

Tournament Committee Questionnaire (TC - 2009)

RESPONSES: 435

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INTRODUCTION PAGE

The EBU is gathering information on its membership to understand more about its profile and its bridge preferences. This will enable us to communicate more effectively with our members and continue to develop appropriate competitions for all our members. We would be extremely grateful if you would complete the following questionnaire. Before completing the survey, please read our <http://www.ebu.co.uk/publications/Official%20Documents/EBU%20privacy%20policy.pdf> target="pp">Privacy Policy and be assured that no personal data will be sold or given to any third party. Don't forget to put in your EBU membership number to qualify for the draw for the Barcelo weekend break. Thank you for your time.

THE SORT OF EVENTS YOU LIKE

1 Do you prefer pairs or teams events

	TOTAL	422	GROSS	NETT
Pairs		108	24.83%	25.59%
Teams		158	36.32%	37.44%
No strong preference		156	35.86%	36.97%

2 What is your favourite sort of competition

	TOTAL	424	GROSS	NETT
Duplicate pairs		52	11.95%	12.26%
Swiss pairs		82	18.85%	19.34%
Multiple teams		33	7.59%	7.78%
Swiss teams		109	25.06%	25.71%
K/O teams		55	12.64%	12.97%
Butler pairs		25	5.75%	5.90%
Other		4	0.92%	0.94%
No strong preference		64	14.71%	15.09%

3 Would you like to see more Butler Pairs (scored by IMP'ing your scores on each board against an average of the field)

	TOTAL	420	GROSS	NETT
Yes		192	44.14%	45.71%
No		148	34.02%	35.24%
Don't know		80	18.39%	19.05%

4 Do you like to play in events with a lot of strong players in the field

	TOTAL	423	GROSS	NETT
Yes		287	65.98%	67.85%
No		27	6.21%	6.38%
Not bothered either way		109	25.06%	25.77%

5 In terms of the number of EBU events there should be

	TOTAL	418	GROSS	NETT
More		85	19.54%	20.33%
About the same		285	65.52%	68.18%
Less		48	11.03%	11.48%

6 In terms of EBU events open only to players of about your own standard/ability there should be

	TOTAL	419	GROSS	NETT
More		152	34.94%	36.28%
About the same		220	50.57%	52.51%
Less		47	10.80%	11.22%

7 It has been suggested the EBU should run one or two additional, weeklong, bridge festivals in the summer, similar to Brighton, at say Scarborough and Torquay. If this happened would you be likely to:

	TOTAL	423	GROSS	NETT
Enter both the new festivals		35	8.05%	8.27%
Enter one		175	40.23%	41.37%
Enter neither		213	48.97%	50.35%

THINGS THAT AFFECT WHETHER YOU PLAY IN EBU EVENTS

8 Below is a list of factors that we believe affect attendance at EBU events. Please indicate in the boxes, using the scale provided, how strongly each affects your inclination to take part.

Cost	TOTAL	420	GROSS	NETT
Greatly		61	14.02%	14.52%
To considerable extent		113	25.98%	26.90%

To a small but significant extent	164	37.70%	39.05%
Hardly at all	82	18.85%	19.52%

Insufficient free time

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	418	15.40%	16.03%
To considerable extent	67	19.54%	20.33%
To a small but significant extent	85	23.68%	24.64%
Hardly at all	103	37.47%	39.00%

Travelling distance

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	413	25.06%	26.39%
To considerable extent	109	33.10%	34.87%
To a small but significant extent	144	27.82%	29.30%
Hardly at all	121	8.97%	9.44%

Format of events

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	411	15.63%	16.55%
To considerable extent	68	24.14%	25.55%
To a small but significant extent	105	25.29%	26.76%
Hardly at all	110	29.43%	31.14%

Not enough chance of doing well

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	419	3.91%	4.06%
To considerable extent	17	5.75%	5.97%
To a small but significant extent	25	18.16%	18.85%
Hardly at all	79	68.51%	71.12%

Not enough chance of winning Master Points

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	418	2.53%	2.63%
To considerable extent	11	7.13%	7.42%
To a small but significant extent	31	15.63%	16.27%
Hardly at all	68	70.80%	73.68%

Attitude of some other competitors

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	422	10.80%	11.14%
To considerable extent	47	10.11%	10.43%
To a small but significant extent	44	25.52%	26.30%
Hardly at all	111	50.57%	52.13%

Venues

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	421	15.17%	15.68%
To considerable extent	66	27.36%	28.27%
To a small but significant extent	119	34.94%	36.10%
Hardly at all	152	19.31%	19.95%

Locations

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	414	23.91%	25.12%
To considerable extent	104	34.02%	35.75%

To a small but significant extent	115	26.44%	27.78%
Hardly at all	47	10.80%	11.35%

Being reminded an event is taking place

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	26	5.98%	6.18%
To considerable extent	38	8.74%	9.03%
To a small but significant extent	102	23.45%	24.23%
Hardly at all	255	58.62%	60.57%

9 Below is a list of factors that we believe affect entry to EBU K/O events.

Cost

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	69	15.86%	16.47%
To considerable extent	68	15.63%	16.23%
To a small but significant extent	115	26.44%	27.45%
Hardly at all	167	38.39%	39.86%

Difficulty finding suitable team mates

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	72	16.55%	17.39%
To considerable extent	105	24.14%	25.36%
To a small but significant extent	103	23.68%	24.88%
Hardly at all	134	30.80%	32.37%

Travelling distance

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	96	22.07%	23.24%
To considerable extent	112	25.75%	27.12%
To a small but significant extent	141	32.41%	34.14%
Hardly at all	64	14.71%	15.50%

Difficulty arranging matches

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	85	19.54%	20.38%
To considerable extent	120	27.59%	28.78%
To a small but significant extent	142	32.64%	34.05%
Hardly at all	70	16.09%	16.79%

Attitude of some other competitors

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	46	10.57%	11.00%
To considerable extent	43	9.89%	10.29%
To a small but significant extent	120	27.59%	28.71%
Hardly at all	209	48.05%	50.00%

Not enough chance of doing well

	TOTAL	GROSS	NETT
Greatly	22	5.06%	5.30%
To considerable extent	37	8.51%	8.92%
To a small but significant extent	85	19.54%	20.48%
Hardly at all	271	62.30%	65.30%

Not enough chance of winning Master Points

	TOTAL	417	GROSS	NETT
Greatly		15	3.45%	3.60%
To considerable extent		31	7.13%	7.43%
To a small but significant extent		58	13.33%	13.91%
Hardly at all		313	71.95%	75.06%

10 It has been suggested that the EBU should hold the first two rounds of some knockout events (e.g. NICKO) on a specific day at a nearby club so that nobody had to travel more than about 50-60 miles. Would that make you:

	TOTAL	414	GROSS	NETT
More likely to enter		211	48.51%	50.97%
Less likely to enter		43	9.89%	10.39%
No difference		160	36.78%	38.65%

VENUES, LOCATIONS AND ORGANISATION

11 In general would you like the EBU to use hotels that

	TOTAL	416	GROSS	NETT
Have better facilities and are therefore more expensive		42	9.66%	10.10%
About the same as now		234	53.79%	56.25%
Have lesser facilities and are therefore less expensive		140	32.18%	33.65%

12 For events you are travelling to and from in a day, your preferred starting time would be

	TOTAL	421	GROSS	NETT
11:30		135	31.03%	32.07%
12:00		90	20.69%	21.38%
12:30		37	8.51%	8.79%
13:00		94	21.61%	22.33%
13:30		18	4.14%	4.28%
14:00		28	6.44%	6.65%
no preference		19	4.37%	4.51%

13 For events you are staying for, your preferred starting time would be

	TOTAL	413	GROSS	NETT
11:30		218	50.11%	52.78%
12:00		33	7.59%	7.99%
12:30		7	1.61%	1.69%
13:00		63	14.48%	15.25%
13:30		6	1.38%	1.45%
14:00		42	9.66%	10.17%
no preference		44	10.11%	10.65%

14 For events you are travelling to and from in a day, your preferred finishing time would be

	TOTAL	418	GROSS	NETT
18:00		51	11.72%	12.20%
19:00		70	16.09%	16.75%
20:00		104	23.91%	24.88%
21:00		102	23.45%	24.40%
22:00		42	9.66%	10.05%
23:00		9	2.07%	2.15%
no preference		40	9.20%	9.57%

15 For events you are staying for, your preferred finishing time would be

	TOTAL	412	GROSS	NETT
18:00		23	5.29%	5.58%
19:00		38	8.74%	9.22%
20:00		40	9.20%	9.71%
21:00		40	9.20%	9.71%
22:00		108	24.83%	26.21%
23:00		72	16.55%	17.48%
no preference		91	20.92%	22.09%

16 The starting and finishing time for EBU events should reflect

	TOTAL	417	GROSS	NETT
The views of the people staying		27	6.21%	6.47%
The views of the people travelling		100	22.99%	23.98%
The views of the majority		290	66.67%	69.54%

17 Do you like to go to EBU events as part of a holiday

	TOTAL	419	GROSS	NETT
Yes		134	30.80%	31.98%
No		285	65.52%	68.02%

18 Your favourite locations for EBU events (on the mainland) are

	TOTAL	421	GROSS	NETT
Seaside towns		130	29.89%	30.88%
Countryside		41	9.43%	9.74%
Cities		53	12.18%	12.59%
Other		4	0.92%	0.95%
No preference		193	44.37%	45.84%

19 In general over the last 5 years do you believe behaviour at EBU events has

	TOTAL	410	GROSS	NETT
Significantly improved		60	13.79%	14.63%
Slightly improved		113	25.98%	27.56%
Stayed about the same		126	28.97%	30.73%
Slightly deteriorated		39	8.97%	9.51%
Significantly deteriorated		19	4.37%	4.63%
Don't know		53	12.18%	12.93%

20 EBU Tournament Directors are

	TOTAL	410	GROSS	NETT
Very efficient		165	37.93%	40.24%
Quite efficient		200	45.98%	48.78%
Quite inefficient		22	5.06%	5.37%
Very inefficient		6	1.38%	1.46%
Don't know		17	3.91%	4.15%

21 EBU Tournament Directors are

	TOTAL	418	GROSS	NETT
Very polite		165	37.93%	39.47%
Quite polite		215	49.43%	51.44%
Quite impolite		19	4.37%	4.55%
Very impolite		4	0.92%	0.96%
Don't know		15	3.45%	3.59%

22 EBU Tournament Directors are

	TOTAL	422	GROSS	NETT
Very smart and professional looking		99	22.76%	23.46%
Quite smart and professional looking		267	61.38%	63.27%
Not very smart and professional looking		40	9.20%	9.48%
Don't know		16	3.68%	3.79%

23 EBU events are run

	TOTAL	420	GROSS	NETT
Very efficiently		151	34.71%	35.95%
Quite efficiently		228	52.41%	54.29%
Quite inefficiently		22	5.06%	5.24%
Very inefficiently		6	1.38%	1.43%
Don't know		13	2.99%	3.10%

24 The EBU staff at Aylesbury are

	TOTAL	418	GROSS	NETT
Very helpful		255	58.62%	61.00%
Quite helpful		103	23.68%	24.64%
Quite unhelpful		9	2.07%	2.15%
Very unhelpful		0	0.00%	0.00%
Don't know		51	11.72%	12.20%

PRIZES, MASTER POINTS AND ENTRY FEES**25 For you is winning prizes at events**

	TOTAL	422	GROSS	NETT
A big attraction		62	14.25%	14.69%
A small attraction		236	54.25%	55.92%
No attraction		124	28.51%	29.38%

26 For you winning Master Points at events is

	TOTAL	423	GROSS	NETT
A big attraction		123	28.28%	29.08%
A small attraction		165	37.93%	39.01%
No attraction		135	31.03%	31.91%

27 Would you prefer prizes (e.g. Books, Wine etc) to prize money at EBU events

	TOTAL	422	GROSS	NETT
Yes		44	10.11%	10.43%
No		325	74.71%	77.01%
Don't know		53	12.18%	12.56%

28 In respect of prize money for competitions the EBU gives about 20% of entry fees back in prize money. It should:

	TOTAL	421	GROSS	NETT
Give more and increase entry fees		37	8.51%	8.79%
Give about the same and leave entry fees the same		201	46.21%	47.74%
Give less and reduce entry fees		109	25.06%	25.89%
Give none at all and significantly reduce entry fees		74	17.01%	17.58%

29 The proportion of people receiving prizes should be

	TOTAL	421	GROSS	NETT
Greater		73	16.78%	17.34%
About the same		259	59.54%	61.52%
Less		89	20.46%	21.14%

30 More prizes should go to less experienced players through stratifying e.g. by awarding prizes according to Master Point Rank

	TOTAL	421	GROSS	NETT
Agree		194	44.60%	46.08%
Disagree		168	38.62%	39.90%
Don't know		59	13.56%	14.01%

31 Would you be happy to have less prize money at EBU events in order to fund a social event such as a drinks reception

	TOTAL	422	GROSS	NETT
Yes		56	12.87%	13.27%
No		305	70.11%	72.27%
Don't mind either way		61	14.02%	14.45%

32 Would you be happy to pay an increased entry fee at EBU events in order to fund a social event such as a drinks reception

	TOTAL	423	GROSS	NETT
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Yes	26	5.98%	6.15%
No	372	85.52%	87.94%
Don't mind either way	25	5.75%	5.91%

ABOUT YOU

33 How many EBU K/O events (Crockfords, NICKO, Gerard Faulkner, Hubert Philips) do you typically enter in a year

	TOTAL	424	GROSS	NETT
4		30	6.90%	7.08%
3		49	11.26%	11.56%
2		97	22.30%	22.88%
1		106	24.37%	25.00%
none		142	32.64%	33.49%

34 Do you attend EBU Overseas Congresses

	TOTAL	422	GROSS	NETT
often		19	4.37%	4.50%
occasionally		53	12.18%	12.56%
never		350	80.46%	82.94%

35 It has been suggested that when Universal Membership comes in 2010 we should set up a trust to help fund International teams. Would you be prepared to make an annual voluntary contribution to this fund?

	TOTAL	420	GROSS	NETT
Yes - more than £10/year		24	5.52%	5.71%
Yes - about £10/year		53	12.18%	12.62%
Yes - about £5/year		72	16.55%	17.14%
No		271	62.30%	64.52%

36 Gender

	TOTAL	414	GROSS	NETT
Male		298	68.51%	71.98%
Female		116	26.67%	28.02%

37 Age

	TOTAL	421	GROSS	NETT
Under 21		7	1.61%	1.66%
21-25		8	1.84%	1.90%
26-35		28	6.44%	6.65%
36-50		89	20.46%	21.14%
51-60		147	33.79%	34.92%
61-70		117	26.90%	27.79%
71		25	5.75%	5.94%

38 Are you

	TOTAL	417	GROSS	NETT
Employed/Self employed		216	49.66%	51.80%
Retired		159	36.55%	38.13%
Student		18	4.14%	4.32%
Other		24	5.52%	5.76%

39 How long have you been playing bridge regularly

	TOTAL	419	GROSS	NETT
less than 1 year		0	0.00%	0.00%
1-2 years		9	2.07%	2.15%
3-5 years		26	5.98%	6.21%
5-10 years		65	14.94%	15.51%
11-20 years		99	22.76%	23.63%
more than 20 years		220	50.57%	52.51%

40 What is your Master Point Ranking

	TOTAL	409	GROSS	NETT
Below Master		26	5.98%	6.36%
Master – Premier Master		52	11.95%	12.71%
Regional Master/Premier Regional Master		88	20.23%	21.52%
National Master/Premier National Master		70	16.09%	17.11%
Life Master/Premier Life Master		99	22.76%	24.21%
Grand Master/Premier Grand Master		74	17.01%	18.09%

42 On average approximately how many events run by the EBU do you play in each year (excluding K/O events)

	TOTAL	421	GROSS	NETT
0		30	6.90%	7.13%
1-2		86	19.77%	20.43%
3-5		159	36.55%	37.77%
6-10		99	22.76%	23.52%
more than 10		47	10.80%	11.16%

43 In a week on average how often do you play club bridge

	TOTAL	413	GROSS	NETT
More than 4 times		17	3.91%	4.12%
4 times		31	7.13%	7.51%
3 times		74	17.01%	17.92%
2 times		110	25.29%	26.63%
once		101	23.22%	24.46%
less than once		80	18.39%	19.37%

44 On average how many one-day county green point events do you enter in a year

	TOTAL	422	GROSS	NETT
more than 5		49	11.26%	11.61%
about 5		34	7.82%	8.06%
about 4		48	11.03%	11.37%

about 3	75	17.24%	17.77%
about 2	74	17.01%	17.54%
about 1	74	17.01%	17.54%
none	68	15.63%	16.11%

45 On average how many county events do you enter in one year

	TOTAL	418	GROSS	NETT
more than 5		85	19.54%	20.33%
about 5		50	11.49%	11.96%
about 4		44	10.11%	10.53%
about 3		70	16.09%	16.75%
about 2		67	15.40%	16.03%
about 1		55	12.64%	13.16%
none		47	10.80%	11.24%
