

D2. DEVON TEAMS FOR THE WESTERN MORNING NEWS TROPHY

The Devon Bridge premier Teams of Four Championship. It is a condition of entry that the winning team, or the runners-up, will represent the County in the EBU's Pachabo Cup (The Inter-Counties Teams of Four event). Entry fees, but not expenses, will be paid by the Association. At least four teams are seeded into the second round; if entries exceed 22 then more teams will be seeded based on the previous year's results. Teams may be of 4, 5, or 6 players of whom all may play in any round, changes of players only being made at the end of a set of boards. Teams of less than 6 may add members up to a total maximum of 6 up to and including the quarter finals, provided that the reserves have not played for or been nominated by any other team. To qualify for master points (green) team members must play at least one third of the total number of boards in that match. Written entries naming all team members and including entry fees must be submitted not later than 7 October. A referee will always be on call for all matches. Note: The Home Team is responsible for providing adequate refreshments.

D2a. DEVON TEAMS PLATE COMPETITION *Teams losing their first match played in the Devon Teams (Western Morning News) will be automatically entered into the draw for the plate competition which will be played on a knockout basis over 24 boards.*

Rules common to all Devon knock-out teams competitions.

1. DRAWS AND DATES

The draw for (D2) will be made by the DBA Committee early in October; the draw for (D2a) in December.

Rounds in (D2) are to be completed by the following dates:

Round 1	31 October
Round 2	30 November
Quarter Finals	31 January
Semi Finals	31 March
Final	31 May

Teams losing their first match in (D2) will play in the Plate event.

Rounds in (D2a) are to be completed by the following dates:

Round 1	31 January
Quarter Finals	10 March
Semi Finals	30 April
Final	31 May

If matches are not played by these dates, one or both teams may be disqualified. In exceptional circumstances an extension of no more than SEVEN DAYS may be granted by the Tournament Administrator.

2. HOME & AWAY TEAMS, FAILURE TO FIX A DATE

- a) The higher team in the draw is the home team and shall be responsible for organising the venue after consultation with the opposing captain.
- b) It is the responsibility of the home team to provide boards and stationery
- c) It is the responsibility of the home team to provide refreshments and a suitable break from play in which to consume them.
- d) Within 7 days of the end date of the previous round, the lower team in the draw (the away team) must offer at least four dates to their opponents, not all in the same week. At least one of these (but not all) must be on a Saturday or Sunday. Within a further 7 days, one of these dates must be accepted by their opponents.
- e) If the two teams fail to agree on a date to play (or in the case of any other dispute) the matter shall be referred to the Tournament Administrator, who may refer to the Appeals Committee, to which committee the disputants also have the right to appeal.

3. ALLOWED SYSTEMS, BIDDING BOXES

a) Agreements up to and including Level 4 (Blue Book as current <http://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/laws-and-ethics/blue-book/blue-book-2014.pdf>.) will be permitted in D2 and D2a.

b) Bidding boxes should be used for all matches. If a team is unable to obtain these for a match, please contact the Tournament Administrator

4. REFEREE

Those listed below will be willing to give rulings:

Bob Blackmore	07837 174079
Steve Quinn	01392 420050
Terence Treeby	01803 844342

5. COMPOSITION OF TEAM

- a) Teams of less than 6 are allowed to add members up to a maximum of 6 at any stage up to and including the Quarter Finals, provided that the total number who play for the team does not exceed 6 persons, and reserves have not been nominated by, or played for, any other team.
- b) Devon must be the first county of allegiance for all members of a team, and all members of the team must be fully paid up at the date of play; otherwise the team will be disqualified.
- c) In order to qualify for master points, a team member must play at least one third of the total boards in the match.

6. NUMBER OF BOARDS (D2)

Matches are of 32 boards in 4 sets of 8 (*rounds 1, 2 & quarter-finals*); 40 boards in 5 sets of 8 (*semi-finals*) or 48 boards in 6 sets of 8 (*final*) .

NUMBER OF BOARDS (D2a)

All matches shall be played over 24 boards played in 4 sets of 6.

7. SEATING RIGHTS for D2 and D2a

(a) The captain who wins the toss may take the first choice or pass that choice to his opponent. Choices are made as follows:

1. For matches of 32 or 24 boards in 4 sets of 8 or 6 : 1st choice : the captain selects one stanza in which he will have seating rights (ie how to place his own pairs after opponents have nominated their line-up), 2nd choice : the other captain next selects two of the remaining 3 stanzas in which he will have seating rights, and the remaining stanza is then taken by the captain who had first choice.
2. For matches of 40 boards in 5 sets of 8 : 1st choice : the captain selects 2 stanzas, which may not be both stanzas 4 & 5 (but may be one or other of these), in

which he will have seating rights, 2nd choice : the other captain then has seating rights in the remaining 3 stanzas.

3. For matches of 48 boards in 6 sets of 8 : 1st choice : the captain selects 2 stanzas, which may not be both stanzas 5 & 6 (but may be one or other of these), in which he will have seating rights, 2nd choice : the other captain next selects 3 of the remaining 4 stanzas in which he will have seating rights. The remaining stanza is then taken by the captain who had first choice.

- a) IT IS A CONDITION OF ENTRY THAT THE WINNERS OF THE FINAL (or, in the event of illness, the runners-up) WILL COMPETE IN THE PACHABO CUP TO BE HELD IN JUNE (see EBU diary). If the winner of the Final is reduced by circumstances to three or fewer players (registered as above) available to represent Devon in the Pachabo cup, substitute players may be brought in (up to a maximum of 3) from the runners-up team, but only so as to make up a team of **4 players** in all.
- c) FAILING THAT the county may be represented by the runners-up team comprising 4, 5 or 6 players registered as above. It is the duty of the winning team in these circumstances to inform the runners-up within 1 week of the Final match.

8. NOTIFICATION OF RESULT

The winners of each match must forward to the Tournament Administrator within 24 hours of completion of the match a completed result form signed by both captains, giving the players' names and the result of the match. **(OR an email from EACH captain).** If such notification is not given, then the winning team will be disqualified and the match awarded to the opponents.

9. MASTER POINTS AWARDS

Main event

Round 1	½ Green Point
Round 2	¾ Green Point
Quarter Finals	1¼ Green Points
Semi finals	1¾ Green Points
Final	2¼ Green Points

Plate Local Points