EBU

RealBridge instructions

1 Introduction

These instructions are for EBU events online using RealBridge without screens. There are separate documents for EBU events with screens: RealBridge with screens and RealBridge-OODGP-screens

2 RealBridge

2.1 Instructions

RealBridge uses computer video and audio for communication between players. Player can and should test their video/audio by logging into the system in advance.

Players are required to use video and audio during play. If you develop problems with audio/video, you will be allowed to continue to play using text until you have time to try to sort it out, rather than delaying play.

It may be necessary to refresh the video feed every hour or so: this can be done (without logging out) by clicking the refresh button on your name bar.

2.2 Good Behaviour

Please remember that your opponent will have sight of you whenever you are logged in at a table and always act accordingly – opponents can hear and see what is going on in the room around you.

If a player at the table, [online,] behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A.

2.3 Alerting/Announcing/Explaining

All EBU events on RealBridge without screens follow face-to-face alerting rules.

Calls are alerted by the partner of player making the call, using the alert strip. Calls are announced by the partner of the player making the call making a verbal announcement– it is not necessary to click the Alert strip for announcements.

Follow-up questions should be made verbally to the partner of the player who made the call.

Bids and passes above 3NT should be alerted only if required by the face-to-face rules.

2.4 Calling the TD

When the TD is called only the player who called the TD should speak. The TD can then ask questions of the different players, before instructing the table how to proceed.

If the TD appears at the table and you did not call the TD, please wait to be asked to speak – so that the table does not all speak at once.

3 General Regulations

3.1 System Cards

EBU events on RealBridge without screens are EBU level 4.

For the convenience of opponents, you should have an online system card (EBU20B) and should load this card to each RealBridge session or exchange a link to your system with your opponents at the start of each round.

You can upload your PDF system card to My EBU > Utilities > System Cards
– and obtain a link to provide to opponents.

In Level 4 you must use EBU system card (you may not use WBF system cards, which are only permitted in EBU Level 5 events).

3.2 Online Regulations

The EBU Blue Book (section 9) applies. In particular:

- Players may consult their own system card and other notes at any stage (9A1)
- UNDOs are permitted in the auction but not in the play (9C1)

    If there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, the TD should be called if there is any doubt. The TD will rule whether Law 25A applies and if so, will instruct the opponents to accept the request.

    If the opponents accept the request for an UNDO, without calling the TD, they will usually be deemed to have accepted the replacement call (Law 25B1 – 'the second call stands and the auction continues').