

Cheltenham Pairs League (CPL) Competition Format

Introduction

The CPL is a competition for pairs, but scored using Teams IMPs. A key aim is to encourage players of all abilities to enter and to play against opponents of a similar standard. The same computer-dealt hands are played by all divisions, with hand copies available at the end of each evening.

Costs

£7.50 per player per series/£15 per pair per series.
Cheque in advance please to confirm entry.

Scoring

A "standard" division comprises 8 pairs and over the course of the five evening series, you play against everyone else in your division an equal number of times in 9 or 10 board matches. Commonest is to play 3x9 board matches in an evening. Divisions can range from 6 to 12 pairs.

At the end of each match EW find their NS teammates, score up with them and convert their IMP score to Victory Points. The Victory Point scale is printed at the foot of the CPL scorecard. You then return to your opponents, check your VP scores, initial the Match Scoreslip if you agree, and hand it in.

Promotion & Relegation

At the end of each 5 evening series 2 pairs are promoted and relegated from each division. Each divisional winning pair receives a free entry for the next series with a half price entry for second place. In the event of a tie, the VP scores in the matches in which you are opponents determine promotion or relegation respectively; and if still a tie on highest total number of matches won.

Director

The event will be normally played with a playing Director.

By observing the expected courteous and sportsmanlike behaviours it is hoped we keep the event as stress-free as possible, with minimum demands on the director.

Slow Play

Playing 27 boards in an evening requires a brisk pace. Pairs cannot start a new board of a 9-board match if one hour has elapsed (65 minutes for 10 board matches) since the round began and everyone else in their division has finished. Unless it has been brought to the attention of the director that one pair is particularly slow, both pairs are fined 2imps per unplayed board, with non-offending pairs scoring +2imps.

Attendance

It is essential for the successful running of this competition that everyone turns up for all five evenings in the series. When you cannot make an evening you must arrange a substitute, even if that substitute has already played in the competition for another pair. Please remember it is your responsibility to make these arrangements. If you cannot find anyone call Malcolm Green on 01242 863064 or Roger Schofield on 01285 821087 for some suggestions.

It is also important to turn up at 6.55pm or before. Should you be held up please ring Cheltenham Bridge Club on 01242 522502.