



GARDEN CITIES TROPHY

for club teams of eight

Programme

Regional Finals 9 May 2026

National Final 6 June 2026



1 Regional Finals

Region	Venue	Entries	Number of qualifiers
Northern	online*	7 teams	2 teams qualify
Midlands	Leicester	8 teams	2 teams qualify
South-East	Richmond	6 teams	2 teams qualify
South-West	Cheltenham	5 teams	2 teams qualify

Start at 13:00. Two sessions of 20-30 boards each, 48-50 boards in total (45 boards for 10 teams).

Break for tea between sessions – tea is provided by the venues.

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

* Northern/online Regional Final will start at 11:00 and has a separate [programme](#).

2 National Final – 8 teams

13:00	–	15:45	Session 1 (3x7-board rounds)
16:30	–	20:15	Session 2 (4x7-board rounds)

3 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.

4 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.

5 Qualifications

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*.

6 Master Points

Regional Finals

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,
16 boards	0.56/0.28,	24 boards	0.83/0.42		

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.

7 Movement

Regional Finals

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.

National Final

The movement is to play complete 7-board matches, with all tables playing the same boards.

8 Entry list and draw

Draw

Draw for team number for face-to-face events – by lot, at the venue.

Draw for team number for online event – see online programme.

Midlands/Leicester – 8 teams

County	Club
Cambs & Hunts	Cambridge
Derbyshire	Derby
Leicestershire	County
Lincolnshire	Heighington
Manchester	Bramhall & Cheadle
Northamptonshire	Stamford
Suffolk	Clare
Warwickshire	Coventry & North Warwickshire

South-East/Richmond – 6 teams

County	Club
Hertfordshire	Watford & Bushey
Kent	Farnborough
London	Young Chelsea
Oxfordshire	Oxford
Surrey	Mayfield
Sussex	Avenue

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South-West/Cheltenham - 5 teams

5cm	Club
Berks & Bucks	Burnham
Gloucestershire	Cheltenham
Herefordshire	Ross-on-Wye
Wiltshire	Bath
Worcestershire	Malvern

Northern/online – 7 teams

County	Club
Devon	Taw Vale
Dorset	Allendale
Hants & IOW	Petersfield
Merseyside	Deva
Norfolk	Wymondham
Nottinghamshire	Retford
Yorkshire	York