



Seniors Congress 2022

Online on RealBridge

6th – 8th December 2022

Programme

(2022-12-06)

1 Introduction

Welcome to the Seniors Congress, played this year online on RealBridge. Players unfamiliar with EBU events played on RealBridge, there are practice sessions to allow you to try RealBridge before the congress starts.

2 Times of play

Tuesday	11:00am - 2:15pm	Championship Pairs qualifier, session 1 (24 boards)
	3:00pm - 6:15pm	Championship Pairs qualifier, session 2 (24 boards)
Wednesday	11:00am - 1:45pm	Swiss Pairs , session 1 (3 x 7-board matches)
	11:00am - 2:15pm	Pairs Final , session 1 (8 rounds of 3 boards)
	2:30pm - 6:10pm	Swiss Pairs , session 2 (4 x 7-board matches)
	3:00pm - 6:30pm	Pairs Final , session 2 (9 rounds of 3 boards)
Thursday	11:00am - 1:45pm	Swiss Teams , session 1 (3 x 7-board matches)
	2:30pm - 6:10pm	Swiss Teams , session 2 (4 x 7-board matches)

3 Championship Pairs

3.1 Qualifier

Tuesday is a two-session 'all-play-through' multiple pairs qualifying event: sessions will be 24 boards each. We expect 30 tables, playing 3-board rounds.

The top 18 pairs will qualify for the Championship Pairs final, to be played on Wednesday. There is also a Swiss Pairs event on Wednesday for non-qualifiers and for new pairs joining the congress on this day. There will be no carry-forward score into either final.

3.2 Championship Pairs Final

Holders (2021): Gabriel Hearst & James Bond

There will be one final of 9 tables, playing 17 3-board rounds. The final will comprise an 'Endless' Howell movement: the first session will be 8 rounds (24 boards), and the second session will be the remaining 9 rounds (27 boards).

3.3 Swiss Pairs

Holders (2021): Alan Brosgill & Robin Jepson

This is a standard Swiss Pairs event, with assignments being made on a current round basis. The event comprises seven matches of seven boards per match; three matches before the break and four after.

4 Swiss Teams

Holders (2021): Trevor Ward, John Hassett, Malcolm Pryor, David Muller

The event comprises seven matches of seven boards per match, and will be played with a break after three matches. Teams will maintain their home tables for the duration of the event. Later rounds may involve rematches.

5 Master Points

5.1 Championship Pairs Qualifying Rounds

Blue Points at National scale (Club x 4) to half the field (minimum award of 0.24) — based on the total scores for the two sessions.

5.2 Championship Pairs Final

Green Points for all pairs in the final: assuming a 9-table final: 1st 7.00; 18th 2.00; awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

5.3 Swiss Pairs

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw). Bonus ranking awards to the top one-sixth of the field as follows: 1st 2.00; last award receiving position 0.25: awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

5.4 Swiss Teams

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw). Bonus ranking awards to the top one-fifth of the field as follows: 1st 4; last award receiving position 0.25: awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

6 Special Regulations

6.1 Systems cards and RealBridge

See [RealBridge instructions](#)

6.2 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!

6.3 Telephones and other electrical communication

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

6.4 General

The terms and conditions of contest outlined in this programme may be varied upon the express instructions of the Tournament Director in charge in order to facilitate the smooth running of the congress should any unforeseen circumstances arise. Specifically, the Tournament Director in charge is authorised to determine the size of the two pairs finals once the total original entry in each event is known.

6.5 Master Points and Ranking List

All master points will be awarded by direct credit. Ranking lists are available from our web site at <http://www.ebu.co.uk/results/999>

6.6 Prizes

There are no prizes for the EBU Seniors Congress.



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