

YCBA Congress and Event Terms and Conditions

By entering or competing in an YCBA Congress or Event you agree to the following terms and conditions. Please note that each individual competition (in particular, the Yorkshire League, Online Yorkshire League, Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy) may have its own regulations and you should refer to the YCBA website, or contact the Event Organiser, to establish these prior to participation.

The YCBA's Privacy Policy applies to all its activities, and should be read in conjunction with these Terms & Conditions. It is available at www.ycba.co.uk.

Entering a YCBA Competition

Before you enter, please make sure that your EBU membership is up to date. You can enter a YCBA competition either by sending an entry form or by using the YCBA website event booking facility. Cheque payments should be sent to the Event Organiser or by bank transfer to Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association, sort code 09-02-22, account number 10861509, with the payment reference provided on the entry form.

When entering a YCBA competition, always quote your EBU membership number on the entry form and if possible the membership numbers of your partner and other players. This helps us to ensure that any Master Points awarded are correctly registered. If the competition is online please also quote the players usernames for the applicable online platform.

Entry conditions

All YCBA competitions are played according to the EBU's Blue Book regulations (available as a pdf download), and in accordance with other conditions as contained on our website. You may not play in more than one team in teams events or partnership in pairs events and you may not play in more than one heat of a competition. In teams events - other than the Yorkshire League and the Online Yorkshire League which have their own eligibility rules - your team may consist of four, five or six players, and their names must be given to the Event Organiser or the TD in charge before you play.

Closing dates for entries

Each event has a closing date, although we may have to close the event earlier than this where the venue has space restrictions. While we prefer that you enter by this date, and after this date we cannot guarantee your entry will be accepted, we can usually accommodate late entries for most of our events. Please check with the Event Organiser if you would like to play in something but fear you may be too late to enter.

Regulations

YCBA competitions are played under the current Laws of Duplicate Bridge, any relevant Bye-Laws, regulations or directives made by EBU or its Committees, and the YCBA's Competition Rules. You will be bound by these even if they come into force after you enter. The EBU Online Knockout Match Regulations and the EBU Sky-Blue Book apply to online events

You are not permitted to take part in any organised gambling in connection with a YCBA event.

It is unacceptable for a player or member of an appeals committee to have a financial interest in the success of another player.

Fee refunds

If you have to withdraw your entry, we will refund your fees less a deduction for expenses already incurred in or committed to the provision of refreshments at the event.

Playing Conditions

All players must abide by the EBU 'Best Behaviour at Bridge' guidelines.

You are not permitted to bring refreshments into a playing room or public room at any venue.

If you do, the Director in charge of the event has discretion to take appropriate action, including disqualifying you from the event.

No animals other than 'service' dogs may be brought into the playing area.

Smoking inside any public building is prohibited.

Competitors at YCBA events are expected to dress properly and appropriately.

Venues

Whilst the YCBA tries to ensure that all venues are of an acceptably high standard, and that the accommodation on offer (if appropriate) is of good quality, the YCBA is not responsible for the facilities provided to guests by the venue.

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