

Taunton Deane Croquet Club Competitions 2024

As in 2023, all of the main competitions (listed below) will have a block structure. Where required, a playoff will be held between the top four from the blocks. This will give a single trophy winner at the end of the season.

Players will be allocated in such a way as to give an even spread of handicaps across the blocks.

Only full members will be eligible to play, and the block games will start in May. The names of the players in each block will be put on the website and will also be displayed on a board in the clubhouse.

Where a competition has more than one block, the block stage will finish on Sunday August 25th and the block ranking will then be based on a series of measures:

1. Total number of block points (3 for a win, 1 for a loss)
2. Nett games
3. Nett hoops (GC) or who beat whom (AC)
4. Who beat whom (GC) or net hoops (AC)
5. Number of wins

If this does not give us the right numbers to go through to the knockout, the same calculations will be applied to a mini-block consisting only of those in contention.

In any competition that has a single block, the trophy will be awarded to the winner of the block. These competitions will finish on Sunday September 1st.

Late entries will be accepted from players who become full members between the start of the season and the end of June.

Short Croquet (Rose Bowl)

In addition to the main competitions, there will also be a series of monthly blocks of Short Croquet, starting in May. Players will be ranked by handicap for the May blocks but can move up or down between the blocks at the end of each month.

Competitor Trophy

The Competitor Trophy is awarded to the member with the most successful competitive performance in club teams and competitions. In 2024, these points will be given for:

- 1 Playing for a club team (2 points if the team wins, 1 if it loses)
This includes the Short Croquet teams tournaments and the Champion of Champions tournament.
- 2 The internal competitions
 - a. Block stages (3 points for winning a block, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd)
 - b. Knockout stages (1 point for each game played)
- 3 The Short Croquet monthly blocks (2 points for winning a block, 1 for 2nd)

Association Croquet – One 26-point, 3-hour game on a full-size lawn

Advanced singles (President's Shield)

Advanced rules, Association croquet with no bisques.

Open singles (Joseph Lewis Cup)

Handicap rules, Association croquet, no handicap limits.

Open doubles (Brian Toomey Cup)

Handicap rules, doubles Association croquet, no handicap limits.

Partnerships are selected to pair high and low handicaps.

If both of the teams agree, then the games may be played as Alternate strokes doubles. Otherwise, the games will be standard doubles and the bisques may only be used by the high handicapper.

Golf Croquet – Best of three, 13-point, untimed games on a full-size lawn

(If both sides prefer, the games may be timed, with a limit of 50 mins or more.)

Level Play Open singles (Salver)

Golf croquet, no extra strokes.

Open singles (Shield)

Handicap Golf croquet, no handicap limits. (Extra Strokes, but untimed Advantage may be played if both agree.)

High Handicap singles (Over 9 Cup)

Handicap Golf croquet, handicaps of 10 and above at the start of the season. (Extra Strokes, but untimed Advantage may be played if both agree.)

Open doubles (Shield)

Handicap doubles Golf croquet, no handicap limits.

Partnerships are selected to pair high and low handicaps.

Extra strokes calculated using the standard method for doubles.