

## Taunton Deane Croquet Club Competitions 2021

The club's internal competitions will have a different format this year and, if it proves successful, in future years.

All of the main competitions (listed below) will have a block structure, with the top two from each block going forward into a knockout. This should result in more games for each member who enters but will still give a single trophy winner at the end of the season.

The number of blocks, and the number of players in each block, will depend on the number of entries but it is hoped that everyone who enters a competition will have a minimum of 4 block games. Players will be allocated to the blocks in such a way as to give an even spread of handicaps across the blocks.

Only full members will be eligible to play and the names of the interested players will be collected during April. The block games will start in May and the names of the players in each block will be put on the website and will also be displayed on a board in the clubhouse.

Where a competition has more than one block, the block stage will finish on Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> and the block ranking will then be based on a series of measures:

1. Total number of block points (3 for a win, 1 for a loss)
2. Nett games
3. Nett hoops
4. Who beat whom
5. Number of wins

If this does not give us the right numbers to go through to the knockout, the same calculations will be applied to a mini-block consisting only of those in contention.

In any competition that has a single block, the trophy will be awarded to the winner of the block. These competitions will finish on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>.

It is recognised that this will result in an increase in competition games, compared to previous seasons, but the number of club matches is greatly reduced this year and will not start until July.

Late entries will be accepted from players who become full members between the start of the season and Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the main competitions, there will also be a series of monthly blocks of Short Croquet, starting in May. These will be run in the same way as the winter Short Croquet blocks. Players will be ranked by handicap for the May blocks but can move up or down between the blocks at the end of each month. Provisional members will be able to join this competition.

The Competitor Trophy is awarded to the member with the most successful competitive performance in club teams and competitions. In 2021, these points will be given for:

- 1 Playing for a club team (2 points if the team wins, 1 if it loses)
- 2 The internal competitions
  - a. Block stages (3 points for winning a block, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - b. Knockout stages (1 point for each game played)
- 3 The Short Croquet monthly blocks (2 points for winning a block, 1 for 2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **Association Croquet – One 26-point, 3 hour game on a full-size lawn**

Advanced singles (President's Shield)

*Advanced rules Association croquet with no bisques.*

Open singles (Joseph Lewis Cup)

*Handicap rules Association croquet, no handicap limits.*

16+ singles (Christine Jarvis Rose Bowl)

*Handicap rules Association croquet, handicap 16 or more at start of season, Full Bisque, i.e. bisques are (handicap -11½).*

Open doubles (Brian Toomey Cup)

*Handicap rules, Association doubles croquet, no handicap limits.  
Partnerships are selected to pair high and low handicaps.  
Bisques may only be used by the high handicapper.*

### **Golf Croquet – Best of three, 13-point, 50 minute games on a full-size lawn**

Level Play singles (Salver)

*Golf croquet, no extra strokes.*

Open singles (Shield)

*Handicap Golf croquet, no handicap limits.*

High Handicap singles (Cup)

*Handicap Golf croquet, handicap over 9 at start of season.*

Open doubles (Shield)

*Handicap Golf doubles croquet, no handicap limits.  
Partnerships are selected to pair high and low handicaps.  
Extra turns calculated using the standard method for doubles.*