



2021

BEDS & HERTS

ASSOCIATION CROQUET LEAGUE

<u>Round</u>	<u>To be completed by:</u>	<u>Home team</u>	<u>Away team</u>
1	6 th June	Letchworth Watford Northampton	St. Albans Enfield Wrest Park
2	27 th June	Watford Wrest Park St. Albans	Letchworth Enfield Northampton
3	25 th July	Enfield St. Albans Northampton	Letchworth Wrest Park Watford
4	22 nd August	Enfield Letchworth St. Albans	Northampton Wrest Park Watford
5	19 th September	Wrest Park Enfield Letchworth	Watford St. Albans Northampton

Clubs with only one court may choose to play “home” fixtures away. The schedule is for guidance only. The idea is to play matches, not to win by default.

With the absence of Meldreth this year there are only 5 rounds instead of 7, and no byes. The Home and Away venues are the same as they would have been in 2020 had the play been possible last year, and are therefore the opposite venues to the last matches played in 2019. As usual, teams may switch venue if they both agree. Furthermore the fixtures in the first round have been arranged to minimise travel.

The date and venue of the East Anglian regional play-off between the Beds & Herts, Essex & Suffolk and Northern league has not yet been decided.

St. Albans were the Beds & Herts League winners in 2019.

The usual match rules will apply, on the assumption that any remaining Covid-19 restrictions follow the “rule of 6” per court or better:

- Teams of four (or three if only 1 court is available).
- Doubles in the morning, singles in the afternoon in handicap order.
- Standard Handicap laws, **played to Base 10 for both singles and doubles**. 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 3¼ if double-banked.
- Visitors take their own lunch, home team to provide a light tea *but only when Covid restrictions permit any catering*.
- 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 <https://angliacroquet.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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