



# 2024

## BEDS & HERTS

### ASSOCIATION CROQUET LEAGUE

<u>Round</u>	<u>To be completed by:</u>	<u>Home team</u>	<u>Away team</u>
1	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Enfield Wrest Park Watford	Northampton Letchworth St. Albans
2	9 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Albans Watford Northampton	Enfield Wrest Park Letchworth
3	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Enfield Letchworth Northampton	Watford St. Albans Wrest Park
4	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Enfield Letchworth St. Albans	Wrest Park Watford Northampton
5	8 <sup>th</sup> September	Letchworth Wrest Park Watford	Enfield St. Albans Northampton

Clubs with only one court may choose to play “home” fixtures away. The schedule is for guidance only, and matches can be played on any mutually agreed date before the nominal deadline. The idea is to play matches, not to win by default.

The Home and Away venues are the opposite to the venues of the matches played in 2023 except where needed to balance the home and away fixtures for each club. As usual, teams may switch venue if they both agree.

The venue of the East Anglian regional play-off between the Beds & Herts, Essex & Suffolk and Northern league is **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at Peterborough.

Wrest Park were the Beds & Herts League winners in 2023.

The usual match rules will apply:

- 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 **increased to 24**. 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.
- No player may represent more than one club in the league in the season.
- (NEW) Either pair in a doubles game may choose to play Alternate Stroke Doubles.

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. Only the number of games won and lost is needed; individual game scores and lists of players are not required. Thank you.

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