

## Taunton Deane Croquet Club Competitions 2026

All of the main competitions 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. There is no charge for entering these competitions.

Players will be allocated so 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. If two or more players have the same number of block points, then their order will depend on the games that they played against each other:
  - a. Nett games
  - b. Nett hoops (GC) or who beat whom (AC)
  - c. Who beat whom (GC) or net hoops (AC)
  - d. Number of wins

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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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) – 14-point, 75-minute game on a ½-size court**

In addition to the main competitions, there will also be a series of monthly blocks of Short Croquet, from May to August. 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, for which all members will automatically be entered, is awarded to the member with the most successful competitive performance in club teams and competitions. In 2026, these points will be given for:

- 1 Playing for a club league team (2 points if the team wins, 1 if it loses).
- 2 Playing in, or managing, the Short Croquet teams tournaments, our internal tournaments and the GC Seeded Challenge tournament. (2 points each for the manager and the winner, otherwise 1). There is an entry charge of £5 for each internal tournament.
- 3 The internal competitions
  - a. Block stages (3 points for winning a block, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 for 3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - b. Knockout stages (1 point for each game played)
- 4 The Short Croquet monthly blocks (2 points for winning a block, 1 for 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## The Block Competitions

### **Association Croquet – One 26-point, 3-hour game on a full-size court**

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, Alternate Strokes Doubles Association croquet, no handicap limits.*

*Entries can be as a pair or as individuals. Individuals will be paired by the manager to put high and low handicappers together.*

### **Golf Croquet – Best of three, 13-point, 50-minute timed games on a full-size court**

(If both sides prefer, the games may have a longer time limit or be untimed.)

Level Play Open singles (Salver)

*Golf Croquet, no extra strokes.*

Open singles (Shield)

*Handicap Golf Croquet, no handicap limits.*

*(Advantage, but Extra Strokes 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.*

*(Advantage, but Extra Strokes may be played if both agree.)*

Open doubles (Shield)

*Handicap doubles Golf Croquet, no handicap limits.*

*Entries can be as a pair or as individuals. Individuals will be paired by the manager to put high and low handicappers together.*

*(Advantage, but Extra Strokes may be played if both agree.)*

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