

YATES CUP (No-Fear) PAIRS RULES 2011-12

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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 1.2.6 (a).
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 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
c) The competing pairs will comprise two fields. Field one will sit N/S; field two will sit E/W in a Mitchell movement.
d) Field one will consist of non-expert players and be filled by invitation. Field two 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.
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 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 EBU 20/20A/20B style convention 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. [N.B. Multi 2 ♦ is not permitted.]
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, in duplicate, to the Competition Controller (CC) and the LCBA General Secretary, 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 two (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 one.
c) 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, which will be played only in exceptional circumstances, are 18 and 26 boards.
Details of recommended movements are kept on files held by the Tournament Secretary, LCBA Qualified Directors and the General Secretary.
9. The competition will be played on Tuesday 10 April 2012 at the County Bridge Club. The playing charge is £1.00 per player.