

# SHEFFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

## REGULATIONS

### INTRODUCTION

Amendments since the 2023 AGM are marked in [blue](#).

This edition is dated [25 March 2024](#).

The purpose of this document is to provide regulations that are supplementary to, and subservient to, the Constitution of Sheffield Bridge Club. The definitions of Rule 2 apply to these regulations

Unlike the wording of the Constitution, which can be changed only by the Membership at a General Meeting of the club, the information within this document can be updated by the current Committee. However, decisions taken by the Committee during the year that result in a change to these regulations shall be subject to ratification by the Members at the subsequent Annual General Meeting or earlier by Extraordinary General Meeting. The Committee is responsible for keeping this document under constant review and updated whenever necessary.

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### 1. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Rule 4(h) of the Constitution contains the words within brackets: “except in an emergency”. This is defined as: “except when one or more decisions by the Committee are considered to be required before the next scheduled Committee meeting”

Decisions that are required urgently may alternatively be made using electronic conferencing, letter, telephone or e-mail.

### 2. GUESTS AND VISITORS

Rule 12(b) of the Constitution contains the words: “No Guest or Visitor shall be allowed to be introduced into the Club to participate in events organised and run solely by the club during the Club’s financial year more than a reasonable number of times”. The last five words are defined as “generally not exceeding 3 times in any 12 month period for those living within 20 miles travelling distance from the Club and generally not exceeding 10 times in any 12 month period for those living beyond 20 miles travelling distance from the Club, but the Committee may take special circumstances into consideration”.

### 3. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The maximum level of the annual subscription (currently £36) may, as stated in the Constitution, be changed only by proposal at a General Meeting.

The current annual subscription is £20, due on 1 August. Members may obtain a discount by one of the following routes:

1. Discount for new members.

Current annual subscription is £20 for those who apply between 1 August and 31 January, £10 for those who apply between 1 February and 30 April, and £0 for those who apply between 1 May and 31 July. This will be refunded if the application is unsuccessful

2. Young person discount for those under the age of 25 on 1 August, the first day of that club year. Current annual subscription is £5

3. Refugee discounts for those approved by the Committee. Current annual subscription is £5

### 4. TABLE FEES

The levels of table fees are (as stated in Rules 13(c) and (d) of the Constitution) determined by the Committee. Current fees are:

#### Duplicate sessions

Club duplicate sessions: £5.00\*\* (£6.00\*\* for Visitors and Guests)

Afternoon non-club duplicate sessions\*: £5.00

Young members and Refugees (as described in Regulation 3, above), any session: £1.50 (£1.50 for Visitors and Guests)

(\* This is the club fee charged to the Tournament Organiser.)

(\*\* Members may obtain a discount on this rate by purchasing session tokens of £5 value in advance at the rate of £40 for 10 or £110 for 30.)

#### Teaching and supervised play sessions

All sessions: £2.00

#### Special events

As shown on the Club Calendar or on the notice board. (£1.00 additional for Visitors and Guests except for Swiss events on Sundays or Bank Holidays, and when otherwise stated.) Fees for special events are normally based on a general principle of the club collecting regular duplicate session fees or the equivalent. Young members and Refugees (as described in Regulation 3, above) pay half the full price unless otherwise stated.

## Matches

All Waddington League, Open League, or knockout matches, up to 48 boards: £4.00\*  
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(\*No additional fees for visitors (ie they pay £4.00), but additional fees may be charged if special arrangements are required for opening the club. The latter is expected to be very rare if there is a home team.)

(\*[\\*\\* Members may obtain a discount on this rate by purchasing session tokens of £4 value in advance at the rate of £30 for 10 or £86 for 30.](#))

Young members and Refugees (as described in Regulation 3, above):  
£1.50 (£1.50 for Guests)

## 5. CLUB PROGRAMMES OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL EVENTS

A programme of regular events shall be publicised on the Club notice board. These shall include regular weekly bridge sessions and classes.

Conditions of Contest for all events shall be publicised on the Club's notice board.

## 6. (Not used)

(Was re. Rubber Bridge).

## 7. BEST BEHAVIOUR AT BRIDGE

The Club's policy on behaviour is as currently posted on the Club notice board.

## 8. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Please see Rule 11 of the Constitution.

1. The Record of sanctions imposed under Clause 11 of the Constitution shall be maintained by the Secretary for a period of five years, but the Committee shall have absolute discretion if it thinks fit to shorten or extend the period in a particular case.
2. The Record shall be made available to the Disciplinary Committee under Clause 11(i) of the Constitution if a complaint is upheld.
3. Any sanction imposed under Clause 11 of the Constitution (including the suspension of a member's right to enter the Club's Premises before the Appeal process has been completed) may at the discretion of the Committee be published by posting on the Club notice board.
4. A suspension by a tournament director under Law 91A (Laws of Duplicate Bridge) cannot be appealed. However any such suspensions will be reviewed by the Club Committee

## 9. LEAGUE OPERATING GROUP (LOG)

### Background

1. With effect from 1 February 2003 the Committee then in office accepted the responsibility of carrying out the functions of Sheffield and District Contract Bridge Association (“SDCBA”), namely to enter, supervise and manage the Teams that competed in the Yorkshire League (commonly called “the Inter Cities”); and to administer, supervise and be responsible for all matters relating to the Waddington and Open Local Leagues (“the Functions”).
2. To ensure that the Club would not incur any expenses in connection with carrying out the Functions, SDCBA, immediately before its dissolution, transferred its funds (£2,533), to the Club.
3. The Committee adopted the term “Leagues Operating Group” (“LOG”) to describe the entity of Club Members who agreed to carry out the Functions on behalf of the Committee.
4. In order formally to record and define the role and duties of LOG the Committee made on 12 November 2010 the Regulation Number 9 in accordance with the provisions of Clause 4n (then Clause 5(l)) of the Constitution.

### The Regulation

1. LOG members, (who are currently Raphael Grossman, Peter Stubbs, Barrie Partridge, Richard Gilbert, Pete Waterman) must be members of the Club and shall be not less than three nor more than six in number.
2. The Committee and LOG shall seek to agree upon future members of LOG. However, the Committee has the right to appoint new members of LOG, either to replace a retiring member, to add to the number of members, or in substitution of an existing member. In the event of a proposed appointment each LOG member (who is not also a member of the Committee) shall have the right to attend the Committee meeting at which the appointment will be proposed, to speak on the matter and to vote upon any appointment resolution.
3. LOG shall carry out the Functions in the way that it has been doing since 2003, without direct reference to the Committee. However LOG shall consult with and keep the Committee informed on all essential matters. Essential matters include a possible increase or decrease in the number of Teams competing in the Inter Cities; LOG’s finances; and serious complaints made to LOG in connection with the Functions.
4. In the event of a material difference between the Committee and LOG over any essential matter, the procedure relating to an appointment described in 2 above, namely attending, speaking and voting at the relevant Committee Meeting shall apply.
5. LOG’s finances will be supervised by the Club’s Treasurer
6. The Committee shall select two representatives and LOG one representative to serve on the Council of Yorkshire CBA; in the event that the Club’s entitlement shall exceed three, additional representatives shall be selected first by LOG and then by the Committee. Any member of the Club who shall be an elected officer of YCBA shall not be counted as a representative.

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