



BCPC Key Information/Fact Sheet

What is BCPC

Well, it stands for Black Country Poker Club. Which is a group of individuals that enjoy playing recreational poker at all levels. We host the games in a local pub usually on a Friday night at 7.30pm once a month. There are two seasons a year. Each one runs for six months with one game each month (but this can sometimes be changed via notification on our Facebook and WhatsApp groups).

Once a month, if possible after each league game, there will be a newsletter (several hard copies left on the poker tables, also an online copy) with updates and general information.

We welcome newcomers at any time, even if a season is underway.

Communication channels

- BCPC has a website: blackcountrypokerclub.org/home
- Facebook private group: BCPC Season 28 Members (each new season the name will change accordingly)
- Facebook public group: Black Country Poker Club
- WhatsApp group: By invitation

The Main League

The main league takes place over six games (one game per month) but only the best four finishes count to the final points total. The aim is to accumulate the points which are converted into seats into higher value poker tournaments (eg GUKPT or Goliath). Scoring points also allows you to be eligible to represent BCPC in other live tournaments. These tournaments often take place at other venues, such as a casino or hosted by another poker group.

Subs for a season are £100 per person, and these need to be paid in three instalments in games 1, 2 and 3 (£30, £40, £30). Subs can be paid earlier if you want. Some people pay the whole £100 upfront by bank transfer.

The subs are put into a pot which, as mentioned above, then funds entries into bigger value tournaments for those players finishing in the top 8-10 places in the league (depending on how many players we get in total).

If a player then cashes in one of these tournaments then they receive the buy-in back plus 50% of the remaining amount (see the club's constitution for more details).

Seats won must be played within two years.



Example only – season 26 Top 10 Finishers:

1 st place £1,000	6 th place £250
2 nd place £750	7 th place £200
3 rd place £500	8 th place £200
4 th place £300	9 th place £150
5 th place £300	10 th place £150

A player receives an official club ranking they have played two seasons.

League Games

£10 is paid for each game (though games 1 and 4 have an additional £10 bounty cost) which goes towards the prize pool for that game (ie It is separate from the pool generated by the subs for end-of-season payouts). £2 is collected from each player to pay the dealers.

Players sitting in Seat 1 are asked to deal unless someone else volunteers to deal.

High Hand and BAPWAC

The other things to mention, is that we have:

- a **high hand pot** – which costs £1 to enter each game and you win 75% if the pot if you get 4 jacks or better (don't need to get to showdown but do need to use both hole cards)
- Bag a Pair Win a Chair (BAPWAC)** – where you pay £2, once we have a £50 pot we deal two cards to every player who has entered. We do this three times to build a £150 pot. All those that get a pair 'play' one hand of 6-card PLO and the winner gets a £150 seat. You can have as many entries as you want though most people have two.

Paying for Subs and Games

All subs and game fees must be paid by bank transfer in advance of each game. The BCPC bank details are:

Account Number: 48595968 Sort Code: 30-98-97

So, the minimum we need before game 1 would be $30 + 10 + 10 + 2 = £52$.

If you paid all subs in one go it would be $100 + 10 + 10 + 2 = £122$.

And if you paid all games upfront too then it'd be $100 + 60 + 20 + 12 = £192$.

Finally, if you wanted to play the high hand and two BAPWACs each game it would be $192 + 30 = £222$.



League Games – Structure

Game 1 – NLHE 8000 chip starting stack plus £10 bounty per player

Game 2 – NLHE 8000 chip starting stack

Game 3 – NLHE 8000 chip starting stack

Game 4 – NLHE 8000 chip starting stack plus £10 (mystery) bounty per player

Game 5 – NLHE 8000 chip starting stack

Game 6 – NLHE 8000 chip starting stack

Blind Level Structure

30 minute levels for three levels. Dinner break. 25 minute levels from level 4 onwards. This applies to all games.

None of the standard league tournaments are re-buys or add-ons.

BCPC Clothing

Twice a year (once per season) we will take individual orders for club clothing. There is a choice of a red/black/white polo shirts priced at approx. £16.50 and a red hoodie priced at £25. Sizes are from Small to Double XL, but if you require anything larger, we recommend you buy the top yourself, which we will be able to get our club motif embroidered on to. (There will still be a small charge, however, in order to do this.)

Also prior to any team event which BCPC take part in, if you are playing for one of the BCPC teams then we will place a separate order for polo shirts should you not already have one. Hopefully we will be putting together an order form, which you will be able to download and print off, returning to either Liam Pickering or Di Farrell. Monies should be then sent to the club for these items.

Tournament director

Brian Yates is the de-facto tournament director. In his absence he will nominate a committee member as a temporary tournament director.

Committee Members

The current Committee is made up as follows:

Chair: Brian Yates

Non-exec Member: Steve Healey

Non-exec Member Craig Standen

Non-exec Member: Di Farrell

Treasurer/Secretary: Tod Wood

Non-exec Member: Liam Pickering



Other tournaments

As well as the main live league, we have:

- **BCPC Premier League** – this is an annual online league open to BCPC members and non-members. The final table is played live.
- **BCPC Summer Deepstack** – again open to BCPC members and non-members, this is an annual tournament (June/July time) with £55 buy in and deep structure that gets between 20 and 40 runners.
- **Summer Sizzler** – a three-game PLO tournament held over the summer months, £25 to enter and each game has a £10-£15 entry fee
- **Champion of champions event** – an annual event where anyone who has won a league game or any other tournament in the year plays in the memorial champion of champions event. Note that 10% of all games' prize money is withheld to pay for the prize pool.
- **BCPC Team Championships** – an annual event where the BCPC battles it out with other teams from across the country, such as LPPL and Hendon Mob.
- **Champions League** – occasional event where the BCPC goes up against another club – the team is made up of the top 10-15 players from the preceding season.
- **BCPC25** – Pay extra into games (eg £20 last longer for the monthly game) to build chips up for a live poker tournament where we aim to get the winner an EPT Main Event package. Ask Brian Yates if you'd like more details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of our committee members.