



53rd Summer Meeting

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Devonshire Park, Eastbourne

Includes:

The Really Easy Congress The Seniors Congress

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We have Speedball games each Friday and Saturday. They start at 11:30pm and are light-hearted events for which there is no entry fee, prize money or master points. They do not count for the NGS.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2019 EBU Summer Meeting, the 53rd such summer congress and the third one in Eastbourne, which has also for many years been our popular venue for the Summer Seniors Congress. We hope you have a really great time here!

We are delighted to have the use for the first time of the brand new Welcome Building. The main entrance is on Level 3, at the rear of which is a café with a large terrace overlooking the tennis courts. The playing areas for all events (except the teams' finals on the second Sunday) are in the Shackleton and Mallory Halls on Level 0. Results will be displayed in the lobby between the two main playing rooms. The EBU reception is in the Attwell Mezzanine on Level 1, as are various bookstalls. The Discuss with an Expert and other seminars will be on Level 5. The lifts serve all levels.

The Welcome Building is open to the public who have access at various times to the theatre box office and café on level 3 and to entrances to the adjacent Congress Theatre on various levels.

The TD and scoring training courses, and the teams finals, will be held in a separate building known as the Locker Room (please see separate flyer with map).

We have our usual comprehensive range of events including the Really Easy Congress and the Seniors Congress. This year we again have one-day events – there is a new 'Jack High' Swiss Pairs sponsored by First for Bridge on the first Saturday and two Swiss Pairs events, one on each day on the second weekend. The 'Early Bird' sessions, which have proved popular the last few years, will again be available for the midweek GCH Fox Pairs Championship and the Mixed Pairs Championship events. Once again they will start at 6:45pm, to help with return journeys. The Point-a-Board teams will be on the afternoon of the second Friday.

Last year the midweek evening events were held at venues across the country. This year these events will again be held at various venues as well as the session at the Summer Meeting – the events will be scored across the different venues.

The cafe will be open from when doors open, each morning serving tea, coffee and sandwiches as well as cold drinks until the end of the evening. When we have the Late Night Speedball on both Fridays and Saturdays, which start at 11:30pm, there will be a pop-up bar in the Level 0 lobby. During the congress you will be able to browse the Bridge Warehouse as well as our regular stand from Brian Senior Books, and Gordon Bickley will be there with his vintage books and bridge ephemera.

We welcome your comments about this congress and you will find questionnaires at the main EBU reception desk. We do hope that you enjoy your holiday in Eastbourne. A smart casual dress code applies for both afternoons and evenings at this congress. That means that tailored shorts are permitted at any time, but beach shorts are not.

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EBU reception staff are the Tournament Hosts for the congress. They will be glad to help you with any queries regarding the congress and will generally be available at EBU reception at the start and end of sessions. Telephone enquiries can be made between 10:30am and 1:00pm, please call the normal competitions line (01296 317203) and you will be put through if you need to speak to somebody at Eastbourne. Alternatively, you can email us at comps@ebu.co.uk. In addition, the stewards provided by the venue will be glad to answer any venue related questions.

Once again we will report results, information and assignments on the **Summer Meeting Hub** at <http://www.ebu.co.uk/summer-meeting> along with a series of articles. We would be interested in any exciting hands or amusing stories that would be suitable for the Summer Meeting Hub. Please contact Communications Officer Sam Kelly sam@ebu.co.uk.

FIRST WEEKEND

SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP *for the Harold Poster Trophy*

Holders: Peter Lakatos & Gabor Winkler

Friday 6:30pm or 7:45pm; Saturday 1:00pm and 7:45pm; Sunday 12:30pm

Pairs will play 14 matches of 8-boards per match. Scoring will be by match points (the normal pairs scoring system) within each sub-field, converted to Victory Points on a 20 to 0 scale. The Victory Point scale will graduate from 10–10 for scoring between 49.35% and 50.65% of the available match points over 8 boards, to 20–0 for scoring more than 68.35%.

Assignments will be made on a 'current-round' basis within each sub-field. The field will be regrouped into sub-fields, according to cumulative score, at the end of each session.

Starting arrangements: session 1

You have the option on Friday evening to play matches 1-3, starting at 6:30pm, or matches 2-4, starting at 7:45pm. Please draw for a starting position. Positions may be drawn on Friday evening from 5:30pm onwards for the 6:30pm start and 6:45pm onwards for the 7:45pm start.

Please fill in your names on the name-slip, and have the slip ready for collection from your table once play starts.

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Restarting arrangements: sessions 2–4

The event as a whole will be divided into two sub-fields of 48-64 tables per sub-field. Thus, the area in which you play for session two onwards will depend upon your score at the end of the previous session. Starting positions for session two onwards will be posted on the main notice board. A further copy of the assignments for any given sub-field will also be posted in the room in which that particular sub-field will be located, and they will also be displayed on our website. We recommend that you arrive in good time for each session if you need to view the printed lists to find your starting position, so as to avoid undue congestion just prior to the start of the new session.

Master Point awards (see also Stratification)

To reflect the status of this event within our calendar, enhanced awards of 0.42 Green Point will be awarded for each match won (0.21 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards to the top third of the field.

First 16.00, last award receiving position 0.50. Awards for intermediate places will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes (see also Stratification) (subject to numbers)

Prizes to 20th place, quoted in terms of £ per pair as follows:

1st	£400	8th	£160	15th	£80
2nd	£340	9th	£140	16th	£60
3rd	£300	10th	£130	17th to 18th	£50
4th	£260	11th	£120	19th to 20th	£40
5th	£220	12th	£110		
6th	£200	13th	£100		
7th	£180	14th	£ 90		

Tied positions share equally any prize awards due, even if the tie has been split for some other purpose (e.g. to determine a trophy winner). In the case of a 2- or 3-way tie for the last prize position, all such contestants shall receive the full prize due: should four or more pairs be involved in the tie, then all such pairs shall receive an equal share of £120 (i.e. 3 x the basic minimum).

A further 6 stratified prizes as follows:

‘B’ + ‘C’ stratification: 4 prizes

1st £140, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40.

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'C' stratification: 2 prizes

1st £80, 2nd £40.

Additionally, the *Brighton Plate* will be awarded to the leading 'C' stratification pair.

Brighton Plate Holders: Alex Crystal & K Mobin Rahman

JACK HIGH SWISS PAIRS – sponsored by First for Bridge

Saturday: 12 noon and 3:30pm

In order to qualify to play in this event, you must have an NGS of no higher than 'Jack' at the time of entering. The event will be stratified too so that there are extra master points and an extra prize available for pairs of players both ranked 'nine' or lower. This is a two-session Swiss Pairs events consisting of 3 x 6-board matches in session one and 3 x 6-board matches in session two.

Starting instructions

Please draw for a starting position from outside the main playing area from 11:15am.

Prizes

First for Bridge will award vouchers worth £150 each to the winning pair, with monetary prizes based on the size of entry awarded to the remainder of top sixth of the field with an additional prize to the top 'nine and below' pair (subject to numbers).

Master Points

0.21 Green Point for each match won (0.11 for a draw), plus awards based on final ranking as follows:

Awards to the top quarter of the field overall: top award of 2.00, minimum award of 0.50.

Awards to the top one-sixth of the 'nine and below' pairs: top award of 1.00, minimum award of 0.25.

Awards for intermediate places in both categories are in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

THE SENIORS CONGRESS

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

for the Mercian Bridge Travel Trophy

Holders (2017): Shefton Kaplan & Arthur Hughes

SWISS TEAMS

for the John Carter Trophy –

Holders (2017): Bernard Goldenfield,

Rhona Goldenfield, Alan Nelson, Kath Nelson

Monday	7:45pm	Championship Pairs qualifier
Tuesday	2:00pm	Championship Pairs semi-finals
	7:45pm	Championship Pairs finals and Consolation event
Wednesday	1:00pm	Swiss Teams, session 1: 4 x 8-board matches
Thursday	1:00pm	Swiss Teams, session 2: 4 x 8-board matches

Seniors players must have been born in or before 1958.

Format of the pairs event (*Mercian Bridge Travel Trophy*)

The Pairs Championship comprises a qualifying round, a semi-final and a final. A generous proportion of the field (approximately 60%; certainly greater than 50%) will qualify from the qualifying round into the semi-final. There will be a carry-over into the semi-final session equivalent in weight to one-half of a session (i.e. half the qualifying round percentage will be added to the percentage scored in the semi-final). The top 16 pairs will then qualify from the main semi-final into the 'A' final. There will then be a further carry-over into the final – again, the equivalent of one-half of the total semi-final score (so the actual carry-over into the final is half the semi-final percentage plus a quarter of the qualifying round percentage). The next 10 pairs (positions 17th-26th in the semi-final) will qualify for the 'B' final. There is no carry-over into the 'B' final. This example is based on an anticipated entry of about 30 tables and may be altered when final numbers are known.

Pairs who do not qualify for the main semi-final will play in the consolation semi-final, with no carry-forward score. From here the top 2 pairs overall will qualify for the main 'A' final, thus making an 18 pair 'A' final.

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Their carry-over into the 'A' final shall be two-thirds of their session two percentage (i.e. of their consolation semi-final percentage), subject to this not being greater than the carry-over of the 9th placed pair in the main semi-finals and not less than what would have been the carry-over of the 17th placed pair in the main semi-final.

The next 8 pairs (positions 3rd-10th) from the consolation semi-final will qualify for the 'B' final, thus also making an 18 pair 'B' final. There will be no carry-over into the 'B' final.

There will be a consolation event on Tuesday evening for all non-qualifiers, namely for positions 27th or below from the main semi-final, and positions 11th or below from the consolation semi-final.

Format of the teams event (John Carter Trophy)

This is a straightforward Swiss Teams event with Australian assignments, which means that teams all keep their home table and all NS pairs are stationary.

It comprises 8 x 8-board matches; four matches on each of two days.

Master Point awards

Pairs

Qualifying round: Not applicable.

Semi-final: Blue Points on the regional scale (36+ boards) based on the total original entry [awards to the equivalent of the top half of the original entry].

Consolation semi-final: Blue Points to the top third of the field on the standard regional scale (18-35 boards).

'A' final: 1st 5 Green Points, 18th 0.50. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

'B' final: Half the 'A' final awards above.

Consolation event: Awards to the top quarter of the field. 1st 1.25, last award receiving position 0.25. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Teams

0.28 Green Point per match won (0.14 for a draw), with bonus awards to the top

quarter of the field. 1st 3.50, last award receiving position 0.25. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair or £ per team as appropriate (subject to numbers).

Pairs

'A' final: prizes to 5th place: 1st £140; 2nd £100; 3rd £80; 4th £60; 5th £40.

'B' final: prizes to 2nd place: 1st £80; 2nd £40.

Consolation event: winners only: £40.

Teams

Prizes to the top four teams: 1st £240; 2nd £160; 3rd £120; 4th £80.

THE REALLY EASY CONGRESS

The Really Easy Congress starts with a free day on Monday for those in need of assistance or reassurance, featuring supervised play in the afternoon after an introduction and then a lesson in the evening. On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be lessons in the mornings and play sessions in the afternoon and evenings, three single-session pairs, then teams on Wednesday evening. Thursday will be a two-session Swiss Pairs event.

The congress is aimed at all levels of 'less experienced' players, but since there are no lessons for those starting completely from scratch, you should have an understanding of the rudiments of the game and the mechanics of playing. In some sessions, however, assistance can be provided to novice players.

At the upper end of the spectrum, we would expect that the stronger players would still be 'inexperienced', with little/no experience of green-point events, and they should be below the rank of Master and lower than a Jack on the NGS.

Players who are too experienced may be asked to play in the main congress instead.

PROGRAMME

First weekend

Friday	6:30pm or 7:45pm	Swiss Pairs, session 1 (3 matches)
2nd	11:30pm	Late-night Speedball Pairs
Saturday	11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
3rd	12 noon	Jack High Swiss Pairs, session 1
	1:00pm	Swiss Pairs, session 2 (4 matches)
	3:30pm	Jack High Swiss Pairs, session 2
	7:45pm	Swiss Pairs, session 3 (3 matches)
	11:30pm	Late-night Speedball Teams
Sunday	11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
4th	12:30pm	Swiss Pairs, session 4 (4 matches)
	7:45pm	Open Pairs and Open Teams

Midweek

Monday	10:30am	TD course – How to run a club duplicate
5th	2:00pm	Open Pairs
	2:30pm	Really Easy Congress: Welcome and Introductory Supervised Play session
	7:30pm	Really Easy Congress: Lesson 1
	7:45pm	Seniors Pairs qualifier
	7:45pm	Play with The Experts (PWTE) Pairs
Tuesday	10:30am	Really Easy Congress: Lesson 2
6th	10:30am	TD course – Book rulings
	2:00pm	Seniors Pairs semi-finals
	2:00pm	Open Pairs
	2:30pm	Really Easy Congress: play session: Pairs 1
	6:45pm	Early-bird Championship Pairs
	7:30pm	Really Easy Congress, play session: Pairs 2
	7:45pm	Seniors Pairs finals and consolation event
	7:45pm	Championship Pairs
Wednesday	10:30am	TD course – Book and judgement rulings
7th	10:30am	Really Easy Congress, lesson 3
	11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
	1:00pm	Seniors Swiss Teams, session 1

PROGRAMME

Midweek (continued)

Wednesday	2:00pm	Open Pairs
7th	2:30pm	Really Easy Congress: play session: Pairs 3
	7:30pm	Really Easy Congress: play session: Teams
	7:45pm	Mixed Pivot Teams Championship
Thursday	10:30am	Really Easy Congress Swiss Pairs (2 sessions)
8th	10:30am	TD course – Assessment
	1:00pm	Seniors Swiss Teams, session 2
	2:00pm	Open Pairs
	3:30pm	Really Easy Congress: Prize giving and farewell
	6:45pm	Early-bird: Mixed Pairs Championship
	7:45pm	Mixed Pairs Championship

Second weekend

Friday	10:30am	EBUScore: Beginners course
9th	10:30am	Advanced TD training
	11:00am	Advanced Seminar (subject to be confirmed)
	1:00pm	Open Pairs and Point-a-Board Teams
	2:00pm	EBUScore: Next Step course
	6:30pm or 7:45pm	Swiss Teams, session 1 (3 matches)
	11:30pm	Late-night Speedball Pairs
Saturday	11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
10th	12 noon	One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 1 (3 matches)
	1:00pm	Swiss Teams, session 2 (4 matches)
	3:30pm	One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 2 (3 matches)
	7:45pm	Swiss Teams, session 3 (3 matches)
	11:30pm	Late-night Speedball Teams
Sunday	10:45am	Discussion on the way forward in EBU Competitions
11th	11:00am	Four Stars Finals, session 1 (3 matches)
	12 noon	One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 1 (3 matches)
	12 noon	Swiss Teams, session 4 (4 matches)
	2:50pm	Four Stars Finals, session 2 (4 matches)
	3:30pm	One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 2 (3 matches)

MIDWEEK

Open Pairs

First Sunday Evening 7:45pm (also Open Teams)

Monday to Thursday 2:00pm; Friday 1:00pm (Point-a-Board Teams also available on Friday 1:00pm – see p17)

Entry to the Sunday evening event is free of charge to any player who has been playing in the main Swiss Pairs tournament. This also applies to the Friday afternoon Open Pairs event and the Friday afternoon Point-a-Board Teams, which are free to those playing in the Swiss Teams on the second weekend.

Pairs events will be arrow-switched and match-pointed across the field, and a comparable prize scale will be devised for each tournament based upon the size of the field. For example, with approximately 15 tables (30 pairs): 1st £40 (per pair), 2nd £20 (subject to numbers).

In teams events, prizes of £40 per team will be awarded to all section winners in a 2-board round multiple teams event, £30 for 3-board round events (subject to numbers).

Master Point awards are Blue Points on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

MORNING SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS

‘Discuss it with an expert’ sessions will take place on Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, Wednesday 7th and Saturday 10th starting at 11:00am and focusing on the previous day’s hands

On Friday 9th at 10:45am there will be an expert seminar (topic to be announced)

On Sunday 11th at 10:45am there will be an open discussion on the way forward for EBU Competitions, with members of the EBU Tournament Panel

MIDWEEK

PLAY WITH THE EXPERTS

for the Fraser Cup - Holders: Roger Morton & David Ould

Monday 7:45pm (no Early Bird session for this event)

A pairs event, employing teams-type scoring. At the end of the event the N/S pairs will be given the original score-card as obtained by a pair of experts playing E/W in the original competition. They will 'imp' their own scores with those of their expert teammates. In exactly the same way, all the E/W pairs will receive an expert N/S score-card.

The event will be also be played in venues across the country. The trophy and the first prize will be awarded to the overall winners, which will be established by calculating the average imp score obtained by all pairs in each direction and comparing the actual scores of the leading N/S and E/W pairs with this average. The overall winners will be the pair furthest ahead of the average score in their direction. The leading pair in the other direction will be deemed to be the overall runners-up.

The overall winners will not necessarily be the pair with the largest net plus score. The leading pair from the other direction could have a higher score in terms of the final method of scoring (i.e. after comparison with the average score in that direction).

Note that your 'expert teammates' score-card may not guarantee you a large plus score. Note also that for the purpose of the NGS this event will be re-scored by Cross-IMPs.

Master Point awards and Prizes (see also Stratification)

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

Prizes will depend on the overall entry across the country.

There will be prizes to the leading pair in each direction (N/S and E/W), plus an additional to the overall trophy winner.

There will also be prizes for the leading 'B' + 'C' stratified pair in each direction; and to the leading 'C' stratified pair in each direction.

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GCH FOX PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Holders: Steve Root and Niall Igoe

Tuesday 7:45pm (6:45pm Early Bird session)

A straightforward Pairs event, match-pointed across the field. The event will be also be played in venues across the country.

Master Point awards and Prizes (see also Stratification)

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

Prizes will depend on the overall entry across the country.

Prizes to leading places and to the leading 'B' + 'C' stratified pair and the leading 'C' stratified pair.

MIXED PIVOT TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

**for the Middlesex Cup - Holders: Bernard Goldenfield, Rhona Goldenfield,
Joy Blakey, Irving Blakey**

Wednesday 7:45pm (no Early Bird session for this event)

A teams-of-four competition, in which you will play 3 rounds of 3-boards per round with each of your teammates in turn as your partner (a 27-board competition). All teams must include at least one man and at least one woman. The event will be also be played in venues across the country.

Scoring is by netimps. All matches are played 'head-on', in order that a barometer style score-board can be maintained. Should an odd number of teams take part, some teams will be required to sit out one match, and their final score will be factored by 27/24 (all fractions included) to take account of this.

Master Point awards and Prizes

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

Prizes to the leading places: which will depend on the overall entry across the country.

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MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

for the London Duplicate Club Cup - Holders: Tracy Capal & David Sherman

Thursday 7:45pm (6:45pm Early Bird session)

A straightforward Pairs event for mixed pairs, match-pointed across the field. The event will be also be played in venues across the country.

Master Point awards and Prizes (see also Stratification)

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

Prizes will depend on the overall entry across the country.

Prizes to leading places and to the leading 'B' + 'C' stratified pair and the leading 'C' stratified pair.

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POINT-A-BOARD TEAMS

Friday 1:00pm

As an alternative to the Open Pairs, this one-session event offers a scoring method only recently used in this country, and will provide an ideal practice for the National Point-a-Board Teams Congress in London next January. Please note that Point-a-Board events are re-scored as match-pointed pairs for NGS.

SECOND WEEKEND

SWISS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Four Stars Holders:

**Bernard Teltscher, Artur Malinowski,
Mark Teltscher, Tom Townsend &
Zia Mahmood**

Mayors Cup ('B' Final) Holders:

**Chris Dixon, David S Jones, Trevor Ward &
Peter Shelley**

Brighton Bowl Holders:

**Norman Selway, Kay Preddy,
Sandra Penfold, & Brian Senior**

Friday 7:45pm; Saturday 1:00pm and 7:45pm;

Sunday 12 noon ("A" & "B" finals start at 11:00am)

Starting arrangements: session 1

You have the option on Friday evening to play matches 1-3, starting at 6:30pm, or matches 2-4, starting at 7:45pm. Please draw for a starting position. Positions may be drawn on Friday evening from 5:30pm onwards for the 6:30pm start and 6:45pm onwards for the 7:45pm start.

Please fill in your names on the name-slip, and have the slip ready for collection from your table once play starts.

Restarting arrangements: sessions 2–4

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. There is no carry-forward score into the finals.

SECOND WEEKEND

The format of 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. All other teams continue to play in the Swiss Teams, for the Brighton Bowl.

Master Point awards

To reflect the status of this event within our calendar, enhanced awards of 0.42 Green Points 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) (subject to numbers)

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	£520	1 st	£260	1st	£240
2nd	£400	2 nd	£200	2nd	£160
3rd	£340	3 rd	£170	3rd	£120
4th	£280	4 th	£140	4th	£ 80
5th	£240	5 th	£120		
6th	£200	6 th	£100		
7th	£160	7 th	£ 80		
8th	£120	8 th	£ 60		

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.

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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 2018.

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 (i.e. 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 (e.g. 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 (i.e. 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 initial home table will correspond to your team number. Tables will be numbered so that odd numbered tables are on one side of the room and even numbered tables on the other.

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- iii) Your first match in each session will be against the team at the corresponding adjacent-numbered table (e.g. 3 v 4, 57 v 58, 124 v 123).
- iv) 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.
- v) You are then ready to start your next match.
- vi) 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 (e.g. 3 v 4, 57 v 58, 124 v 123).
- vii) 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 – you will soon get into the swing of things, and we very much hope that you enjoy the Swiss Teams.

ONE DAY STRATIFIED EVENTS

Saturday and Sunday 12 noon

Two separate Swiss Pairs events, each comprising six matches of seven boards, scored by matchpoints converted to VPs. Assignments will be on a 'current-round' basis. On each day there will be a break of about half an hour half-way through, so as to give a finishing time of 6:30pm.

Master Point awards (see also Stratification)

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards to the top quarter of the field.

Minimum overall bonus ranking award of 0.25. The top award depends on the size of the field, but typically 3 Green Points for a 15 table (30 pairs) event. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

ONE DAY STRATIFIED EVENTS

Prizes (see also Stratification) (subject to numbers)

Prize awards depend on the size of the field, but typically with 15 tables (30 pairs): 1st £80, 2nd £60, 3rd £40 (per pair). Leading 'B' + 'C' stratification pair £40. Leading 'C' stratification pair £40.

One additional prize of £60 for the pair with the best combined score over the two one-day events and an additional Green Point award of 0.50.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

System Cards

You are required to have a pair of identical completed EBU 20B system cards 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.

WBF system cards are not permitted in any of the competitions in this congress. Visitors from abroad are asked to take particular care 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) verify the entry 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.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

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. However, any conditions, whether general or specific

to the Summer Meeting 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 Master points 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.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Appeals Consultants

Should the need arise, if you wish to speak to an appeals consultant, the names of the consultants will be announced on the Summer Meeting Hub and at the venue.

Results

Results for each match within each sub-field of the main Swiss events will be posted in the relevant playing area. In addition, results of the last match of each session will be posted on the main notice board.

Protest time (Swiss Pairs and 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 in respect of the second match of a four match session: 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 14, 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.
- *Exception:* for teams in contention for either the 'A' or 'B' final on Sunday morning, protest time for matches 9 & 10 expires at 12:15am (i.e. just after midnight).
- In respect of the final match of the tournament (match 14), 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.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Split Tie Procedures - General

A tie for first place will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures if necessary. Tied places share any prize awards equally, except where stated otherwise, even though the tie may be split for other purposes.

Split Tie Procedures – Special Regulations for 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 (i.e. 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). Failing all that, details of all further methods of splitting a tie are available on request.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Stratification

The following pairs events will all be stratified:

- The first weekend main Swiss Pairs event
- Monday evening 'Play with the Experts'
- Tuesday evening 'Pairs Championship'
- Thursday evening 'Mixed Pairs'
- The one-day 'Swiss Pairs' events on the second weekend.

Stratification levels are as follows:

'A': at least one member of the partnership is a Premier Life Master or above

'B': at least one member of the partnership is a Premier Regional Master or above and neither is a Premier Life Master or above.

'C': neither member of the partnership is a Premier Regional Master or above.

Overseas visitors with Master Point records held outside the UK are normally obliged to be category 'A' players; and there are further exceptions, see

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

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

Master Point awards

Master Point awards are quoted within 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.

Prizes

Pairs are limited to one prize per pair, which shall be the highest one available to them. Any prize so released will be awarded to the next pair in line in the appropriate category. Therefore, the number of prizes quoted will always be awarded to the leading 'B' + 'C' and 'C' ranked pairs who finish outside the main prize list.



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