

# PORTLAND BOWL



## REGULATIONS

2014 / 2015

## INTRODUCTION

Various general regulations and conditions of play apply to all English Bridge Union competitions which involve matches played privately. These are contained in a separate document, "Knockout Competitions Regulations 2015", which should be read alongside this document listing regulations specific to this competition.

All these regulations and conditions are supplementary to, and in certain cases a replacement of, general EBU regulations as contained in various EBU publications (e.g. 'Blue Book', 'White Book', Diary, Website). All such general EBU regulations continue to apply unless specifically stated otherwise.

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## SPECIAL PORTLAND BOWL REGULATIONS

1. The entry is open to Universities in England, Scotland and Wales, and each such University may enter up to two teams to be referred to as 'A' and 'B' in no particular order of precedence.

Teams from the same establishment will not be drawn against each other in Round 1. Teams from the same establishment will also be kept separate if at all reasonably possible in Round 2. Thereafter, the draw shall be random, save for the case of two teams from the same establishment reaching the semi-final stage, whereupon those two teams would be forced to play against each other in the semi-final.

2. All team members must be full-time students. No player may represent more than one team in any year of the competition.

3. Matches are usually arranged in accordance with the General Regulations for EBU Knockout Events, but if both teams agree they may instead play their match online according to the Online Match Regulations.
4. Teams are limited to six players, of whom at least four must be nominated at the time of entry. Additional players (up to a maximum of six players in total) may be added to the team prior to the semi-final being played. Thereafter, players may only be added to a team provided that the Chief TD, or an officer of the Tournament Committee acting on his behalf, is satisfied that the addition does not materially strengthen the team (still subject to a maximum of six players per team, and provided that the additional player(s) satisfy all other requirements).
5. Matches prior to the semi-final stage will be of 32 boards, unless both captains agree to play 40 or 48 boards before the start. Matches at all stages will be played in eight-board stanzas.
6. Seating rights in head-on matches in all EBU competitions (except the Hubert Phillips and the 24-board stages of the Inter-Club Knock-out) operate as follows:
  - (a) The captain who wins the toss may take the first choice or may pass that choice to his opponent.  
 Choices are made as follows:
    - (b) Matches of four stanzas – 1<sup>st</sup> choice: the captain selects one stanza in which he will have seating rights (ie how to place his own pairs after the opponents have nominated their line-up); 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: the other captain next selects two of the remaining three stanzas in which he will have seating rights, and the remaining stanza is then taken by the captain who had first choice.
    - (c) Matches of six stanzas – 1<sup>st</sup> choice: the captain selects two stanzas, which may not be both stanzas 5 & 6 (but may be one or the other of these), in which he will have seating rights (ie how to place his own pairs after opponents have nominated their line-up); 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: the other captain next selects three of the remaining four stanzas in which he will have seating rights. The remaining stanza is then taken by the captain who had first choice.
    - (d) Matches of five stanzas – 1<sup>st</sup> choice: the captain selects two stanzas, which may not be both stanzas 4 & 5 (but may be one or the other of these), in which he will have seating rights (ie how to place his own pairs after opponents have nominated their line-up); 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: the other captain then has seating rights in the three stanzas which remain.
7. The semi-final matches and the final will be played on consecutive days at the Portland Club, 69 Brook Street, London, W1Y 2ER (tel. 020 74991523). Matches are of 48 boards. Defeated semi-finalists may agree to play a 32-board 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 'play-off' on the same day (and at the same venue) as the final.

## 8. Permissible Systems

This is a 'Level 4' competition.

## 9. Final 'play-by' dates for rounds

Round 1	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
Round 2	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2015
Semi-finals, final & 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> play-off	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> April 2015

## 10. Master Point Awards

Master points will be awarded for winning matches to all players who competed in at least one-third of the number of boards involved.

R1	R2	semi-final	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> play-off	final
0.75	1.0	1.50	0.75	2

Captains of teams winning matches at any stage of the competition are required to submit details of their players to the EBU. Master Points will be either directly credited or posted to team captains upon the conclusion of the competition.



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