



**THE ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION**

# **FIRST FOR BRIDGE MONTENEGRO CONGRESS**

A NATIONAL GREEN POINT EVENT



**Carine Hotel Kumbor, Bay of Kotor, Montenegro**

**Sponsored by: First for Bridge**



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## **PROGRAMME**

# First for Bridge

## Montenegro Congress

A warm welcome to you all, from the English Bridge Union to the Montenegro Congress sponsored by First for Bridge. In order to help you enjoy your stay you are invited to a welcome meeting at 10:45am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### ***PROGRAMME***

Dinner is booked for 18.30 each evening, with the exception of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April; on arrival day, the timings will be subject to arrivals.

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>		Arrival from UK
	20:00 – 23:15	Pre-Congress Pairs
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10:45	Welcome meeting
	13:00 – 16:00	Swiss Pairs – session 1
	16:30 – 18:30	Swiss Pairs – session 2
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	14:30 – 17:45	Swiss Pairs – session 3
	20:00 – 23:15	IMP Pairs
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	09:30 – 13.50	Kotor tour, by coach
	14:30 – 17:45	Pivot Teams – single pivot
	20:00 – 23:15	Open Pairs
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	14:00 – 17:00	Round Robin/Multiple Pairs – session 1
	20:00 – 23:15	Round Robin/Multiple Pairs - session 2
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	09:30 – 14:30	Budva by coach and ferry
	20:00 – 23:15	Swiss Teams – session 1
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	12:30 – 15:30	Swiss Teams – session 2
	16:00 – 18:00	Swiss Teams – session 3
	Followed by	Sponsor's drinks reception and prize-giving
	20:00	Dinner
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		Departure to UK

The two-/three-session events are **Green Pointed**

The other (single session) events are **Blue Pointed**

# **MASTER POINTS**

All Master Points will be awarded by direct credit but may take some weeks to show up on your account. Ranking lists are available from our web site at [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk).

## **Stratification**

Most events will be stratified

### **Stratification levels for individual players:**

'A': a Premier Life Master or above, or has NGS grade 'Ace'.

'B': a Premier Regional Master or above but not Premier Life Master or above.

'C': not a Premier Regional Master or above.

There are exceptions/exemptions, see <https://www.ebu.co.uk/ebu-stratified-events>, in particular

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

### **Stratification levels for pairs:**

the higher of the stratification levels of the players.

### **Stratification levels for teams:**

'A': one player is a Grand Master or above, or is in the Gold Point top 60, or has NGS grade 'Ace'; OR. at least two of the team are stratification level 'A'.

'B': at least two of the team are 'B', or at most one is 'A'.

'C': at most one of the team is 'B', and none are 'A'.

## **Master Point awards**

Master Point awards for the Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams are quoted 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.

### **Swiss Pairs**

0.28 Green Point per 8-board match won (0.14 for a draw)

Bonus Green Point ranking awards to the top quarter of the field with a top award of 3.50 Green Points and a minimum award of 0.50 Green Point. Intermediate awards in accordance with the standard EBU formula.

### **Round-Robin Pairs**

Master point awards depend on the format.

If this is played as (almost) all-play-all, with short rounds, there will be awards to half the field: top award of 3.00 Green Points, and minimum award of 0.25.

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## **Other events**

All other single-session events will be Blue Pointed at National scale. The pairs events will be stratified. The Pivot Teams is not stratified.

## **PRIZES & TROPHIES**

Prizes as outlined below will be credited to the player's account and are quoted in terms of £ per pair or £ per team, as appropriate. The actual prize values quoted are based on a certain anticipated entry to each event. Variations may be made should the final entry be other than as expected, in which case an appropriate announcement would be made before the halfway stage of the competition concerned.

### **Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams**

First prize £120, second prize £60.

Stratified prize £60 – to the highest B/C pair/team not in the top two places

### **Round Robin/Multiple Pairs**

First prize £100. Second prize £60

### **Pivot Teams**

First prize £80.

### **Other pairs events**

First prize £60.

## ***GENERAL CONDITIONS***

### **System Cards**

Pairs are required to have two identically completed system cards (EBU 20B), to be exchanged with your opponents at the start of each round.

If you do not have two completed system cards, you will be provided with blank system cards 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.

The congress is EBU Level 4, so only EBU system cards are permitted. (WBF cards are only permitted in EBU Level 5 events.)

## Format

The programme, and format of the events, can be changed by the Chief Tournament Director if the number of tables makes such changes necessary.

The Pivot Teams is a multiple teams event played in sections, in which you will partner any two of your three teammates in turn for approximately twelve boards (i.e. a *partial* pivot rather than a *full* pivot).

## 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!

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. You may not use any electronic equipment within the playing room.

You may not use electronic cigarettes in the playing room.

## 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.

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".*

## ***NEXT OVERSEAS EVENT***



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## **TRAVEL**

### ***EBU Venetian Congress***

15<sup>th</sup> October – 22<sup>nd</sup> October

*The highly anticipated EBU Venetian Congress takes place this October. Accompanied by experienced EBU directors, this bridge programme features a variety of sessions including Swiss Pairs, Open Pairs and Swiss Teams. Our setting is the Villa Pace Park Hotel Bolognese, a historic 19th century villa that has been resorted into a beautiful, 4-star hotel. Sitting in 10,000 square metres of rich parkland, the hotel boasts an elegant lounge, fantastic leisure facilities, and a superb restaurant with terraces overlooking the gardens. The hotelier, Signora Angelica Semenzato, is a keen bridge player and is very much looking forward to hosting the EBU Venetian Congress at her charming property. With an included excursion to the beautiful city of Bassano del Grappa, with its array of historic gems and cultural delights, this holiday has something for everyone.*



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