



GARDEN CITIES TROPHY

for club teams of eight

Programme

Regional Finals 11 May 2024

National Final 1 June 2024



1 Times of play

1.1 Regional Finals

Start at 13:00. Two sessions of 45-50 boards in total. Break for tea between sessions.

Expect to finish between 19:30 and 20:15 depending on number of boards and length of break.

1.2 National Final

13:00 – 15:45 Session 1 (3x7-board rounds)

16:30 – 20:15 Session 2 (4x7-board rounds)

2 Line-ups

Each club must nominate two teams of four, which will be referred to by their section colour (red and blue). Teams keep this line-up throughout the event. Furthermore, within each team of four a N/S and an E/W pair must be nominated. Again, these nominations will apply for the duration of the event. A club is limited to eight players only on the day in question.

Each club should draw for a team number before play starts, and sit at the appropriate tables.

3 Method

Each club plays as two teams of four — one in each section. They score up, initially, as separate teams of four. Each team of four will calculate an 'IMP' score against each of its opponents in the usual way. However, for the final 'Victory Point' conversion, the two teams of four must get together. A club's Victory Point score against another club is based upon the red team IMP score plus the blue team IMP score. There is a special IMP-to-VP conversion scale for this form of teams-of-eight scoring.

4 Qualifications

There are four regional finals. The top two teams from each region qualify for an eight-team national final.

A tie for the last qualifying position will be split — firstly based on the result of the 'head-on' match). For further information, please see the relevant section of the EBU *White Book*.

5 Master Points

5.1 Regional Final

GP per match won/drawn (no ranking awards), depending on length of matches:

6 boards 0.21/0.11,	7 boards 0.25/0.13,	8 boards 0.28/0.14,
9 boards 0.32/0.16,	10 boards 0.35/0.18,	12 boards 0.42/0.21

5.2 National Final

½ GP per match won in the final, with ¼ for a draw, and ranking awards of 3½, 2 and 1 for the top three teams.

6 Movement

The movement depends on the number of teams.

Either you will play half the boards in a match against all teams in each session; or you will play a complete match against approximately half the teams in the first session, and a complete match against the remaining teams in the second session.

The movement in the National Final is to play complete 7-board matches.