

PORTLAND BOWL



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 Events](#), 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.

Once again, the option is available for teams to agree with each other to play their match online. This is only an option and will only take place if both teams agree. Should such an online match be agreed, the [Supplementary Regulations for Matches Played Online](#), contained in a separate document, will apply.

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SPECIAL PORTLAND BOWL REGULATIONS

- 1 Entry is open to Universities and other Higher Education Institutions in Great Britain (i.e. in England, Scotland or Wales), and each institution may enter up to two teams to be referred to as 'A' and 'B' in no particular order of precedence. Collegiate institutions may elect to enter teams at University or College level. Two or more institutions with close geographical or other historical links may combine to enter a team or teams if none is able to enter a team individually.

All team members must be full-time students, registered as such with the institution which they are to represent (or one of them in the case of a combined team) at the start of the competition. A student who completes his course of study during the course of the competition remains eligible to participate in the remainder of the competition.

All team members must be EBU members. However it should be noted that: Players who have not reached their 26th birthday by 31st December in the year in which the competition starts are entitled to be registered as junior members of the EBU free of charge. Any such players who were not previously EBU members will be so registered on providing their date of birth.

Players may be registered as EBU members under the Universal Membership Scheme by virtue of being members of any club affiliated to the EBU. Affiliation is available to University/HEI bridge clubs for the nominal annual subscription of £5.

- 2 Teams may consist of four, five or six players. Teams of fewer than six players may add additional players prior to playing their semi-final 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 Matches prior to the semi-finals will be played over 32 boards, although the captains may agree in advance to play a 40 or 48 board match. The semi-finals and the final will be played over 48 boards and the third/fourth place playoff over 32 boards. All matches will be played in eight-board stanzas.
- 4 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 8 teams for the quarter-finals, byes will be allocated in Round 2. These will be allocated at random, except that a team which received a bye in Round 1 will not receive a bye in Round 2.

- 5 The draw for Rounds 1 and 2 will be regionalised as far as possible, and the draw for the quarter-finals will be random. The draw for the semi-finals will be random, except that in the event of two teams from the same institution reaching the semi-finals, they will automatically be drawn against each other in the semi-finals.
- 6 Teams from the same institution will not be drawn against each other in Round 1. They will not be drawn against each other in Round 2 unless the only alternative would cause excessive travelling for one or more teams.
- 7 In order to avoid unnecessary travelling and to help teams in making arrangements, team captains may agree to play matches online if they wish.
- 8 The semi-finals and the final will be played on consecutive weekend days at the Portland Club, 36 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JN (Tel: 020 7930 0444). The defeated semi-finalists are invited to play a third/fourth place playoff match alongside the final, although they may agree not to do so.

The Finals of the Portland Bowl Plate will take place on the Sunday of the main competition.

- 9 Level 4 agreements are permitted throughout the competition.
- 10 The dates by which each round must be played will be found on the [main event](#) and [results](#) pages of the EBU website. The dates for the semi-finals and finals will be found on the [main event](#) page of the website.
- 11 Master Points will be awarded in the form of Green Points for each round won as follows:

| R1/2 | Quarter-final | Semi-final | Playoff | Final |
|------|---------------|------------|---------|-------|
| 0.75 | 1 | 1.5 | 0.75 | 2 |

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. All Master Points will be direct-credited as soon as practicable after the conclusion of each round.

Master Points will be awarded in the form of Green Points for each round won in the Plate competition at 50% of the main competition.

| R1 | Quarter-final | Semi-final | Final |
|------|---------------|------------|-------|
| 0.38 | 0.5 | 0.75 | 1 |

- 12 Entry to the Portland Bowl Plate will be on an opt in basis for those who lose their first Round match or equivalent in the Portland Bowl. The regulations for the Portland Bowl Plate shall be the same as those of the Portland Bowl.

The EBU Competitions Department reserves the right to accept and reject entries opted in to the Portland Bowl Plate.

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