

## SCOTTISH BRIDGE UNION – EAST DISTRICT LEAGUE

### MaCLAREN CUP KNOCK OUT HANDICAP TEAMS

#### References

"Committee" refers to the Executive Committee of the East District of the SBU.

SBU refers to the Scottish Bridge Union.

The East District website is at [www.sbueast.org.uk](http://www.sbueast.org.uk).

#### General Rules

1. The MacLaren Cup is a knockout competition open to any team in any division of the East District League. The Rules of that League relating to player eligibility, organisation of matches, and match rules shall all apply.
2. Entry (at no additional fee) should be made to the League Secretary at or before the team representatives' meeting in September.

#### MacLaren Cup Special Rules

##### The Draw and Organisation of Matches

3. The draw will take place at the East District meeting of team representatives.
4. The full draw will be published on the East District website by September 30.
5. The team higher in the draw is the home team and has the primary responsibility of contacting the opposing team to suggest dates and a venue for their match. It is recommended that the first match is organised with opponents at the meeting of team representatives.

6. First round matches should be completed by 13 November 2011. Subsequent rounds should be completed by the end of December, January, February and March for subsequent rounds.

7. Teams should refer to East District website to view progress of the Knock Out, and take action to organise matches as required. Contract details of team representatives are published on the website.

8. If any match cannot be arranged as above, the MacLaren Cup Convenor must be consulted. She may grant an extension of time to have the match played, but if that proves not feasible may award a walkover to the team considered less at fault or may determine the winner by lot.

9. Matches will normally be played at the home team's customary venue, or in the case of a non-borders team playing a team from the Borders, at their intermediate venue (as nominated for league matches). Teams are at liberty to agree other venues. In any case where these arrangements would involve a team in more than one hour's travelling from their customary venue, the MacLaren Cup Convenor may be requested to specify a special intermediate venue.

#### Match Rules

10. Play shall be according to the general rules set out by the Scottish Bridge Union, and East District League Rules.
11. Matches shall be tables of four with aggregate scoring.
12. All matches (apart from the final – see later) will comprise 24 boards.

#### Scoring and Submission of Results

13. Higher-ranking division teams shall concede a handicap to their opponents of 1200 points per division together with, if a first division team is involved, an additional 800 points. *See table for detail.*

14. In the event of a tied match, the winner shall be the team conceding a handicap. If the match is still tied then the team with the higher number of plus scores will be the winner, failing which (except in the Final) the decision will be by lot.

15. The home captain is responsible for forwarding results to the League Secretary within 48 hours. Ideally this will be done via the "Results Submission web page" on the East District website. This will add on any handicap due. If it is not possible to use the "Results Submission web page" then results may be submitted by email. The progress of the competition will be regularly updated on the East District website.

16. Any scoring disputes will be dealt with per the League rules through the MacLaren Cup Convenor.

#### The Final

17. The final will be a match of 32 pre-dealt boards.

18. The home team will arrange for the pre-dealt boards to be made available

19. The cost for the pre-dealt boards and hand records for all players will be met by East District).

20. In the final the aforementioned handicap will be increased by one-third (to reflect the increased number of boards which will be played).

21. In the event of a tied match, the winner shall be the team conceding a handicap. If the match is still tied then the team with the higher number of plus scores will be the winner. If the match is still tied then the Cup will be shared between the finalists.

#### Handicaps Applied in the East District's MacLaren Cup

Any team which is playing against a team in a higher league will receive a 1,200 point handicap per division, excepting the First Division in which case they receive 2,000.

Here is a full list:

Your Team	Against a team from:				
	Div. 1	Div. 2	Div. 3	Div. 4	Div. 5
Div. 1	0	-2000	-3200	-4400	-5600
Div. 2	+2000	0	-1200	-2400	-3600
Div. 3	+3200	+1200	0	-1200	-2400
Div. 4	+4400	+2400	+1200	0	-1200
Div. 5	+5600	+3600	+2400	+1200	0

*NB In the final the handicap will be increased by one third to reflect the additional boards that will be played.*