

Firstly, we have established a team and completed the registration sheet. However, there are no instructions on how to get it, together with the fees, to you. How do you wish us to do this. **The registration form can be emailed or I can collect and give a receipt for the players fee.**

Secondly, we have a number of questions regarding interpretation of the rules. We are aware from experience that different teams play to different rules, and it has always been necessary to agree a common set prior to playing other teams. Clearly, with the establishment of a league there is a need for us all to be clear on what the rules are in advance, removing the possibility of disagreements during play. Therefore, can you please clarify the following points (by return of email please so we have something to show other teams):

1.If someone over counts (claims a higher score than they have in their hand), and this is highlighted by the opponent, are there any consequences or sanctions that apply?

**If someone over counts then the correct score only shall be taken. If a player persistently over counts then this should be brought to the notice of the captain of the opposition and the leg will be awarded to the other player.**

2.Can partners in doubles help each other in identifying points in each other's hands?

**As the league is being established a doubles partner may for this season help identify points in their partners hand. This will also avoid I hope the situation mentioned in 1.**

3.Can you clarify if muggins rule must be followed or not (the rules are particularly unspecific on this)?

**As stated the muggins rule applies but can be ignored by teams in the spirit of friendship. Should a player decide to invoke this then they will not be thought as not acting in the spirit of friendship as it is after all part of the rules of crib.**

4. The example of a run in the rules shows a sequential run. Do runs have to be sequential (5,6,7) or can they also be non-sequential (5,7,6)?

**Runs can be either of the above, including longer runs.**

5. The example of a flush in the hand (as opposed to the box) describes a 4-card flush. Can you confirm that either a 4 card flush in the hand, or a 5-card flush to include the turn card are both allowed?

**A flush in the hand can be either the four cards in the hand plus an extra point for the face card but a box flush must be all five cards.**

6.The reference to points on the score sheet needs clarification. Either all points are added up for the 3 games (i.e. a maximum of 363 if a player wins all three hands), or one point is awarded for each win (i.e 3 if a player wins all three hands). Can you clarify please? We assume all 3 games must be played each time.

**The score is for each game won regardless of the margin of the win. A player who wins all three games, which must be played rule 6.3, will achieve five points (1 for each leg plus two for the game win) and a player who wins 2-1 will receive 4 points (1 for each leg and two for the game) and the losing player will receive one point for the leg they won.**

7. It would be helpful if a player has to call their score in detail (15 two, 15 four etc) rather than just call the overall score each time a hand is played. This would facilitate checking by the opponent(s). Can this be required in the rules please? Should players cut for box each time a game is started, or does it pass in clockwise order for the three games?

**Most players call their hand out as mentioned above but the cards are visible for the opponent to count as this way only can the situation you mention in your first two questions occur. The deal after the first cut alternates as rule 5.1c**

8. Some teams have a rule that when a miss deal is made (e.g. too many cards dealt), the dealer loses the deal and the box/deal moves to the player on the left. Is this to be in the rules or not?

**At this time the cards will be dealt again without penalty but may be added in future leagues.**

9. Can you claim "one for his nob" if it is the only point in your hand?

**Yes**

10. Can you claim "two for his heels: if your peg is in the last block of the board?

**Yes**

I'm sorry that there are so many questions on the rules, but I am sure you appreciate the need for everyone to have a common understanding of the rules if the league is to be enjoyable and conflict-free for all concerned.

Thanks in advance for your help