

# KELVIN CUP

## Kelvin Cup Rules

### **1 Eligibility and Entry**

The Kelvin Cup is a team competition open to all players who are members of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union (the Union) at the date of entry. Entry should be made in writing to the Competition Secretary (the Secretary), or a person appointed by the Union to act in this capacity for this competition. Entries should be made by the date published on the website, using the form in the Schedule below. The entry fee should be paid within one week of entry closure either to the Secretary or to the Treasurer of the Union. Additional members may be added later subject to a maximum of 6 members on a team.

### **2 Method of Scoring**

The Kelvin Cup is scored by IMP's.  
A difference of 1 IMP is sufficient for a win.

### **3 Number of Boards**

The rounds up to the Semi-Finals are played over 32 boards.  
Semi-Finals are played over 48 boards.  
The Final is played over 64 boards.  
The Semi-Finals and the Final shall normally be played over two sessions. But it may be played over one by agreement of both captains.

### **4 Breaking of Ties**

In the event of a tie, this should be broken by comparing total aggregate scores.  
If the match is still tied, then four extra boards shall be played, four at a time until a result is obtained.

### **5 Composition of Teams**

A Team may consist of up to six players, but only four may take part in any one match. No player may play for more than one team. Any team who plays an ineligible member will forfeit the match. A player named by one team may play for another team, provided he has not played any boards for the first team.  
If the Final or Semi-Final are played over one session then only 4 players may play on that occasion.  
If the Final or Semi-Final are played over two sessions, up to six players may play, but only four may play in each session.

### **6 Choice of Dates**

The arrangement date shall be three weeks after the publication on the website of the Union of the draw for the first round, and thereafter shall be two weeks after the closing date for the previous round.  
The Captain of the first named Team is termed the Home Captain and has the choice of venue. The Home Captain is responsible for contacting the opposing Away Captain before the arrangement date and offering to him a choice of at least four dates, which must include at least 3 different days of the week, with no more than two days in any week. Failure to accept one of the offered dates will result in the away team forfeiting the match  
In the case of a two session match, the first named Captain is "at home" in the first session and the second name Captain is "at home" in the second session.

Matches may be played before the arrangement date but must be completed on or before the last date shown for playing.

If the Home Captain has not contacted the Away Captain with a choice of dates before the arrangement date, then the Secretary must be informed by the Away Captain, who must then offer the Home Captain a choice of three dates, one of which must be on a different day of the week to the other two, one of which the Home Captain must accept or he forfeits the match.

An extension to the time published will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. All such requests should be made to the Hon. Competitions Secretary before the final date published for arrangements to be made.

If it is not possible to arrange the match before the final date then the match must be played on the final date at a venue designated by the Secretary. A team not able to play that night treated as having forfeited the match.

Captains shall make every effort to honour agreed match dates. Cancellations shall be notified to the Secretary. A Captain shall be entitled to claim a match in the event of a second cancellation of a confirmed match by the opposing Captain.

## **7 Notification of Result**

The winning Captain is responsible for notifying the Secretary of the result, in IMP's, and the names of the players, in both teams, who played within 2 days of the match.

## **8 Disputes**

In all matters arising from or not specifically covered by these rules the power of decision rests with the Secretary

In the event that the Secretary is conflicted in a matter about which a decision is being sought, the power of decision shall be exercised by the Chairman of the Laws & Ethics Committee [the Chairman] and in the event that the Chairman is conflicted then by a member of the Laws & Ethics Committee agreed by the captains of the teams seeking a decision

Schedule  
ENTRY FORM

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Captain	----- e-mail address _ _ _ _ _ telephone number _ _ _ _ _
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Players	Master Point no
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Notes: [1] All players must be members of a club affiliated to the NIBU at the date of entry  
 [2] Entry fee of £    per team is due and payable on            2016  
 [3] Rules of the competition are published on the NIBU website