

## Fenland Knockout Rules

1. The Fenland Knockout consists of two separate tournaments, an Open (with no grading restrictions), and a 7000 Plate (where the aggregate team grade must not exceed 7000).
2. Both tournaments are played on a knockout basis. Clubs may enter both competitions and may field multiple teams in each competition.
3. Entries shall be submitted to the League Secretary by a date that he nominates. The draw for the first round of both competitions shall be included in the fixture list: subsequent rounds will be played on dates agreed by the contestants within deadlines set by the tournament controller.
4. Teams shall consist of four players and should be played in order of strength (subject to the 112-point tolerance allowed by the League rules). Players graded under 1375 may play in any order among themselves. Players graded under 1300 shall be regarded as having a grade of 1300 for the purposes of calculating the 7000-rating limit in the Plate tournament.
5. Players should be bona fide members of the club they represent. Where a player is a member of more than one club, he may play for a different club to that which he represents in the League or Team 7000, and may play for different clubs in the Fenland Open and Plate competitions. However, he may not play for both clubs in the same competition.
6. The Fenland Open and Plate competitions are separate so players may play in both competitions. However, where a club enters more than one team in either the Open or the Plate players may not play for the other team in that competition. So if one team is knocked out in the Open, for example, that team's members cannot switch to the remaining Open team.
7. In the event of a draw the winners will be decided on board count and, if that is also equal, board elimination. If all four games are drawn the match will be replayed with venue and colours reversed.
8. The Association's League rules will apply in respect to starting time, time limits, match conduct, quick play finish rules and resolution of disputes. However, colours will be determined on the night, the winning captain having choice of colours on the odd-numbered boards.