



# *Northern Midweek Congress*



**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrogate**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to EBU Northern Midweek Congress, this year at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrogate. The congress is organised by Oliver Cowan and he will be the tournament host. He will be happy to receive your feedback and offer help where possible, in matters not related to the bridge.

## TIMES OF PLAY

<b>Tuesday</b>	13:30 – 18:00	<b>Jack-High Swiss Pairs</b>
	19:30 – 22:30	<b>Open Pairs</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30 – 15:30	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> – matches 1-3
	15:30 – 16:30	Break
	16:30 – 19:30	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> – matches 4-6
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 – 13:00	<b>Swiss Teams</b> – matches 1-2
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
	14:00 – 18:30	<b>Swiss Teams</b> – matches 3-6 Coffee Break after match 4

## 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"*

## **JACK PAIRS SWISS PAIRS**

Aimed at players with an NGS of no higher than 56.99% and run over 2 sessions with a break for tea. 5 x 5-board rounds, scored by VPs.

### ***Master Points***

Blue Points on Regional Scale (club x 3) to top third of the field – no bonus awards for matches won.

## **OPEN PAIRS**

A one-session match-pointed pairs event – 24 boards.

### ***Master Points***

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

## **SWISS PAIRS**

A two-session Swiss Pairs event, consisting of 3 x 8-board matches in session one, and 3 x 8-board matches in session two.

### ***Master Points***

Green Points for matches won: 0.28 (0.14 for a draw).

Bonus ranking awards to the top quarter of the field:  
top award 5.00 green points, minimum award 0.50. awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

## **SWISS TEAMS**

A two-session Swiss Teams event, consisting of 2 x 8-board matches in session one, and 4 x 8-board matches in session two, with a break after round 4.

Green Points for matches won: 0.28 (0.14 for a draw).

### ***Master Points***

Bonus ranking awards to the top fifth of the field:  
top award 3.50 green points, minimum award 0.50. awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

## **GENERAL**

### ***Systems/conventions***

You are required to have a pair of identical completed convention cards (EBU 20B) 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 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.

Since all competitions in this event are Level 4 you may only use EBU system cards and may not use WBF convention cards.

### ***Prizes***

There is a small pool for prize money. Prizes will be paid at the congress. Prize awards will depend on the entries.

### ***Master Points***

All Master Points will be awarded by direct credit. Ranking lists are available from our web site at <https://www.ebu.co.uk/results/1257>

### ***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!

### ***Telephones***

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 communication devices, or electronic cigarettes, in the playing room.

### ***Special Circumstances***

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (e.g. protest time). 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 Director in charge in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and in order to facilitate the smooth running of this Congress.