

Guildford and Godalming Croquet Club

Association Croquet Winter League Rules 2021-2022

The Competition

- 1 The competition is open only to current members of Guildford and Godalming Croquet Club with an association croquet handicap at the time of entry.
- 2 The entry fee is £5.
- 3 The competition is a singles handicap croquet competition with games played according to the Laws of Association Croquet, Seventh Edition 2021.
- 4 There are no sections - all competitors are entered in a single block arranged alphabetically by first name then surname.
- 5 Each match comprises one 18 point game with a time limit of 2½ hours. *(See page 2 for details of 18 point format)*
- 6 It is an 'all play all' competition – one match is to be played by each competitor against each other competitor.
- 7 Matches must be played on Handicap; however, competitors may choose to play to Advanced rules provided the two players agree this before the start of the match. A competitor may play a different format against each opponent, eg Kit plays an Advanced Handicap match against Donny but then plays a Handicap match against Polly. *(See page 2 for schedule of bisques for an 18 point game)*
- 8 Incomplete games - if bad weather or anything else causes the game to finish before the 2½ hour limit, the score and result may stand provided that the winner has scored at least 10 points and provided that both players agree. Otherwise, please replay the game.
- 9 There is a single deadline of 15 April 2022. Matches which have not been played by the deadline will be recorded as 'Not Played' when determining the final results of the competition. NB There are no 'walkovers'.
- 10 The administrator for the league is Jennifer Fugeman. Any disputes should be referred to her and at her discretion she will call on an experienced player not involved in the league to advise or adjudicate on technical matters.

Recording scores

NB All results must be submitted by email.

The winner is responsible for emailing the match result to jfcroquet@tiscali.co.uk so that the results can be kept up to date on the web. When emailing please use the format 'Kit v Donny 18-12' and if applicable indicate if it was a result on time.

Determining the winner and runners up

The aim of the competition is to provide an opportunity for AC members to play as many games as possible against a range of opponents over the winter season. However, as the competition runs over a period of 6 months it is recognised that some competitors may not be able to play all their matches owing to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances; this is especially the case over the winter. Therefore the results of all matches will stand irrespective of the number of games a competitor has played, ie results against an opponent who withdraws or ceases to be active will count.

The determining factors, in order of precedence, will be:

- a) The number of valid games won.
- b) Where two players are tied who have already played each other 'who beat whom' will apply.
- c) Where two players who have not played each other are tied **or** where there is a tie between more than two players then for these players the quality of wins will apply ie total net points of all games played.

d) A play off, drawing lots or tossing a coin at the administrator's discretion.

18 Point Format – as per Law 51.2.3 of Seventh Edition 2021

"This variation is for singles or alternate stroke doubles play only. The game is started with all the clips on hoop 1, but as soon as one of the balls of a side either scores hoop 1 for itself or is potted through hoop 1 by an opponent, hoop 9 (3-back) becomes the hoop in order for its partner ball and the appropriate clip is moved to that hoop immediately. A ball cannot score hoop 1 by being potted by its partner ball."

Schedule of Bisques for an 18 Point Handicap Game

Handicap Difference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bisques	1/2	1 1/2	2	3	3 1/2	4	5	5 1/2	6	7	7 1/2	8 1/2
Handicap Difference	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bisques	9	9 1/2	10 1/2	11	12	12 1/2	13	14	14 1/2	15	16	16 1/2

Remember that a half-bisque is a restricted bisque in which no point may be scored for any ball.