

CANCERCARE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The first stage of the competition will be played in local leagues of five or six pairs, all playing one match against each of the other pairs. If safe to do so, these matches will be played face to face. Otherwise they should be played on the website “BridgeBaseOnline” (BBO).

2. Each match shall usually consist of exactly 20 hands. However, provided both pairs agree, 16 or 24 hands may be played. An exact multiple of four ensures equal vulnerability during your match.

3. If a hand is passed out, then it should be re-dealt. If playing online, rather than pass, the fourth person should use the chat function to announce his or her pass and request the host to redeal the hand. (The redeal is effectively the same person dealing the hand again, and vulnerability will remain the same.)

(On Bridge Base Online, the redeal option can be found in the blue box with the 3 white line icon.)

4. If playing face to face, both pairs should agree the scoring system, Chicago or Rubber. If playing on BBO the scoring will be selected as “Total Score” on the BBO options. This is effectively Chicago scoring.

5. Whether the game is played face to face or online the scores should be recorded on a Bridge score pad. Both pairs should agree on the score for each game.

6. If playing face to face Rubber Bridge, after the agreed number of hands, the current rubber is not finished, the score is computed as follows. If only one game has been completed, the winners of that game are credited with 300 points; if only one side has a part score or part scores in a game not completed, that side is credited with 100 points.

7. After the agreed number of hands have been completed, the total points for each side and their difference (plus or minus) are recorded on the results sheet for each pair. This difference determines the number of Victory Points (VPs) for each side. A win by 500 or more earns 2 VPs, a loss of 500 or more earns 0 VPs and a difference of less than 500 earns 1 VP to each pair.

The winners of the league will be determined by Victory Points. In the event of a tie, the pair with the higher difference in points will win.

8. The completed results sheet (which can be filled in on line from the hard copy score sheet) should be returned to the organiser –preferably attached to an email, otherwise by post.

9. The winners of each league qualify for the final (Chicago scoring). Any remaining places will be allotted to the runners-up with the highest Victory Point scores. However, if national circumstances dictate that the final has to be played on line, then any player not able to do so may not be able to participate.

10. Arranging Matches.

It is the responsibility of the ‘home’ pair to arrange all matches as soon as the league list is issued. They should:-

a. Please offer a variety of dates that should not all be on the same day of the week. (In the event that contestants are unable to agree playing dates, the tournament organiser should be contacted.)

b. record all players names and BBO usernames.

c. set up the online table or ensure that a person has been nominated to ‘host’ the BBO table
or

d. prepare light refreshments (e.g. tea/coffee/biscuits) if the match is played at the home of the home pair.

e. Agree the total points for each side at the end of the match

11. Matches may be played in any order. It would help the administration if the results could be recorded sequentially

12. Occasionally players have to cancel matches at short notice. Every effort should be made to re-arrange a match or organise a substitute player. If this proves impossible, the tournament organiser should be contacted.

13. Conventions are restricted to those included in in the EBU document “Bridge for All ACOL Level 2 System File” version 2. This can be accessed using this internet link <https://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/laws-and-ethics/convention-cards/Modern%20Acolv2.pdf> All non-natural bids must be alerted. See BBO guidance below for who and how to alert using BBO.

14. At the discretion of the tournament organiser, substitutes will be permitted at all stages of the competition. Only one substitute will be allowed, provided that he/she has not already entered with another partner.

15. All disputes on any matter connected with the tournament shall be submitted to the tournament organiser and the subsequent decision shall be final.