



Worshipful Company of
Makers of Playing Cards

INTER-LIVERY BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

COMPETITOR AND PARTNERSHIP RULES

The tournament will be held under EBU rules.

1. The Lead Contact must be a current member, **the partner of a current member, or a widow/widower of a past member** or the officer of a Livery or Guild Company. This includes Liverymen, Freemen, Apprentices, Yeomen, Clerks etc.
2. Their partner does not need to have any Livery connection.
3. No two players, both graded King or Ace under the EBU National Grading System as at the time of entry may partner each other.
4. In the interests of fairness, no pair will be permitted to win more than one prize/trophy, other than the Company (Thorpe Tankard) trophy. In the event of a pair winning more than one prize, the Committee will re-allocate the second ranking prize to the runner up in that category. The prizes (and trophies) are ranked in the following order:
 - 1) Winners' trophy; highest placed pair
 - 2) Second Pair prize
 - 3) Third Pair prize
 - 4) Company Team Award; 'Thorpe Tankard' trophy; the 2 pairs from the same Company with the highest combined placing*
 - 5) The Actuaries' trophy; highest placed pair from the Financial Services group
 - 6) Top pair from two different Livery Companies – the Chartered Accountants' trophy
 - 7) The Improvers' Award**
 - 8) WCMPC top pair, the 'Maurice' trophy

**In the event of a tie, the winners of this trophy will be the two pairs with the highest combined scores.*

***Improvers Award for the pair whose ranking moves up the most from the end of the first half to the end of play. In the event of a tie, the highest-ranking pair will win the prize.*

All trophies will be held for one year; prizes are for winners to keep. Trophy winners are asked to arrange for their trophy to be engraved and to forward the invoice to the Clerk for reimbursement.

Trophies must be returned in time for presentation at the next competition by the 28 February in the year of the competition or trophies may be returned on the evening of the next event by prior arrangement only.