

EBU Summer Festival 2018

**Second Weekend
Four Stars – Swiss Teams**



**Royal National Hotel, London
17th – 19th 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 second weekend main event is the four-session Swiss Teams Championship.

We welcome your comments about this event and you will find questionnaires at the main EBU reception desk. There is a smart casual dress code: that means that tailored shorts are permitted at any time.

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.

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, articles and assignments on the Summer Festival Hub at www.ebu.co.uk/summer-festival. Please tell Brian Senior or Communications Officer, Peter Stockdale - peter.stockdale@ebu.co.uk - of any exciting hands or amusing stories which can be reported on the Hub.

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).

SECOND WEEKEND

P-A-B TEAMS will be played on the Friday, starting at 2pm. A one-session multiple teams event, scored as point-a-board (with a difference of 10 being a win); playing 24 boards. Blue points to National Congress scale and one or more prizes (depending on the size of entry).

CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS TEAMS

Four Stars Holders: *Marion Robertson, Sarah Bell,
Mike Bell, Kieran Dyke, Michael Byrne*

Mayors Cup ('B' Final) Holders: *Rob Cliffe, Alan Mayo, Karen Pryor,
Malcom Pryor*

Brighton Bowl Holders: *Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty,
Mike Scoltock, Richard Fedrick*

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

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.

Restarting arrangements: sessions 2, 3, 4a, 4b

Teams will be re-assigned to the appropriate sub-field based upon their running score at the end of the previous session. Teams will retain their home table for the whole of each session, and will always be assigned to play against teams in the same sub-field as themselves. At the start of each session they will be re-assigned a new table, which may be in a different sub-field. Notices will be displayed on the main notice board, as well as on our website, to advise you of the scores in each sub-field, and showing your assignments for each new session.

Format

The tournament is a straightforward Swiss Teams event, playing 8-board matches, but at the end of the tenth match on Saturday evening, the top 16 teams at that stage will cease to play Swiss Teams and will go forward into one of the all-play-all Four Stars finals. The leading 8 teams will go into the 'A' final and the next 8 teams will go into the 'B' final. Any tie within the top 16 places at the end of Saturday will be split as explained below. All other teams continue to play in the Swiss Teams, for the Brighton Bowl.

Each final is a full round-robin of 7 x 8-board matches. The timetable is as

follows: **11:00am – 2:20pm, 3 matches; and 2:50pm – 7:10pm, 4 matches**

As a rule of thumb, experience shows that a ten match score in the mid 120s is needed to reach the 'A' final, and a score just below 120 is needed for the 'B' final. There is no carry-forward score into the finals.

Master Point awards

To reflect the status of this event within our calendar, enhanced awards of 0.42 Green Point will be awarded for each match won in the Swiss or Four Stars final (0.21 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards as follows:

- i) The Four Stars 'A' final: 1st 12 Green Points, 8th 4. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.
- ii) The Four Stars 'B' final: 1st 6 Green Points, 8th 2. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.
- iii) The Brighton Bowl Swiss Teams: awards to the top third of the field, including the 16 teams playing in the two finals. Example: an original entry of 132 teams equates to 44 ranking awards, so awards to 28th place in the Swiss. 1st 3 Green Points, last award receiving position 0.50. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes (*quoted in terms of £ per team*)

Prizes will be awarded to all teams in the two finals, and to the top 4 teams in the Brighton Bowl as follows:

'A' FINAL		'B' FINAL		SWISS	
1st	£400	1st	£200	1st	£120
2nd	£340	2nd	£170	2nd	£80
3rd	£300	3rd	£150	3rd	£60
4th	£260	4th	£130	4th	£40
5th	£220	5th	£110		
6th	£160	6th	£80		
7th	£120	7th	£60		
8th	£80	8th	£40		

In addition, prizes will be awarded in each of two special categories to teams finishing outside the main prize list. The special categories are:

(N) **Non-expert** The leading two non-expert teams finishing outside the main prize list will receive a prize. A non-expert team is defined as a team no member of which holds the rank of Premier Regional Master or above based upon points earned (regardless of whether registered or not) as on the first day of the Swiss Teams. No player presently or previously based overseas for any substantial period of time can be eligible within this category, and neither can a player who has represented his/her country at any level (including Under 26 or Under 20 level) in any British, European or World Championship.

(J) **Junior** The leading two junior teams finishing outside the main prize list, but still scoring above average, will receive a prize. A junior team is defined as a team no member of which had reached their 25th birthday by 31st Dec 2016.

No team may win more than one special category prize. Should a team be eligible for two such prizes, then the prizes will be allocated in the way which causes the higher placed other teams to receive such a prize.

Category prizes are £120 per team for the genuine winners (ie including teams finishing in the main prize list and including teams reaching either of the finals) and £80 per team for other places. A genuine winner finishing in the main prize list will receive either the main prize or the £120 prize, whichever is the higher, but two prizes of £80 per team will still be awarded to teams outside the main prize list.

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-way tie for the last prize receiving position in the Swiss, both teams shall receive the full prize due: should three or more teams be involved in the tie, then all such teams shall receive an equal share of £160 (ie 2 x the basic minimum).

Scoring with Bridgemates and assigning by computer

The Swiss Teams will be scored with Bridgemates and assigned by computer as follows:

- i) Your team will be given a Swiss Teams assignment card with your team number on it, before play commences. You should complete it accurately throughout the weekend so as to resolve any scoring queries, and use it to record your assignments, but you will not usually have to hand it in.
- ii) Your first match in each session will be against the team at the corresponding adjacent-numbered table (eg 3 v 4, 57 v 58, 124 v 123).
- iii) At the conclusion of each match, ensure that you agree with your opponents that the correct scores have been entered in the Bridgemate. Your assignment for the next match will be displayed on the Bridgemate at your home table. When it is announced that the assignments have been made, you should press the OK button once on your Bridgemate and you will see the table number of your new opponents displayed, where your EW pair will go to play.
- iv) You are then ready to start your next match.
- v) Teams will be allocated new home tables at the start of each session. Please refer to the lists on the wall, or check on the EBU website, to find your new home table. Again, your first match in each new session will be against the team at the corresponding adjacent-numbered table (eg 3 v 4, 57 v 58, 124 v 123).
- vi) You will retain this new home table for the entire session, and the assignments displayed on the Bridgemates will refer to your opponents' home tables rather than their team numbers. The procedure is actually much simpler than it might sound.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Protest time (Swiss Teams)

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.

Supplementary regulation – *Swiss Teams*

Any tie which exists within the first sixteen places at the end of the third session will be split as outlined below, as will a tie for first place overall in any of the three events, although any prize awards or Master Points due will be divided equally.

The first test is the result of the head-on match between the tied contestants, provided that all the tied contestants have played against each other.

Failing that, matches won will decide (a draw in Victory Points is a half-win).

Failing that, 'Tie-break Points' will decide in respect of a tie arising in a Swiss event (ie something other than an all-play-all event). Tie-break Points are the sum of the final scores obtained by each of any given team's set of opponents. For example, team A has played against X, Y and Z. Team X has a final score of 50, team Y has 40 and team Z has 30: team A has a Tie-break Point score of 120. The team with the largest Tie-break Point total would win the tie on this basis (if the results of the previous tests are inconclusive).

PROGRAMME

Friday	2:00pm	PaB teams
17th	6:00pm	Swiss Teams session 1
	early	3 matches – boards 1- 24
	7:15pm	Swiss Teams, session 1
	late	3 matches – boards 9-32
Saturday	11:45am	Swiss Team, session 2 (3 matches)
18th	4:00pm	Swiss Pairs, session 3 (4 matches)
Sunday	11:00am	A and B finals
19th	11:00am	Swiss Teams, session 4a (2 matches)
	2:00pm	Swiss Pairs, session 4b (3 matches)



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