boards after their opponents have chosen their starting positions. The second stanza of 12 boards must be played against the other half of the opposing team.

Withdrawals

If a team has to withdraw from the competition, their opponents will go through to the next round.

Match Results

The winning team captain is responsible for notifying the result to the competition secretary as soon as reasonably possible

Rulings

In the event of a ruling being required, the team captains shall attempt to agree a ruling between themselves. If this is not possible, they should obtain a ruling at the time from the County Tournament Director (contact details on the county website) or from one of the EBU's principal tournament directors (contact details on the EBU website or in the EBU diary) having first agreed the facts, including:

- All 4 hands of the queried board
- The complete bidding including all calls, bids, alerts and hesitations
- The play of the board
- The reason for requiring a ruling

In the event of an unresolved dispute or if a team wishes to appeal a ruling given by a TD, the matter shall be referred to the competition secretary (including the result of the match as played). The competition secretary will refer the dispute to the WCBAs Appeals Committee. The team captains shall be informed of any ruling or appeal result that is made.

Prizes

The winning team will be presented with the Eva Wilde Trophy to hold for that year. A prize of £60 will also be awarded to winning team. Alternatively, a team member may elect to receive an engraved replica trophy of an equivalent value to mark their achievement.

Pachabo Cup

The winning team is entitled to represent Westmorland in the inter-county team competition for the Pachabo Cup, provided that they can form a team of eligible players. To be eligible, all team members must have Westmorland as their county of primary allegiance and satisfy the conditions specified by the EBU. To achieve this, the winning team may select players from the runners-up team (subject to maximum team size of 6). If the winners do not wish to enter or withdraw, the runners-up team are entitled to enter, subject to having eligible players. The county will pay the entry fee for the Pachabo Cup.

Plate competition

Teams knocked out in the first round and any preliminary round are entitled to play in the Plate Competition.

ADDITIONAL PLATE REGULATIONS**Draw**

The competition secretary will decide the format for the draw once entries to the main competition have been received.

Prizes

The winning team will be presented with the Teams Plate to hold for that year.