

Surrey County Bridge Association

Representative Events – Selection Policy and Qualification Criteria

National Events Qualified through SCBA

<p>Corwen Trophy (EBU Event)</p>	<p>The Corwen Trophy is the national inter-county pairs competition held in The Midlands over a weekend in late May or early June. Entry is open to the leading pairs in the current pairs championship of each County Association of the EBU. The number of pairs permitted from each County depends on its number of members. As Surrey CBA is one of the largest County Associations we are allowed to enter five pairs. The top five eligible pairs in our County Pairs Cup event are invited to represent Surrey. If a pair from the top five is not available, then we can go down the ranking list asking sixth place next, then seventh place if necessary, etc. There is an over-riding EBU rule than no pair scoring below 50% in the County Pairs can play in the Corwen.</p>
<p>Pachabo Cup (EBU Event)</p>	<p>The Pachabo Cup is the national inter-county teams of 4 held over a weekend in June. Entry is open only to the then current holders of the teams-of-four Championship of each County Association of the EBU or, if they are unavailable, and subject to the relevant county's approval, a combination of winners and runners up. As long as they have primary allegiance to Surrey CBA, the winners of the Lady Rose Cup Teams Knock Out competition are invited to represent Surrey.</p>
<p>Garden Cities Trophy (EBU Event)</p>	<p>The Garden Cities Trophy is the EBU's inter-county championship for club teams-of-eight. Surrey CBA is represented by the club that wins our Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8 competition. The winning Surrey club team plays in the South East regional final on a Saturday in May. The top two teams from the regional final qualify for the single day national final in June.</p>

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Tollemache Cup (EBU Event)	<p>The Tollemache Cup is the premier inter-county championships for teams of eight. Entry is open only to County Associations of the EBU and District Associations of the Welsh Bridge Union. The event is held over two weekends at central venues in The Midlands: a qualifying round is held in November; and the final is held in February. For the qualifying round, the teams are drawn into four pools and the top two teams from each pool qualify for the final. Surrey CBA sends a team every year. The Surrey team is selected by the Matches Sub-Committee. The Matches Sub-Committee is asked to select what it considers to be the strongest team available from players with Surrey CBA as their County of Primary Allegiance.</p>
Home Counties League	<p>This is an inter-county teams-of-eight competition for London and the Home Counties. It is aimed at county second team players who would not normally be expected to represent their counties in events such as the Tollemache Cup. Teams are allowed to field at most two Grand Masters in any one match. The team captains aim to select strong teams meeting these criteria. Matches are of 24 boards and are normally played at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club on weekday evenings. Surrey CBA enters two teams.</p>
Metropolitan Cup	<p>This a one day inter-county teams-of-8 event [until 2017 it was teams-of-12] for the counties in the South East of England, held during the</p>

	<p>Autumn. There are three divisions A, B & C. Surrey CBA enters a team in each division. The Matches Sub-Committee and the team captains are responsible for selecting the teams. For the A and B divisions, they are asked to select what they consider to be the strongest teams available from players with Surrey CBA as their County of Primary Allegiance Similar principles are used for the selection of players for the 'C' flight but this division is restricted – currently only players below the rank of Life Master are permitted to participate.</p>
Invitation Events	<p>Surrey CBA occasionally receives invitations from other Counties to participate in invitational events. Teams or pairs to represent Surrey in these competitions are selected by the Matches Sub-Committee whenever such invitations are received. When making such selections the Matches Sub-Committee takes into account strong performances in Surrey County events.</p>