

EBU Summer Festival 2018

**First Weekend
Swiss Pairs Championship
for the Harold Poster Cup**



**Royal National Hotel, London
3rd – 5th August 2018**

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2018 EBU Summer Festival. In its 52nd year, the Summer Meeting is being replaced by events in different venues, with the main weekend events at the Royal National Hotel, London. The first weekend main event is the four-session Swiss Pairs Championship for the Harold Poster Cup.

We welcome your comments about this event and you will find questionnaires at the main EBU reception desk. A smart casual dress code applies for both afternoons and evenings at this congress. That means that tailored shorts are permitted at any time.

The EBU reception desk is located in the lobby outside the main playing area. The congress staff will help you with any queries regarding the Summer Festival events.

Tournament Host

Mike Eden is the Tournament Host for both weekends. If you need any help in non-bridge-related matters, or wish to discuss any aspect of the tournament, he should be available at EBU reception at the start and end of sessions.

System Cards

You are required to have a pair of identical completed system cards (EBU 20B) and you should exchange them with your opponents at the start of each round.

If you do not have two completed system cards, you will be provided with blank ones to fill out before play may continue, receiving a score of average minus for any boards unplayed due to the time lost in doing this.

Since old-style EBU 20A cards are no longer authorised, we would urge all players who are filling out new cards to do so on the more recent EBU 20B card. **WBF system cards are not permitted** in any of the competitions in this congress – only EBU system cards. Visitors from abroad are asked to comply with this.

Best Behaviour at Bridge

Please be nice to your partner, be pleasant to your opponents and be polite to the Tournament Directors. Otherwise you may well be given a Disciplinary Penalty!

Bridgemates

North (or South) is responsible for entering the contract and result into the Bridgemate, and East (or West) must verify its accuracy by pressing the ACCEPT button.

It is best to enter the contract, declarer and lead at the end of the auction – this saves time, reduces the risk of entering the wrong board number, and ensures the lead is fresh in your mind. Entering the lead accurately not only provides

extra information of interest to players, but can also assist the scorer in resolving errors of data-entry.

Failure to enter results causes great inconvenience and both pairs should ensure that an “End of Session/Round” message appears before they leave the table.

It is an offence to attempt to access the TD screen or change a score in the Bridgemate without calling the TD.

Bridgemate UK is the EBU’s “Official Wireless Scoring Provider”

Telephones and electronic devices

Please switch off your mobile phone. If you must have it on for emergencies, switch it to silent and leave the playing area before answering it. You may not use any electronic communications devices in the playing area, nor may you use electronic cigarettes.

Prizes

All prizes will be automatically credited to the member’s EBU account, and may be redeemed at any time on application to the EBU. The prize values quoted are subject to alteration should the actual entry differ significantly from that originally envisaged.

Split Tie Procedures

A tie for first place will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures if necessary. Tied places share any prize awards equally, except where stated otherwise, even though the tie may be split for other purposes.

Special Circumstances

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (eg protest time). However, any conditions, whether general or specific to the Summer Festival as set out in this programme, may be varied by the Tournament Director in charge in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and to facilitate the smooth running of the congress.

Issue of Masterpoints and Ranking Lists

All Master Points will be awarded by direct credit and will appear on your record within a month of the end of the congress. Ranking lists are available from our website at www.ebu.co.uk and results will be automatically emailed to anyone registered with Pianola under EBU Events. If you are not currently registered and would like to be, please email robin@ebu.co.uk.

The Summer Festival online

We will report results, information and assignments on the Summer Festival Hub at www.ebu.co.uk/summer-festival, plus articles by Brian Senior and Michael Byrne. Please tell Brian, Michael or Communications Officer, Peter Stockdale - peter.stockdale@ebu.co.uk - of any exciting hands or amusing stories.

Appeals Consultants

Should the need arise, if you wish to speak to an appeals consultant, they are: Malcolm Pryor (first weekend), and Neil Rosen (second weekend).

Results

Results for each match within each sub-field of the main Swiss events will be posted in the relevant playing area. In addition, results of the last match of each session will be posted on the main notice board.

FIRST WEEKEND

OPEN PAIRS will be played on the Friday (starting at 2pm). A one-session match-point pairs event. Blue points to National Congress scale and one or more prizes (depending on the size of entry).

SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP for the Harold Poster Trophy

Holders: Andrew Robson & Alexander Allfrey

Friday 6pm or 7:15pm; Saturday 11:45am and 4:00pm; Sunday 11am

Pairs will play 15 matches of 8-boards per match. Scoring will be by match points (the normal pairs scoring system) within each sub-field, converted to Victory Points on a 20 to 0 scale. The Victory Point scale will graduate from 10–10 for scoring between 49.35% and 50.65% of the available match points over 8 boards, to 20–0 for scoring more than 68.35%.

Assignments will be made on a 'current-round' basis within each sub-field. The field will be regrouped into sub-fields, according to cumulative score, at the end of each session.

Starting arrangements: session 1

There are two separate sections with different start times: 6:00pm or 7:15pm. The early section will play boards 1-24, the late section will play boards 9-32.

Please draw for a starting position from EBU reception. Positions may be drawn from 5:00pm onwards on Friday evening.

Please fill in your names on the name-slip, and have the slip ready for collection from your table at the start of play.

Restarting arrangements: sessions 2–4

The event as a whole will be divided into three sub-fields of up to 40 tables per sub-field. Thus, the area in which you play for session two onwards will depend upon your score at the end of the previous session. Starting positions for session two onwards will be posted on the main notice board and they will also be displayed on our website. We recommend that you arrive in good time for each session if you need to view the printed lists to find your starting position, so as to avoid undue congestion just prior to the start of the new session.

Master Point awards (see also Stratification)

To reflect the status of this event within our calendar, enhanced awards of 0.42 Green Point will be awarded for each match won (0.21 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards to the top third of the field.

1st 16, last award receiving position 0.50. Awards for intermediate places will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes (see also Stratification)

Prizes to 18th place, quoted in terms of £ per pair as follows:

1st	£340	7th	£140	13th	£80
2nd	£300	8th	£130	14th	£60
3rd	£260	9th	£120	15th to 16th	£50
4th	£220	10th	£110	17th to 18th	£40
5th	£180	11th	£100		
6th	£160	12th	£90		

Tied positions share equally any prize awards due, even if the tie has been split for some other purpose (eg to determine a trophy winner). In the case of a 2- or 3-way tie for the last prize position, all such contestants shall receive the full prize due: should four or more pairs be involved in the tie, then all such pairs shall receive an equal share of £120 (ie 3 x the basic minimum).

A further 6 stratified prizes as follows:

‘B’ + ‘C’ stratification: 4 prizes – 1st £120, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40.

‘C’ stratification: 2 prizes – 1st £60, 2nd £40.

Additionally, the *Brighton Plate* will be awarded to the leading ‘C’ stratification pair.

Brighton Plate holders: Jonathan Davis & Kiril Delev

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Protest time (Swiss Pairs)

Protest time in respect of any match expires at the times shown below. Once protest time has expired, no subsequent request for a ruling, nor any appeal of a ruling already received, will be entertained. Furthermore, no score corrections will then be made even if the published score is subsequently found to be incorrect.

- ◆ In respect of the first match of any session, or the second match of session 3, or the second or third match on Sunday (session 4): ½ hour after the conclusion of the session.
- ◆ In respect of the penultimate match of a session: upon the commencement of the next session (or one hour after the conclusion of the tournament if this is the final session).
- ◆ In respect of the final match of a session: upon the commencement of the second match of the following session (or as below for match 15, in the final session).
- ◆ For appeals, the time limits above refer to the session in which the ruling was given, which may be later than the session in which it was first sought.
- ◆ In respect of the final match of the tournament (match 15), protest time expires at 7:45pm on the Sunday evening of the weekend in question (it follows that the final results of the tournament become official at that time), save that any blatant scoring errors which do not affect the final prize list may be corrected up until the Tuesday after the end of the entire congress.

Stratification

Stratification levels are as follows:

‘A’: at least one member of the partnership is a Premier Life Master or above

‘B’: at least one member of the partnership is a Premier Regional Master or above and neither is a Premier Life Master or above.

‘C’: neither member of the partnership is a Premier Regional Master or above.

[Ranks are based on points earned, regardless of whether registered or not, as on the first day of play. Overseas visitors with Master Point records held outside the UK are normally obliged to be category ‘A’ players].

Master Point awards

Master Point awards are quoted within for the overall 'A' + 'B' + 'C' stratification ranking list only. The top award and minimum award on the 'B' + 'C' list is 50%, and the 'C' list is 25% of that quoted for the overall list.

Prizes

Pairs are limited to one prize per pair, which shall be the highest one available to them. Any prize so released will be awarded to the next pair in line in the appropriate category. Therefore, the number of prizes quoted will always be awarded to the leading 'B' + 'C' and 'C' ranked pairs who finish outside the main prize list.

Thanks to Funbridge for the donation of additional prizes, which will be given during the Summer Festival.



EBU ONLINE GAMES

IN ASSOCIATION WITH FUNBRIDGE

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Saturday and Sunday**

**Master Points
in every game**

Cash prizes each month



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PROGRAMME

Friday	2:00pm	Open Pairs
3rd	6:00pm	Swiss Pairs session 1
	early	3 matches – boards 1- 24
	7:15pm	Swiss Pairs, session 1
	late	3 matches – boards 9-32
Saturday	11:45am	Swiss Pairs, session 2 (3 matches)
4th	4:00pm	Swiss Pairs, session 3 (4 matches)
Sunday	11:00am	Swiss Pairs, session 4a (2 matches)
5th	2:00pm	Swiss Pairs, session 4b (3 matches)



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