



55th Summer Meeting



6th - 15th August 2021

Devonshire Park, Eastbourne

Including:

Weekend Challenge Events

One Day Events The Progressive Tournament

Back to Face to Face Bridge

First Live EBU Competition in 2021

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INTRODUCTION

We have a comprehensive range of events including the Progressive Tournament events, the extended GCH Fox Championship Pairs and new Patton Midweek Teams. This year we again have 'One-day events' - Swiss Pairs, one on each day on the second weekend. The Point-a-Board teams will as usual be on the afternoon of the second Friday.

Last year the midweek evening events were held at venues across the country. This year two of 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 bar will be open from 10:30am each morning serving tea, coffee and sandwiches as well as cold drinks until the end of the evening. It will of course stay open later when we have the Late Night Speedball on both Fridays, which start at 11:30pm. During the congress you will be able to browse the Bridge Warehouse as well as our regular stand from Brian Senior Books. We will have some information available about Eastbourne.

We welcome your comments about this congress and you will be sent questionnaires by email after the event. 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.

EBU Congress Desk

The congress staff will help you with any queries regarding the congress itself. Telephone enquiries can be made between 10:30am and 1:00pm on 07948 268731/4. Alternatively, you can email us at comps@ebu.co.uk.

Tournament Host

Sam Kelly is the Tournament Host for the whole congress. If you need any help in non-bridge-related matters, or wish to discuss any aspect of the tournament, she 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 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!

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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.

Bridgemates

North (or South) is responsible for entering the contract and result into the Bridgemate, and showing it to East (or West) to verify the entry before it is agreed 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 check the result, and both sides should have the opportunity to review other scores.

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"

Special Circumstances

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (e.g. protest time). 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.

Split Tie Procedures

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.

The Summer Meeting Hub

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

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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/results/822. 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. Live results from current events will be available from www.ebu.co.uk/results/823 or by scanning the QR code.



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.

Appeals Consultants

Should the need arise, if you wish to speak to an appeals consultant a tournament director will be able to introduce you to someone suitable.

MORNING SEMINARS

DISCUSS IT WITH AN EXPERT

Come along at 10:00am each Saturday and Sunday morning.

Discuss the previous day's hands with a panel of experts

FIRST WEEKEND

Swiss Pairs Championship

for the Harold Poster Trophy. Holders (2019): *Andrew Black & Andrew McIntosh*

Friday 7:00pm; Saturday 11:00am and 3:30pm; Sunday 11:00am (and 2:00pm)

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

Please draw for a starting position. Positions may be drawn from 6:00pm onwards on Friday evening.

Please fill in your names on the name-slip, and have the slip ready for collection from your table at 7:45pm.

Restarting arrangements: sessions 2–4

Starting positions for session two onwards will be posted on the main notice board but you are strongly encouraged to access this information from the results page on the website, to avoid congestion. We also 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 further 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.

1st 16, last award receiving position 0.50. Awards for intermediate places will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes (see also Stratification)

Prizes to 12th place, quoted in terms of £ per pair as follows:

1st	£240	5th	£120	9th	£70
2nd	£180	6th	£100	10th	£60
3rd	£160	7th	£90	11th	£50
4th	£140	8th	£80	12th	£40

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).

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A further 6 stratified prizes as follows:

'B' + 'C' stratification: 2 prizes:

1st	£80,	2nd	£40.
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'C' stratification: 1 prize: 1st £60.

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

Brighton Plate Holders (2019): *Jonathan Clark & Kripa Panchagnula*

Open IMP Pairs

First Sunday Evening 7:30pm

Open Pairs event will be scored by Cross-IMP, and a comparable prize scale will be devised based upon the size of the field. For example, with approximately 15 tables (30 pairs): 1st £30 (per pair), 2nd £20.

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

Fast Pairs

Both weekends: Friday 11:00pm (Speedball) and Saturday 9:00pm (Serious)

This year we offer two sorts of fast game after the main events on both weekends, both are free to those playing in the main event.

The traditional Late-night Speedball will be on Friday evenings, playing at twice the speed of a usual event, for example: 7-minute for 2-board rounds – 26 boards in 90 minutes. These are light-hearted events for which there is no prize money or master points, and they do not count for the NGS

Earlier on Saturday evenings, we have the Serious Fast Pairs, played at the speed of online fast game: 10-minutes for 2-board rounds – up to 28 boards in less than 2½ hours. By contrast, these events will award master points and will count for the NGS.

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The Progressive Tournament starts on Monday with 6-High Welcome Pairs, and builds through 9-High events, and finishing with a Jack-High Swiss Pairs. On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be seminars in the mornings and play sessions in the afternoon and evenings. On Thursday, the two-session Swiss Pairs event starts in the morning.

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.

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

6-High Pairs Events

Monday 7:30pm and Tuesday 10:00am (Seminar) and 2:00pm (Pairs)

In order to qualify to play in these events, you must have an NGS of no higher than 'six' at the time of entering. There will be two pairs events.

9-High Stratified Pairs and Mixed Teams

**Tuesday 7:00pm (Pairs: Session 1) and
Wednesday 10:am (Seminar), 2:00pm (Pairs: Session 2) and 7:30pm (Teams)**

In order to qualify to play in this event, you must have an NGS of no higher than '9' at the time of entering. There will be a two session pairs events and a one-session mixed teams event.

Master Points

Blue Points on regional scale (club award x 3). The two-session pairs event will be stratified, with extra master points for pairs of players both ranked '6' or lower.

JACK HIGH SWISS PAIRS

Thursday 10am and 1:30pm

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 '9' or lower, and for players both ranked '6' or lower. This is a two-session Swiss Pairs events consisting of 4 x 4-board matches in session one and 3 x 4-board matches in session two.

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 to the top one-sixth of the '6 and below' pairs: top award of 0.50, minimum award of 0.13.

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

Prizes

Monetary prizes based on the size of entry will be awarded to the top sixth of the field with an additional prizes to the top '9and below' pair and the top '6 and below' pair.

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First weekend

Friday 6th	7:00pm - 10:30pm	Swiss Pairs session 1 (3 matches)
	11:00pm	Late Night Speed Ball – Pairs
Saturday 7th	10:00am	Discuss it with an Expert
	11:00am - 2:30pm	Swiss Pairs session 2 (3 matches)
	3:30pm - 6:55pm	Swiss Pairs session 3 (3 matches)
Sunday 8th	9:00pm - 11:30pm	Serious Fast Pairs event
	10:00am	Discuss it with an Expert
	11:00am - 1:15pm	Swiss Pairs session 4a (2 matches)
	2:00pm - 5:20pm	Swiss Pairs session 4b (3 matches)
	7:00pm - 10:30pm	Open Pairs (IMP Scoring)

Midweek

Monday 9th	10:30am	TD Course
	1:00pm - 4:45pm	GCH Fox Pairs Championship session 1
	2:00pm	Progressive Tournament Welcome
	7:00pm - 10:30pm	GCH Fox Pairs Championship session 2
Tuesday 10th	7:30pm	6 High Welcome Pairs
	10:00am	6 High Seminar
	10:30am	TD Course
	1:00pm - 4:45pm	GCH Fox Pairs Championship - Final (session 1)
	1:00pm - 4:45pm	GCH Fox Pairs Championship - Consolation event (session 1)
	2:00pm	6 High Pairs (with hands relating to morning seminar)
	7:00pm - 10:30pm	GCH Fox Pairs Championship - Final (session 2)
	7:00pm - 10:30pm	GCH Fox Pairs Championship - Consolation event (session 2)
7:00pm	9 High Stratified Pairs (session 1)	

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Midweek (continued)

Wednesday 11th	10:00am	9 High Seminar
	10:30am	TD Course
	1:00pm - 4:45pm	Patton (Hybrid Scoring) Teams Championship Qualifier
	2:00pm	9 High Stratified Pairs (session 2)
	7:00pm - 10:30pm	Mixed Pivot Teams Championship
	7:30pm	9 High Mixed Teams
Thursday 12th	10:00am	Jack High Swiss Pairs (session 1, 4 x 4 board rounds)
	10:30am	TD Course
	1:00pm - 4:45pm	Patton (Hybrid Scoring) Teams Championship Final
	1:00pm - 4:45pm	Patton (Hybrid Scoring) Teams Championship Consolation Final
	1:30pm	Jack High Swiss Pairs (session 2, 3 x 4 board rounds)
	3:30pm	Progressive Tournament Prizegiving
	7:00pm - 10:30pm	Mixed Pairs Championship

Second Weekend

Friday 13th	10:30am	Scoring Course
	10:30am	Advanced TD Training
	1:00pm - 4:15pm	Point-a-Board Teams (NGS Graded on Pairs results)
	2:00pm	Scoring Course
	7:00pm - 10:30pm	Swiss Teams session 1 (3 x 8-boards)
	11:00pm	Late Night Speed Ball – Pairs
Saturday 14th	10:00am	Discuss it with an Expert
	11:00am - 2:30pm	Swiss Teams session 2 (3 matches)
	12noon - 2:50pm	1-Day Swiss Pairs session 1 (3 x 7-boards)
	3:30pm - 6:20pm	1-Day Swiss Pairs session 2 (3 x 7-boards)
	3:30pm - 6:55pm	Swiss Teams session 3 (3 matches)
	9:00pm - 11:30pm	Serious Fast Pairs event
Sunday 15th	10:00am	Discuss it with an Expert
	11:00am - 2:15pm	Four Stars session 1 (3 x 8-boards)
	11:00am - 1:15pm	Swiss Teams session 4a (2 matches)
	12noon - 2:50pm	1-Day Swiss Pairs session 1 (3 x 7-boards)
	2:00pm - 5:20pm	Swiss Teams session 4b (3 matches)
	2:45pm - 7:10pm	Four Stars session 2 (4 x 8-boards)
	3:30pm - 6:20pm	1-Day Swiss Pairs session 2 (3 x 7-boards)

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GCH Fox Pairs Championship

Monday and Tuesday at 1:00pm and 7:00pm

The new-format Pairs Championship comprises two qualifying sessions on Monday, then a two-session final and two consolation final sessions on Tuesday. Session will also be played online. The final will be all-play-all, played at Eastbourne – to qualify pairs must play both qualifying sessions at Eastbourne.

All sessions in the qualifier and the consolation final are open to 'drop-in' pairs who only wish to play one session each day, or player who wish to play with different partners. Each of these sessions will be scored separately, as there will be different pairs in each, and master points will be awarded for each session. The ranking from each day will be based on the sum of the two percentage scores – for the pairs who play both sessions.

The final will be scored/ranked as a single two-session event.

Master Point awards

Master point for each session in the qualifier and consolation: Blue Points on Regional Scale (club awards x 3)

Final: Green Points to all pairs in the final.

Qualifier and Consolation: Blue Points to top quarter of the pairs who play both sessions, based on their combined score.

Prizes

Prizes for each session of the qualifier and consolation, prizes for the final, and an additional prize for the winner of the consolation – all dependent on the size of entry.

Patton Teams Championship

Wednesday 1:00pm and Thursday 1:00pm

All sessions will consist of round-robin teams with hybrid scoring. Teams will qualify from the session on Wednesday to a final on Thursday, or otherwise play in the consolation final. Teams can play in only one session if they choose: teams who do not want to play on Thursday should tell a TD on Wednesday, teams which play on Thursday will play in the consolation final.

Hybrid Scoring Method

The scoring method is the one used (since 2015) in the Pachabo Cup, and similar methods are used in some other events in England, and more events in Europe.

For this hybrid (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.

For example, if the matches are of 4 boards, 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

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converting IMPs to VP, 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.

The victory point scale for conversion from IMPs to VP will be available when the format is known. (The victory point scales are available in the [White Book](#).)

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.

Master Points

Blue Points on National Scale (club awards x 4). Green Points for the final.

Prizes

Prizes for the qualifying session, the final and the consolation session – depending on the size of entries.

Mixed Pivot Teams Championship

for the Middlesex Cup

Wednesday 7:00pm

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. The trophy is awarded to highest team playing at Eastbourne.

Scoring is by net imps. 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

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

Prizes

Prizes to 3rd place of £120, £80 and £60 per team, respectively.

Mixed Pairs Championship

for the London Duplicate Club Cup

Thursday 7:00pm

A straightforward Pairs event for mixed pairs, match-pointed across the field. The event will be also be played in venues across the country: clubs have the option to play the event online. The event will be scored across the field and the trophy will be awarded to the highest placed pair playing at Eastbourne.

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Master Point awards (see also Stratification)

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

Prizes (see also Stratification)

Prizes to 4th place of £80, £60, £50 and £30 per pair, respectively.

Leading 'B' + 'C' stratified pair: £30. Leading 'C' stratified pair: £30.

SECOND WEEKEND

Point-a-Board Teams

Friday 1:00pm

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.

CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS TEAMS

Four Stars Holders (2019): *David Mossop, Paul Hackett, Jason Hackett & Justin Hackett*

Mayors Cup ('B' Final) Holders (2019):

Artur Malinowski, David Herman, Waseem Naqvi, Hussein Adamali

Brighton Bowl Holders (2019): *Tom Townsend, Bernard Teltscher, Phil King, Keven Castner*

Friday 7:00pm; Saturday 11:00am and 7:45pm; Sunday 11:00am

The 'A' and 'B' finals start at 11:00am on Sunday, with a break: resuming at 2:50pm

Session 4 of the Swiss Teams (for the Brighton Bowl) also starts at 11:00am, with a break: resuming at 2:00pm.

Starting arrangements: session 1

Please draw an assignment card from reception. Positions may be drawn from 6:00pm onwards on Friday evening. Please fill in your names on the name-slip on your table, including any special categories that may apply (see below), and have the slip ready for collection from your table at 7:00pm.

Restarting arrangements: sessions 2–4

Notices will be displayed on the main notice board, as well as on our website, to advise you of the scores, and showing your assignments for each new session, but if possible you are strongly encouraged to access this information from the results page on the website, to avoid congestion.

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Format

The tournament is a straightforward Swiss Teams event, playing 8-board matches, but at the end of the ninth match on Saturday evening, the top 8 teams at that stage will cease to play Swiss Teams and will go forward into the all-play-all Four Stars final. Any tie within the top 8 places at the end of Saturday will be split as explained below. There is no carry-forward score into the finals.

The format of the final is a full round-robin of 7 x 8-board matches. The timetable is as follows: 11:00am – 2:15pm, 3 matches; and 2:50pm – 7:10pm, 4 matches

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 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:

The Four Stars final: 1st 6 Green Points, 8th 2. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

The Brighton Bowl Swiss Teams: awards to the top third of the field, including the 8 teams playing in the final. Example: an original entry of 30 teams equates to 10 ranking awards, so awards to two places in the Swiss. 1st 2 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 the top six teams in the final, and to the top 3 teams in the Brighton Bowl as follows:

Final 1st £280, £

‘A’ FINAL				SWISS	
1 st	£280	4 th	£100	1 st	£120
2 nd	£160	5 th	£80	2 nd	£80
3 rd	£120	6 th	£60	3 rd	£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.

A non-expert team is defined as a team no member of which is an NGS grade ‘Ace’ or 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

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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 2020.

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 £80 per team for the genuine winners (i.e. including teams finishing in the main prize list and including teams reaching either of the finals). A genuine winner finishing in the main prize list will receive either the main prize or the £60 prize.

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, 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 £120 (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 home table will correspond to your team number.
- 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.

ONE-DAY STRATIFIED SWISS PAIRS EVENTS

Saturday and Sunday 12 noon

Two separate Swiss Pairs events, each comprising six matches of seven boards, scored by match points 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.

SECOND WEEKEND

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.

Prizes (see also Stratification)

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

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 8 & 9 expires at 9pm on Saturday evening.
- **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.**

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Supplementary regulation

Swiss Teams

Any tie which exists within the first eight 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

Stratification

The following pairs events will all be stratified:

- The first weekend main Swiss Pairs event
- Monday/Tuesday 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.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

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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