



# *Seniors Congress 2023*

**Online on RealBridge  
5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Programme  
(2023-12-04)**

## **1 Introduction**

Welcome to the Seniors Congress, played online on RealBridge.

Player links to play each event will appear each day on the results page at <https://www.ebu.co.uk/results/1314>

## 2 Times of play

<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 – 14:00	<b>Pairs qualifier</b> , session 1 (24 boards)
	14:45 – 17:40	<b>Pairs qualifier</b> , session 2 (24 boards)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 – 13:40	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> , session 1 (3 x 7-board matches)
	11:00 – 14:00	<b>Pairs Final</b> , session 1 (8 rounds of 3 boards)
	14:25 – 18:00	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> , session 2 (4 x 7-board matches)
	14:45 – 18:00	<b>Pairs Final</b> , session 2 (9 rounds of 3 boards)
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 – 13:45	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , session 1 (3 x 7-board matches)
	14:30 – 18:10	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , session 2 (4 x 7-board matches)

Timings of breaks in the middle of each event may be varied, as necessary.

## 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 24 tables, playing 16 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

*For the BHA Trophy. Holders (2022): Jeremy Dhondy & Roger Gibbons*

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

*For the Swiss Pairs trophy. Holders (2022): Joanna Lord & Michael Lord*

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

*For the Donnen Trophy.*

*Holders (2022): Trevor Ward & Rob Cliffe, Miles, Cowling & Malcolm Pryor*

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 scores for over the two sessions.

### 5.2 Championship Pairs Final

Green Points for all pairs in the final: assuming a 9-table final: 1<sup>st</sup> 7.00; 18<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> 4; last award receiving position 0.25: awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

## 6 Regulations

### 6.1 Systems cards on RealBridge

See [RealBridge instructions](#)

### 6.2 RealBridge alerting/announcing

See [RealBridge instructions](#)

### 6.3 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!

### 6.4 Telephones and other electrical communication

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

### 6.5 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.

### 6.6 Master Points and Ranking List

All master points will be awarded by direct credit. Ranking lists are available from our web site at <https://www.ebu.co.uk/results/1314>

### 6.7 Prizes

There are no prizes for the EBU Seniors Congress.



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