

## **(B) General Rules And Regulations Of DBA Competitions**

It is DBA policy: (1) to own or have access to all the equipment needed to run the main events and congresses;

(2) for main County events and Section Congresses, the event to (a) be run by a non-playing Director; (b) have checking of scoring carried out separately; (c) have pre-dealt boards and hand records; (d) have automatic scoring where appropriate;

(3) to continue to participate in inter-County competitions with (a) expenses paid from the surplus from the Devon Congress; (b) level of expenses to be set by the DBA annually; (c) any format changes to be agreed by the DBA committee.

Green points will be awarded for the Devon Teams (Western Morning News Trophy) and the Devon Pairs (Julia Chadwick Trophy) and both events at the Devon Congress, local or blue points for all other events.

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> permitted in all Devon Bridge events unless otherwise specified on event notices. All players should have completed system cards. In all Devon Bridge events mobile phones should be switched off at all times.

All competitions shall be played in accordance with The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge as adopted by the English Bridge Union, and following the guidelines in the associated 

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 (<http://www.ebu.co.uk/lawsandethics/misc/whitebook.htm>).

Tie-breaks are decided on the White Book guidelines at the time of the event. If a disqualification occurs and if prize money is involved, that money is distributed according to the amended final results.

Only players whose primary county is Devon can enter Devon Teams and Devon Pairs. The Devon Congress is open to members of any Home Union. The DBA Simultaneous Pairs For Devon Air Ambulance is open to all players at participating clubs and to non-affiliated clubs.

For one day events, the results are declared at the event and published on the DBA website by the following day at the latest. If there is an error in the result, then the latest time for a score correction is at mid-day two days following the publication on the website. (For example, this would normally be mid-day on the Wednesday

following a Sunday event). Awards such as prizes and cups which are made on the day are provisional until this correction period has expired.

For longer events, the results of all except the last day may become finalised before the start of play on the next day.

Section leagues are run under a set of rules agreed by the Central Committee. These rules are published below.

Any protests regarding an event should be referred to the person who directed on the day, or to the Hon Secretary after the result has been published. The Hon Secretary will refer the matter to the Tournament Sub-Committee, to the Conduct sub-committee, or to the Officers of the DBA committee as appropriate.

Full rules for the Devon Teams and the Devon Teams Plate are published on the DBA website and circulated to all team captains.

The start time for two session events is now 11 am and the estimated time of finish is 7.30 pm.

## **(C)Code of Conduct**

Devon Bridge Association have agreed to adopt a code of conduct for all County competitions from August 2005.

Players are expected to greet others, be good hosts at the table and do everything possible to make bridge enjoyable for themselves, partner and opponents.

### **Unacceptable behaviour is as follows:**

- Criticizing partner or opponents.
- Badgering, rudeness, insinuation, profanity.
- Over indulgence of alcohol.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Discussing hands after the round is called.
- Gloating over good results.
- Objecting to a call for a director.
- Poor personal hygiene, grooming or dress.
- Disputing a director's ruling during a game.
- (Filing an appeal is the appropriate action).

**In case of unacceptable behaviour please call the Director**