

# GUERNSEY BRIDGE CONGRESS

11<sup>th</sup>– 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Les Cotils and Beau Sejour Leisure Centre,  
St Peter Port, Guernsey

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Les Cotils and Beau Sejour Leisure Centre, Guernsey, for the Guernsey Bridge Congress. The congress starts on Monday, with two-session Championship Pairs on Monday and Tuesday evenings; two-session Senior Pairs on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons; and concludes with the Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams.

### *Times of play*

<b>Monday 11</b>	19:45	–	23:00	Championship (Open) Pairs – session 1
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	13:45	–	17:30	Seniors Pairs –session 1
	19:45	–	23:00	Championship (Open) Pairs– session 2
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	13:45	–	17:30	Seniors Pairs – session 2
	19:45	–	23:00	Multiple Teams – single session
<b>Thursday 14</b>	19:45	–	23:00	Swiss Pairs - session 1 (3x8-board matches)
<b>Friday 15</b>	13:45	–	17:30	Swiss Pairs - session 2 (3x8-board matches)
	19:45	–	23:00	Swiss Pairs - session 3 (3x8-board matches)
<b>Saturday 16</b>	10:00	–	13:00	Swiss Teams – session 1 (3x8-board matches)
	14:00	–	17:00	Swiss Teams – session 2 (3x8-board matches)
<b>Sunday 17</b>	10:00	–	12:00	Swiss Teams –session 3 (2x8-board matches)
	13:00	–	15:00	Swiss Teams –session 4 (2x8-board matches)
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Weekday events (Monday – Friday), including the Swiss Pairs, are at Les Cotils.

But for the Swiss Teams on Saturday there is a change of venue to the Beau Sejour Leisure Centre.

## **MIDWEEKEVENTS**

All sessions are approximately 24–27 boards.

### **Championship/Open Pairs**

A two-session match-pointed pairs, with overall prizes, including a non-expert prize. Blue Pointed at National Scale (Club Scale x 4).

### **Seniors Pairs**

Two-session match-pointed pairs. To be eligible for this event players should have been born in 1960 or earlier. Green Pointed, with award to half the field.

### **Multiple Teams**

Single-session multiple teams event. Blue Pointed at National Scale.

## **SWISS EVENTS**

### **Swiss Pairs**

A stratified Swiss Pairs event, with assignments being prepared on a current round basis. The tournament comprises 9 x 8-board matches.

Green Points: 0.28 per match won (0.14 for a draw). Bonus ranking awards to the top quarter of the field, with a top award of 3.50 and a minimum award of 0.35. Intermediate awards in accordance with the standard EBU scale.

### **Swiss Teams**

A stratified Swiss Teams event, 10 x 8-board matches played over three sessions. Teams will not meet each other for a second time during the first two sessions (Saturday). On Sunday, teams may be re-matched against opponents from the first two sessions. Nevertheless, teams will not meet each other twice during Sunday.

Green Points: 0.28 per 8-board match (0.14 for a draw). Bonus ranking awards to the top quarter of the field, with a top award of 3.00 and a minimum award of 0.30. Intermediate awards in accordance with the standard EBU scale.

## Stratification – both Swiss events

The two main Swiss events are stratified.

### Players' stratification level:

'A': a Premier Life Master or above;

'B': a Premier Regional Master or above but not a Premier Life Master or above;

'C': not a Premier Regional Master or above.

**For Pairs:** their stratification level is the higher of the levels of the players.

### For teams:

'A': any player is a Grand Master or above, or has the NGS grade of 'Ace', or is in the Gold-Point top 60; or two players are 'A';

'B': at least two members of the team are 'B', or one is 'A';

'C': at most one player is 'B' and no 'A'.

There are exceptions/exemptions, see

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/stratifications>, in particular

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/official-documents/Stratification-2019.pdf>

## Master Point awards

Master Point awards are quoted 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.

## GENERAL

### Systems & Convention Cards

You are required to have a pair of identical completed 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 system cards 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 all competitions in this event are Level 4 you may not use WBF convention cards; you may only use EBU convention cards.

### 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 showing it to East (or West) to verify the entry before it is agreed 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.

Results should be entered before the next board is played, East or West must be allowed to accept the result, and both sides should have the opportunity to review other scores.

**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**

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 communication devices in the playing area, and nor may you use electronic cigarettes.

## **Special Circumstances**

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (e.g. protest time). However, any conditions, whether they be general or specific to this competition as set out in this programme, may be varied upon the special instruction of the Chief Tournament Director in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and in order to facilitate the smooth running of this Congress.

## **PRIZES**

Prize amounts (subject to change based on entries):

Championship Pairs: first £60, non-expert £40.

Seniors Pairs: first £60.

Multiple teams: first £60

Swiss Pairs: first £80

Swiss Teams: first £100