

London Business Houses Contract Bridge Association (LBHCBA)



The LBHCBA has been in existence since 1976. It runs 'teams' of four leagues and a knock-out competition (and a plate event) for companies, organizations and clubs situated in London. There are currently some 5 leagues with 6 teams of four in each league, all of which take part in the knock-out competition, as well as a couple of other teams, which enter only the latter.

The Committee of the LBHCBA has noticed that there are several new organizations and some well-established ones who do not have teams entered in our leagues and wish to bring to their notice our existence. Basic information is given below. For more see www.lbhcba.org or contact any of the people listed below.

- The season runs from September to April each year;
- There are normally 5 or 6 teams per league – hence a maximum of 10 matches (one home and one away) each season, lasting about 3 hours;
- The number of leagues can be extended with new teams being placed in a league, if possible, relative to their playing ability;
- The teams of four can have up to 8 eligible members;
- Matches are normally played on a weekday evening beginning from about 6pm;
- 24 boards are played with scoring by IMPs and converted to VPs;
- All the results of matches are inputted via the web site;
- The venue for the match can be the home venue of the organization or other ones such as the YCBC, the Acol Club, St John's Wood Bridge Club or the Mud Lark public house (near London Bridge – equipment provided);
- The home team is expected to provide light refreshments;
- The LBHCBA also runs two premier events for registered organizations – the SURDOC trophy for teams of four (one team per organization) in October and the Selfridge's Cup – a pairs competition in May/June each year.

The AGM of the LBHCBA is held in September each year and the Fixtures Meeting is held on the same evening so that team captains can arrange their matches for the forthcoming season.

In order to assist prospective members of teams to coordinate any matters concerning team members' availability and the setting of dates for matches, Philip Watson, the Tournament Organiser of the LBHCBA, is willing to help from May to August this year. He can be contacted by Email on the following: philipwatson1@btinternet.com.

Current Fees:

Club Registration	£15 (reduced to £10, if AGM attended)
League:	£15 per team
Cup/Plate:	£5 per team
SURDOC and Selfridge's events:	£10 per player

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