

EBU ONLINE BBO LEAGUE

Assistant Document

This tournament is based on the enjoyment of the game and as such will focus on ensuring players are at the greatest amount of freedom within regulation.

This document will aim to address a few key questions that will crop up – for any further clarifications please contact Charlie@ebu.co.uk or call 01296317219

Seeding / Order of Divisions

Teams were originally seeded by the average NGS strength of their team members. New teams have been weighted below their average NGS to give precedence to the teams who were playing in the original season(s).

New teams may only join at the start of a season, and if the league contains room, or if a team drops out then a substitute team may be accepted.

Divisions may be expanded in the case of additional teams being added at the discretion of the EBU. Team rosters are limited to 8 players per team. You may request for one off additional substitutes at my discretion (please email charlie@ebu.co.uk to request additional substitutes for one off matches).

Format

For all Divisions, the season will consist of a single round robin which will be played in 8 board matches.

Matches are assumed to be arranged for the following times of the week for the first three weeks

Monday 6pm	Round 1, 5, 9, 13	(Note, one round per night)
Wednesday 6pm	Round 2, 6, 10, 14	
Friday 6pm	Round 3, 7, 11, 15	
Sunday 6pm	Round 4, 8, 12	

Please note that divisions of less than 16 will have less than 15 rounds (Number of teams minus one)

The season will then recommence the following Monday at 6pm after the final round has been completed.

Matches will consist of 1 set of 8 boards without a change at half time.

The draw can be found on the attached spreadsheet.

The team rosters and numbers can be found attached to the email this was sent in.

Setting up the Matches

It will be the duty of the Home Captain (specified in the Draw) to set up the home match and the duty of the away captain to ensure that the home captain has the BBO usernames of the away team. The Home Team Captain will have seating rights. Given the current amount of traffic on BBO, and as

a general good rule of thumb, try to log in at least 10-15 minutes before your match is due to start. You can always start early after all. Please remember that 6pm is a guideline time, and not a requirement, you are free to rearrange the time of your matches if both captains agree a suitable time.

The Home Captain (or if not able to do so, anyone from either team, or a friend) will set up an 8 board match on BBO using the Create Teams Match function as set out in the [linked document](#). Barometer should be switched off, as should the option to allow kibitzers to talk with players.

The match shall be scored by IMPs and using random boards and converted to Victory Points.

To convert your IMPs to VPs you will need to use the scale for 8 boards which can be found on the attached spreadsheet

Results

The Captain of the winning team shall enter the Victory Points for both teams into EBULeague . To do this, they should log in to their My EBU account and then select “Utilities” → “EBULeague”.

Rearranging Matches

Should a team be unable to make the assumed time, they are entitled to attempt to rearrange the match with the opposing captain. So long as the match(es) can be completed before the final match the result will stand. A match that cannot be played will be scored 14-6 in the non-offending team’s favour. If both teams are unable to play, the match will be scored 10-10. If a team fails to turn up, it shall be deemed 14-6 to the opposing team. Please consult charlie@ebu.co.uk if unsure about any scores that need determining.

Undos

UNDOS are allowed **only for mechanical errors** (misclicks) **during the auction**. An undo may not be granted during the play of the hand. To help avoid mechanical errors, I recommend switching on “confirm card” and “confirm bid” in your BBO account settings. (Account → Settings → Confirm.)

Regulations

This is a friendly (competitive fun) league, however it must still be regulated and the [Online Knockout Match Regulations](#) apply except where over-ridden by anything in this document. If in any further doubt, please contact either myself or Gordon on charlie@ebu.co.uk or gordon@ebu.co.uk. I will stress that to request a ruling, you must send gordon@ebu.co.uk your request **within 20 minutes of the end of the match**.

Feedback

I am always looking for ways to improve (who isn’t in bridge?), so if there are ways you would like to see *your* league improved, please email me to let me know. After all, this league is for you.

