



2023

PACHABO CUP

10th & 11th June 2023

Online on RealBridge

Programme: 23 teams

(Revised 2022-06-09)

1 Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 Pachabo Cup. This year the event is online on RealBridge.

The total anticipated entry is 23 or 24 teams, which means that we will be playing 23 x 4-board rounds – but if there are 23 teams, each team will sit out one round.

Team numbers and starting positions have been drawn in advance, see section 9.

Players should log on to RealBridge with their name and EBU number and sit at their team table, by 10:55am on Saturday.

2 Schedule of play

Saturday	11:00 – 14:05	Session 1: 24 boards
	14:50 – 18:00	Session 2: 24 boards
Sunday	11:00 – 13:35	Session 3: 20 boards
	14:20 – 17:30	Session 4: 24 boards

The sessions will consist of 5 or 6 matches of 4 boards.

If there is a withdrawal, the format will be 21 x 5-board rounds, and a longer schedule, with **later finish times** on both days.

Saturday	11:0 – 14:10	Session 1: 25 boards
	14:50 – 18:40	Session 2: 30 boards
Sunday	11:00 – 14:10	Session 3: 25 boards
	14:50 – 18:00	Session 4: 25 boards

3 Format

By the end of the event each team will have played a 4-board match against each other team in a series of head-on matches. The RealBridge platform will only display IMP scores, the official scoring will be done at the end of each session.

4 Prize awards

This is a county representative event there are no cash prizes for this event – the entry fee has been reduced appropriately. Medals will be award to the winners.

5 Scoring method: hybrid Point-a-Board / IMPs

The Pachabo Cup is the EBU's inter-county teams-of-four championship. The scoring method for this event was changed in 2015 to a combination of Point-a-Board (PaB) and IMPs. This method more transparent that the previous method – whilst retaining the interest of using an element of Point-a-Board scoring.

For this new Pachabo (PaB + IMPs) scoring method, there are 2 points available for each board – 2 for a win, 1 for a draw, and 10 aggregate points constitute a win/loss so that ten tricks in 3NT will beat ten tricks in 4H or 4S.

This means that for each 4-board match in the Pachabo there will be 8 PaB points available and in addition there will be a further 8 VPs available for the overall match score, calculated by converting IMPs to VP s according to the scale below. So each

match will have a total of 16 points available and will depend in equal measure on Point-a-Board and IMPs converted to VPs.

It is important that you are aware of certain details with regard to scoring: The first principle is that you are not required to calculate the match score for yourselves.

All match scores will be calculated and posted on the EBU results page <https://www.ebu.co.uk/results/1215> after each session, using the data from RealBridge.

Teams may prefer to score-up for themselves at the end of each 4-board match. Teams will be able to score up when both tables finish and the pairs are returned to their home table. But there is no time set aside for scoring – the EW pair will be moved to their next table when the next round starts.

The hybrid scoring method is not within the scope of the National Grading System (NGS) so this event will not contribute to the players' NGS.

Pachabo VP scale	
4-board matches	
IMPs	VPs
0	4 – 4
1 – 2	4.5–3.5
3 – 5	5 – 3
6 – 8	5.5–2.5

4-board matches	
IMPs	IMPs
9 – 11	6 – 2
12 – 15	6.5–1.5
16 – 20	7 – 1
21 – 26	7.5–0.5
27+	8 – 0

6 Master Point awards

All Master Points are awarded to the top half of the field and are expressed in terms of Green Points per player (in teams of 5 or 6, a player must have played at least one-third of the boards to be eligible for an award).

Tied places share equally any Master Point award due, even though a tie for 1st place will be resolved in order to determine the winners of the Pachabo Cup and the recipients of the medals.

The winning team receives 16.00 points, and the minimum award (for finishing half-way) is 2.00 points. Awards for intermediate places are in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

7 Miscellaneous

7.1 RealBridge

See [EBU RealBridge Instructions](#)

7.2 Systems and conventions

This is a Level 4 event.

You are required to have a system card online that should make available to your opponents at the start of each round, by posting a link in the table chat. You must use an EBU 20B system card (you may not use WBF system cards, which are only permitted in EBU Level 5 events).

You can use any existing link to your system card. Otherwise, system cards can be uploaded to My EBU > Utilities > System Card – and obtain a link.

7.3 Scoring regulations

The EBU White Book contains specific provisions which apply to this event.

An artificial adjusted score on a board shall be scored as 1 PaB point each if both teams are partially to blame, or 1.5/0.5 PaB points in respect of a team in no way to blame/entirely to blame respectively. However, the IMP score on the board will then be deemed to be zero in all such instances.

Assigned adjusted scores, including weighted scores, will be scored as contributing to both PaB and IMP scores.

7.4 Unplayed matches and sit outs

An unplayed match (for whatever reason) will be scored as 9.6 – 6.4 in favour of the non-offending team. The unplayed match award will be increased if the non-offending team achieve an average of greater than 9.6VP per match over all matches played in the competition, or if the offending team achieve an average of less than 6.4. Any fractions obtained in such a calculation will be retained – to one decimal place (e.g. a match score of 10.2 is entirely possible). A further penalty could be imposed on the offending team in aggravated circumstances.

This does not apply to the sit-out round when an odd number of teams takes part, in which case all teams will be required to sit-out for one round. On the current ranking lists teams who have sat out will have an adjustment of 10 VP or teams who have not sat out will have an adjustment of –10 VP. There will not be any adjusted score in respect of the sit-out round in the final scores.

7.5 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!

7.6 Telephones and other electrical communication

Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices may not be used during play, except in an emergency.

8 Seating rights and change of line-up

There are no seating rights in this competition. Teams who wish to change line-ups during a session should inform the TD in advance.

A team may change its line-up at the conclusion of any 4-board match but the team may concede seating rights unless line-up changes are notified in advance.

9 Draw

There has been a random draw for team number.

1	Warwickshire
2	Merseyside/Cheshire
3	Staffs & Shropshire
4	Sussex
5	Lancashire
6	Yorkshire
7	Notts
8	Cambs & Hunts
9	Somerset
10	Cornwall
11	Oxfordshire
12	Norfolk

13	Manchester
14	Middlesex
15	Northamptonshire
16	Dorset
17	Gloucestershire
18	Worcestershire
19	Berks & Bucks
20	Herts
21	Devon
22	Wiltshire
23	Suffolk
24	

10 Schedule of matches

The tables show the opponents of the team on the left in each round.

Teams sit out in the round corresponding to their team number, denoted by '—'.

Saturday

Team	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12
1	—	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23
2	23	—	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
3	22	1	—	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21
4	21	23	2	—	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
5	20	22	1	3	—	7	9	11	13	15	17	19
6	19	21	23	2	4	—	8	10	12	14	16	18
7	18	20	22	1	3	5	—	9	11	13	15	17
8	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	—	10	12	14	16
9	16	18	20	22	1	3	5	7	—	11	13	15
10	15	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	8	—	12	14
11	14	16	18	20	22	1	3	5	7	9	—	13
12	13	15	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	8	10	—
13	12	14	16	18	20	22	1	3	5	7	9	11
14	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	8	10
15	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	1	3	5	7	9
16	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	8
17	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	1	3	5	7
18	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	2	4	6
19	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	1	3	5
20	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	2	4
21	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	1	3
22	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	2
23	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	1

Sunday

Team	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	R19	R20	R21	R22	R23
1	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
2	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21
3	23	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
4	22	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19
5	21	23	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
6	20	22	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17
7	19	21	23	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
8	18	20	22	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15
9	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
10	16	18	20	22	1	3	5	7	9	11	13
11	15	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	8	10	12
12	14	16	18	20	22	1	3	5	7	9	11
13	—	15	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	8	10
14	12	—	16	18	20	22	1	3	5	7	9
15	11	13	—	17	19	21	23	2	4	6	8
16	10	12	14	—	18	20	22	1	3	5	7
17	9	11	13	15	—	19	21	23	2	4	6
18	8	10	12	14	16	—	20	22	1	3	5
19	7	9	11	13	15	17	—	21	23	2	4
20	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	—	22	1	3
21	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	—	23	2
22	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	—	1
23	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	—



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