



## EBU Simultaneous Pairs – 2019 Prize Structure

In response to feedback received from clubs – both those who take part in the Sim Pairs, and those who don't – there has been a change to the prize structure for 2019.

The feedback highlighted concerns which we have sought to address:

- That clubs and members would prefer not to participate in events which redistributes the majority of the prize for members via a 'raffle'.
- That the prize for winning each event was insufficient.
- That the uneven distribution of prizes to host clubs was unnecessary

After consideration, the prize structure for the 2019 Sim Pairs has been changed in a way which hopefully goes some way to addressing these concerns.

### Prizes in 2019

**Heat winners:** There will no longer be a prize draw for the heat winners from each club. The budget for these prizes has been added to that for the overall winners.

**Overall winners:** The overall winners of all Simultaneous Pairs events hosted by the English Bridge Union will each receive a cash prize of **£100 per pair**. This is an increase from £50 in 2018.

The winners of the Bridge England Sims and the Club Stratified Sims will receive this prize – these events were previously excluded from the prizes.

**Host clubs:** Every club which enters a heat of any EBU organised event, excluding any participating unaffiliated English clubs, will be included in a random draw. One 'entry' in the draw is awarded for every ten tables (or part thereof) which take part in any single heat. Please see below for an example. The draw will be made at the AGM in November. These aspects are unchanged from 2018.

**3 clubs will be drawn from those which have entered the EBED Sims, and 7 from those entering the other sims. Each receive £250.** There is no longer a larger first prize and smaller second, third and runners-up prizes – the prize fund has been evenly distributed across all prizes.

This prize draw allows the EBU to redistribute some of the proceeds back to the clubs which have participated, and it is hoped it will be reinvested in providing services and activities for its members, or supporting a local cause of its choosing.

#### Club draw: an example

Club X hosts the following heats:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Tables</b>	<b>Draw entries</b>
British Winter Pairs	Monday	8	1
British Winter Pairs	Tuesday	4	1
Bridge England Sim Pairs	Tuesday	10 1/2	2
Club Stratified Sim Pairs	Wednesday	25	3

Note: The entry is not cumulative per event, and is calculated only by heat, so in the British Winter Pairs they have received one entry per day, and no 'bonus' for having more than ten tables.

In the Bridge England Sim Pairs they had more than ten tables in play so received a bonus entry in the draw. In the heat of the Club Stratified Pairs they played their session as a two section event – 13 tables in one section and 12 in the other. In such situations the entry is viewed cumulatively, so they receive two extra entries in the draw as they exceeded twenty tables.