

CROCKFORDS CUP

(INCLUDING CROCKFORDS PLATE)



REGULATIONS

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, [General Regulations for EBU Knockout Competitions](#), which should be read alongside this document which contains the regulations specific to this competition. In the event of a conflict between the regulations in this document and those in the General Regulations document, those in this document shall prevail.

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 CROCKFORDS CUP REGULATIONS

- 1 Entry is limited to EBU members. As the event is classified as a National Championship, the normal regulations concerning reciprocity with other NBOs are not applicable, and members of other NBOs must become EBU members for the subscription year in which the competition starts (or, if later, the subscription year in which they first intend to play) in order to be eligible to play.
- 2 Teams may consist of four, five or six players. Teams of fewer than six players may add additional players prior to playing their Round 4 match. Thereafter, players may only be added to a team provided that the Chief TD or Deputy Chief TD, or an officer of the Board acting on their behalf, is satisfied that the addition does not materially strengthen the team. In either case the maximum of six players per team still applies. No player may represent two different teams in one season.
- 3 The format of the competition is four rounds of knockout to reduce the field to eight teams.
- 4 Matches in Rounds 1-3 will be played over 32 boards. Matches in Round 4 only will be played over 48 boards. All matches will be played in eight-board stanzas.
- 5 Eight teams will be seeded. In principle, these will include the teams finishing in the top four positions in the previous year's final. In order to be seeded on this basis the team must be substantially unchanged from the previous year. This means that at least three players must remain from a team which comprised four registered players in the previous year; and at least four players must remain from a team which comprised five or six registered players.
- 6 The remaining seeds (four, if the teams finishing in the top four positions in the previous year's final all qualify as having entered a substantially unchanged team; otherwise such number as may be required to bring the total number of seeds to eight) will be determined by Gold Points or similar, for which purpose (only) players whose Master Point record is primarily held abroad may be assigned a nominal Gold Point total.
- 7 Late entries, even if accepted (which shall be at the absolute discretion of the EBU Competitions Department), may not be considered for seeding.
- 8 Seeded teams will be exempted until the round of 64 (which this year will be Round 2). Any team defeating a seed shall acquire the status of that seed for themselves. Seeds will not be drawn against one another in the knock-out stages of the competition.

- 9 Non-seeded teams only will play in Round 1. There will be no byes in Round 1, except in the event of an odd number of entries, or to accommodate late entries. In order to reduce the field to 32 teams for Round 3, byes will be allocated in Round 2. These will be allocated at random amongst the non-seeded teams, except that a team which received a bye in Round 1 will neither receive a bye nor be drawn against a seed in Round 2.
- 10 Subject to the provisions of Regulations 8 and 9 relating to seeding, the draw for Rounds 1-3 will be regionalised as far as possible, and the draw for Round 4 will be random. Teams from the same county will not be drawn against each other in Round 1 unless the only alternative would cause excessive travelling for one or more teams.
- 11 Eight teams will qualify for the Crockfords Cup final, which is a full round-robin competition, comprising seven matches of 16 boards per match (with a compulsory change of opponents after eight boards). Scoring in the final is by IMPs converted to Victory Points.
- 12 Level 5 agreements are permitted throughout the competition.
- 13 The dates by which each round must be played will be found on the [main event](#) and [results](#) pages of the EBU website. Details of the final will be found on the [main event](#) page of the EBU website.
- 14 Master Points will be awarded in the form of Green Points for each round won as follows:

R1	R2	R3	R4
2	2	3	4

National Final: per match won: 1 (½ for a draw); for overall ranking: 1st – 24; 2nd – 12; 3rd – 7; 4th – 3

All awards quoted are per player, subject to that player having played at least one-third of the total number of boards in the match concerned, and at least one third of the boards played in the final in order to qualify for bonus ranking awards. Master Points will be direct-credited as soon as practicable after the conclusion of each round.

- 15 Prizes will be awarded to the top five teams in the National Final, as below. The amounts will be credited to the EBU accounts of the nominated team captains following the conclusion of the event:
- 1st £420, 2nd £320, 3rd 240, 4th £180, 5th 140.

SUPPLEMENTARY CROCKFORDS PLATE REGULATIONS

- 16 The Crockfords Plate competition is open to all unseeded teams who are defeated in their first match of the main event, whether this is in Round 1, or following a Round 1 bye, in Round 2. There is no additional entry fee for the Plate, and it will be assumed that all eligible teams will wish to enter the Plate unless the EBU Competitions Department is advised to the contrary.
- 17 Regulations 1-2 and 11-15 shall apply to the Plate as they do to the Crockfords Cup, subject to the amendments in Regulations 18 and 24-25.
- 18 For the purposes of regulation 2, the maximum of six players per team applies taking the main event and the Plate together. The deadline for the registration of additional players without special permission is prior to playing the team's Round 3 match in the Plate.
- 19 The format of the Plate competition is three rounds of knockout to reduce the field to eight teams.
- 20 All matches will be played over 32 boards in eight-board stanzas.
- 21 There will be no seeds in the Plate.
- 22 There will be no byes in Round 1 of the Plate, except in the event of an odd number of entries, or to accommodate a team which received a bye in Round 1 of the Cup. In order to reduce the field to 16 teams for Round 3, byes will be allocated in Round 2, at random, except that a team which received a bye in Round 1 will not receive a bye in Round 2.
- 23 The draw for Rounds 1-2 will be regionalised as far as possible, and the draw for Round 3 will be random.
- 24 Green Points will be awarded as follows:
- | R1 | R2 | R3 | Final |
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| 1 | 1½ | 2 | 50% of Cup awards |
- 25 Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up:
Winners £160, Runners-up £80

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