

THE WILDE CUP RULES 2011-12

Competition Controller

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1. This is a 'no fear' style event for non-expert teams, open to both members and non-members of the LCBA, and is operated under Blanket Licence Provision 1.2.6 (a).
2. a) The competition is for teams of four.
 - b) **Emergency** substitutions, by a fifth or even sixth 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/round are subject to the consent of the opposing captain.
- c) No person may play in this competition unless defined by the LCBA for Tournament purposes as a non-expert.

The definitions of non-expert players/teams are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, LCBA Qualified Directors and the General Secretary; published annually in the LCBA Yearbook, & on the LCBA Website
3. a) Each player must provide a completed EBU 20/20A/20B style system card and hand this to the opponents for their use throughout each stanza. Pairs not having completed such cards should be furnished with EBU 20B style (or original) LCBA Simple System (Standard English) Cards and required to play in accordance with these until personal EBU style cards are completed. WBF style cards may not be used.
 - b) Pairs with properly completed (2 paged) EBU 20/20A/20B style system cards, may employ EBU Level 2 Permitted Agreements, as detailed in Section 11 of the 2006 Orange Book, incorporating amendments as per subsequent LCBA Yearbooks.
4. a) Any team either wishing to appeal, or reserve the right to later appeal, against a decision of the Director or Scorer should inform the Director and the other team 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, in duplicate, to the Competition Controller (CC) and the LCBA General Secretary, within two days of the event.

 - b) If a psychic bid is reported to the Director, he shall, on request, record the details of the board on which it occurred, and report the matter to the CC for the attention of the Laws and Ethics SC of the LCBA. The Director may also record and similarly report any departure from the system that he considers should be brought to its attention.
5. All results shall be treated as provisional until confirmed by the CC after receipt of the records specified in the rules and the determination of any appeal
6. a) The winners of the competition will hold the Wilde Cup for one year.
 - b) Monetary prizes of £40 and £20 will be awarded to the winners and runners-up respectively.

If both of these are won by teams including a Master or higher a further prize of £20 will be awarded to the highest placed team in which no player is ranked higher than County Master, unless placed last overall.
7. The competition will be played over approximately 24 boards. The absolute limits of the range, which will be played only in exceptional circumstances, are 20 and 28 boards.
8. It will be played on Wednesday 25 January 2012 at the County Bridge Club. The playing charge is £3.50 per head.
9. a) The competition will normally be run as a Multiple Teams Event.

Details of recommended movements are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, LCBA Qualified Directors and the General Secretary.

 - b) If the entry has to be split into two fields the provisions of Rule 11 and 12 'Play-off Rules' on second page will apply.
 - c) Each board shall be scored in IMPs, and the result of matches of five or more boards shall be converted into a Victory Point score using the standard conversion scale. An IMPs cap of 25 shall be applied to matches of 3 or 4 boards.
 - d) Ties will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures.
10. The LCBA will award local Master Points on the District scale.

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Play-off Rules

11. a) The leading team in each field shall play-off for the trophy and first prize within four weeks of the results being confirmed. Only the four players that represented each team in the Multiple Teams event are eligible for the play-off.
 - b) The team obtaining the better score is deemed to be the home team.
 - c) The deemed away team captain should within seven days offer to the deemed home team captain a minimum of three weekday evening dates, not clashing with any LCBA event, spread over a period of at least eight days, with a minimum of seven clear days notice of the first date. Not all dates offered should be for the same day of the week. Any failure to make a timely offer, or to accept a date within a further seven days should be reported to the CC who will seek to expedite the playing of the match but who has the discretion to default one or both teams.
 - d) The deemed home team will be responsible for venue arrangements, including the payment of any table money.
 - e) Unless a prior arrangement to the contrary is made, the deemed Away Team Captain or his nominee shall be designated as the Director.
 - f) The play-off shall be a head-to-head match of 24 boards, played in four stanzas of six boards with each pair playing alternate stanzas against each opponent pair.
 - g) Each board shall be scored in IMPs.
 - h) In the event of a tie a further 4 boards shall be played, two against each pair. This process shall be repeated until a result is obtained.
 - i) Both teams must notify the result of this privately played match to the CC within seven days.
12. Should a team arrive more than 15 minutes late, its opponents have the following rights:
 - a) After 45 minutes of un-notified late arrival, or 90 minutes of notified late arrival, the match is awarded to the non offending side. 'Notification' may (obviously) be by message, but the presence of even a single member of the team is deemed to indicate an intention to play and constitutes 'notification' in the context of this rule.
 - b) For each completed 15 minute delay within a scheduled play period, the match is to be reduced by two boards, awarding the non-offending side 100 aggregate points per board. Only the initial stanza is shortened, removing board 1 onwards, leaving full standard stanza thereafter.
 - c) If both teams are late the match shall be curtailed according to the time interval of the latest arrival after the other side became complete, again with the award of 100 points per board removed (details as in b); or awarded to the first completed side subject to the 'time interval' before the second side becoming complete reaching the 'lateness' figures in (a).