



LOHANA SPORTS FESTIVAL 2026 • MAHAJAN SHIELD

POOL DAY. YOUR GUIDE.

Saturday 12 September at the RCT Centre, Harrow.
Everything you need before you pick up a cue: when to arrive, how the draw works and who you play first.

Jai Shree Krishna! Thirty-one of you, three trophies, one Shield. You have already scored a point for your mahajan just by entering. Now come and win some frames. Raghu



9:00am

ARRIVE AND SIGN IN

9:30am

PLAY STARTS

Afternoon

DOUBLES, THEN
FINALS

5:00pm

HALL CLOSES

Where

RCT Centre (Raghuvanshi Charitable Trust)

Bridleway, Headstone Lane, Harrow
HA2 6NG

Five tables. Bring your own cue if you prefer, or use the hall's. Scan for the map and photos of the entrance.



MAP

Three events

Singles Under 50 · 12 players

Singles Over 50 · 19 players

Doubles · 13 pairs

Under 50 starts in groups so everyone plays at least twice. Best of three early, best of five from the quarters.

Every entry is a Shield point

5 points for a win, 3 for a final, and 1 for every person who plays. Sixteen mahajans, one shield, decided on Festival Day, Sunday 20 September. Your point is already on the board.



ON THE DAY

Pool leads **Nanubhai Suchak** and **Dilipbhai Kotecha** · Draw and questions before Saturday: **Neil Morjaria** 07973 793120



RESULTS





FORMAT

Straight knockout, three events

Frames

Group and early-round matches are best of three frames. Quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals are best of five, in all three events. No time limit on a match; play it out.

Two brackets

Singles is split by age on 12 September. Under 50 opens with groups of three, then a knockout. Over 50 is a straight knockout. Doubles is one open draw. Names on pages 3 and 4.

Five tables

Both singles brackets run side by side across five tables. Doubles starts once the singles rounds are through, and the finals close the day.

TIMETABLE

The shape of the day

WHEN	WHAT IS HAPPENING
9:00am	Arrive and sign in at the desk. Settle any fee still owing and find your name on the wall draw.
9:30am	Play starts. Under 50 groups and Over 50 first round run side by side. Over 50 byes join in the second round.
Early afternoon	Doubles begins once the singles rounds are through. Both partners need to be in the hall.
Mid afternoon	Quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals, best of five. Stay and watch, the finals are the best part.
5:00pm	Hall closes. Results and photographs, then everyone out.

There is no fixed clock beyond the start. Matches are called as tables free up, so stay in the hall and listen for your name. If you are not there when called, the table goes to the next match.

**Fees**

Singles £10, doubles £15 a pair, both £25. Most of you have paid online. If the desk says something is owing, it is taken at sign-in, card or cash.

Family and friends

Spectators are free and very welcome. Anyone who registers at the desk as a supporter scores a Shield point for their mahajan, so bring them.

Age brackets

Under 50 and Over 50 are set by your age on 12 September. If you think you are in the wrong bracket, say so at sign-in, not at the table.

House rules

One metre clear behind every cue line. Cues carried tip up, never left leaning on a table. Bags and coats to the side, not under the tables. Spectators stand back from the shooting end. Shake hands before and after. Volunteer scorers keep the frames. Any dispute goes to the desk, and the lead's decision is final.

Bring, and what is laid on

Your own cue and chalk if you prefer; otherwise the hall provides them. No dress code. Tea and croissants in the morning, drinks through the day, and a pizza lunch by donation. Fees still owing are taken at the desk, card or cash. Under-18s need a parent or guardian in the hall all day.



SINGLES · PLAY FROM 9:30AM

Find your name

Under 50 starts with round-robin groups of three, so everyone gets at least two matches. Over 50 is a straight knockout; a bye means you sit out round one and start in the second round. Early rounds best of three, then best of five.

UNDER 50 · 12 PLAYERS · GROUPS FIRST

GROUP A · EACH PLAYS THE OTHER TWO

Rahul Thakrar	Leicester
Rajiv Chande	North London
Rayan Magdani	North London

GROUP B · EACH PLAYS THE OTHER TWO

Shivaan Popat	North London
Bhavik Vithalani	Leicester
Shenal Devani	North London

GROUP C · EACH PLAYS THE OTHER TWO

Shayan Kataria	North London
Suchit Karia	North London
Khushal Morjaria	North London

GROUP D · EACH PLAYS THE OTHER TWO

Aash Magdani	North London
Neil Morjaria	North London
Pritesh Gandechea	North London

Groups · round robin, every match best of three, so everyone plays at least twice. Group places by matches won, then frames difference, then the result between the two players. **Top two in each group** go to the quarter-finals: winner of A v runner-up of B, winner B v runner-up A, winner C v runner-up D, winner D v runner-up C. Quarters, semis and final are best of five.

Rules of the game

Balls. Cue ball, seven reds, seven yellows, one black 8-ball, racked in a triangle with the black in the centre.

Break. Coin toss for the break. The first player to legally pot a red or a yellow is on that colour; the opponent takes the other.

Legal shot. Every shot must pot a ball or drive a ball to a cushion.

Fouls. Potting the cue ball, potting the black before your colours are cleared, or an illegal break. After a foul the opponent has ball in hand, anywhere on the table.

Winning. Clear your colour, then legally pot the black.

OVER 50 · 19 PLAYERS

1	Vinod Raithatha North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
2	Prakash Suchdev North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
3	Nitin Rajdev North London	v Sanjay Tanna North London
4	Suresh Vadera North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
5	Dilip Kotecha North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
6	Vikram Manek North London	v Vinod Chande North London
7	Prakash Khagram North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
8	Mahesh Gandechea North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
9	Paresh Rajani North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
10	Kirit Manek West London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
11	Biral Devani North London	v Suresh Raithatha North London
12	Sudhir Thakerar North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
13	Naishad Teli South West & Wales	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
14	Dinesh Nathwani North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
15	Ashok Tanna North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
16	Paras Patani West London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>

Over 50 second round · winner 1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8, 9 v 10, 11 v 12, 13 v 14, 15 v 16, best of three. Quarter-finals, semi-finals and final are best of five. Age is taken on 12 September; if you think you are in the wrong bracket, tell the desk when you sign in.



DOUBLES · EARLY AFTERNOON

Thirteen pairs, one trophy

Doubles starts once the singles rounds are through. Both partners sign in at the desk in the morning. Round one is best of three; quarter-finals follow straight on (winner 1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8), then semi-finals and the final, all best of five.

1	Ashok Tanna & Dilip Kotecha North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
2	Suresh Raithatha & Vinod Raithatha North London	v Khushal Morjaria & Shivaan Popat North London
3	Suresh Vadera & Vinod Chande North London	v Prakash Khagram & Dinesh Nathwani North London
4	Aash Magdani & Rayan Magdani North London	v Rajiv Chande & Naishad Teli North London / South West & Wales
5	Neil Morjaria & Shenal Devani North London	v Paras Patani & Biral Devani West London / North London
6	Prakash Suchdev & Sudhir Thakerar North London	v Pritesh Gandechea & Mahesh Gandechea North London
7	Paresh Rajani & Suchit Karia North London	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>
8	Rahul Thakrar & Bhavik Vithalani Leicester	<i>bye, straight into the next round</i>

How to play the day well

Stay in the hall between matches, because a table is filled the moment it frees up and a missing player forfeits. Shake hands before and after every frame. Spectators are welcome and free, and every spectator who registers at the desk scores a Shield point for their mahajan, so bring the family. Photographs from the day go on lcuk.org.uk and LCUK social channels; tell the desk if you would rather not be in them.

If you cannot make it

Tell Neil on 07973 793120 before 8:30am Saturday so your opponent gets a walkover and the table is not held.

Results

Every result goes on the wall and on lcuk.org.uk/results by Saturday evening, and the Shield table updates with it.



Two more dates. The Golf Day is Saturday 19 September at Stanmore Golf Club, and Festival Day is Sunday 20 September in Hatfield: eleven sports, the Antakshari and the first Mahajan Shield. Entries for both close at 10pm on Sunday 13 September. If you have family who play, sing or swing a club, send them to lcuk.org.uk/registration before Sunday night. Every name is a point. Raghu