



2016

BEDS & HERTS ASSOCIATION CROQUET LEAGUE

<u>Round</u>	<u>To be completed by:</u>	<u>Home team</u>	<u>Away team</u>
1	1 st May	Enfield St. Albans Wrest Park	Letchworth Northampton Melgrave
2	22 nd May	Melgrave St. Albans	Letchworth Wrest Park
3	12 th June	Northampton Melgrave Watford	Watford St. Albans Enfield
4	3 rd July	Northampton Wrest Park Enfield	Wrest Park Watford St. Albans
5	24 th July	Letchworth Watford Wrest Park	Northampton Letchworth Enfield
6	14 th August	Northampton Melgrave Letchworth	Melgrave Enfield Wrest Park
7	11 th September	St. Albans Watford Enfield Letchworth	Watford Melgrave Northampton St. Albans

Clubs with only one court may choose to play “home” fixtures away. The schedule is for guidance only and you can reverse the venue if both sides agree. The idea is to play matches, not to win by default.

The participating teams are the same as in 2015. The Home and Away venues are therefore the opposite of last year’s schedule (though teams may switch venue if they both agree).

The East Anglian regional play-off between the Beds & Herts, Essex & Suffolk and Northern league winners will be at Colchester on Saturday 1st October.

Enfield were the Beds & Herts League winners in 2015.

The following match rules will apply:

- Teams of four.
- Doubles in the morning, singles in the afternoon in handicap order.
- Standard Handicap laws, **played to Base 10 for both singles and doubles**. (For doubles, this applies to the handicap of each pair calculated using the **newly revised 2016 method** - please refer to the CA's lookup table.)
- The maximum individual handicap allowed is 20. The team captain should ensure that handicaps are correct and that any new players have been assessed by the club handicapper in accordance with the CA Club Handbook.
- 3-hour time limit on all games when single-banked, or 3½ if double-banked.
- Visitors take their own lunch, home team to provide a light tea.
- No player may represent more than one club in the league in the season.

Where there is only one court it is suggested that the match involves teams of three instead, with a doubles and singles game in the morning and the same again in the afternoon but with a different doubles pairing. Otherwise when two courts are available please try to arrange 4-a-side matches, but if as a last resort a 3-a-side match is necessary then play the best of 5 games (am: 1 doubles and 1 singles, pm: 3 singles, no repeats).

The matches are scored with 2 points for a win, 1 point each for a draw, and the winner of the league is the club with the most points at the end of the season. If points are equal then the winner will be determined by the difference between the total number of games won and lost, and if that is tied then by the who-beat-whom rule, and if that is tied then by the number of matches won, and if that is tied then by a play-off or other means tba.

As usual you will be able to keep track of all the league results on the East Anglian Croquet Federation website at <http://www.angliacroquet.co.uk/>. You can also find there the full set of B&H League rules, and results from previous years in the archives.

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* Please report all the league match results to me promptly – normally the winning team’s responsibility. Thank you.

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