



SPRING BANK HOLIDAY SWISS PAIRS

5th June 2022

Online on RealBridge

Programme (2022-06-04)

1 Swiss Pairs

For the Swiss Pairs Trophy – holders (2021) Keith Joules & David Beck

Sunday	11:00am – 1:45 pm	Swiss Pairs, session 1 (3 x 7-board matches)
	2:30pm – 6:15pm	Swiss Pairs, session 2 (4 x 7-board matches)

2 Stratification

'A': at least one player is a Premier Life Masters, or above, or has the NGS of 'Ace'.

'B': at least one player is a Premier Regional Masters or above, and not 'A'.

'C': neither player is of the rank Premier Regional Master or above, and no 'Ace'.

There are further *Stratification Exemptions* – see

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

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

3 Master Point awards

All Master Points will be registered by direct credit. Please note however that your record may not show these points immediately. Ranking lists are available from our website at www.ebu.co.uk/results/938

Awards for matches won: 0.25 Green Point (0.13 for a draw).

Bonus Green Point ranking awards to the top one-quarter of the field: top award of 2.00 and a minimum award of 0.25; awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Stratification awards are half (B) and quarter (C) of the overall ranking awards.

4 Prizes

All prizes are quoted throughout in terms of £ per pair. First prize £100.

4.1 Systems and conventions

This is a Level 4 event.

You are required to have a system card online that should be made available to your opponents at the start of each round, by posting a link in the table chat. You must use EBU system card (you may not use WBF system cards, which are only permitted in EBU Level 5 events).

You can use any existing link to your system card. Otherwise, system cards can be uploaded to My EBU > Utilities > System Card – and obtain a link.

4.2 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!

4.3 Telephones and other electrical communication

Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices may not be used during play, except in an emergency.

4.4 General

General EBU regulations; however, any conditions, whether they be general or specific to this competition as set out in this programme, may be varied upon the special instruction of the Tournament Director in charge.

5 RealBridge

5.1 Instructions

RealBridge uses computer video and audio for communication between players. Player can and should test their video/audio by logging into the system in advance.

Players are expected to use video and audio during play. If you develop problems with audio/video, you will be allowed to continue to play using text until you have time to try to sort it out, rather than delaying play.

It may be necessary to refresh the video feed every hour or so: this can be done (without logging out) by clicking the refresh button on your name bar.

5.2 Procedures

You should remember that you will be seen and heard by your opponents and should take care to avoid distracting behaviour such as eating while visible/audible 'at the table'.

5.2.1 Alerting/Announcing/Explaining

This event will be in open-table mode (not screens) with self-alerting and written explanations. Follow-up questions can be to the player who made the call (via private chat or verbally).

Note that the partner of the player who made the call will not have seen the written explanation.

Calls are alerted and explained by the player making the call. Provide a written explanation when making the call of all calls that would be alertable or announced face-to-face.

Exceptionally, **bids and passes** above 3NT should be alerted and explained if they are artificial or unexpected. Doubles and Redoubles need only be alerted if required by the face-to-face rules.

5.2.2 Online Regulations

The EBU Sky-Blue Book applies to this event. In particular

- Players may consult their own system card and other (pre-existing) system notes at any stage (1.1)
- UNDOs are permitted in the auction but not in the play (4.3)

If there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, the TD should be called – it may be necessary to reject the request in order to call the TD. The TD will rule whether Law 25A applies and if so, will instruct the other side to accept the request.

If the other side accept the request for an UNDO, without calling the TD, they will usually be deemed to have accepted the replacement call (Law 25B1 – 'the second call stands and the auction continues').



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