



NATIONAL POINT-A-BOARD TEAMS CONGRESS

Online on RealBridge

20th – 21st January 2024

**Programme
(Revised – 7 teams – 2024-01-19)**

1 Programme

Saturday	11.00 – 13:55	3 matches (24 boards)
	14:40 – 18:30	4 matches (32 boards)
Sunday	11.00 – 13:40	3 matches (21 boards)
	14:20 – 18:00	4 matches (28 boards)

2 National Point-a-Board Teams

*for the **Geoffrey Fell Trophy** - holders:*

Espen Erichsen, Richard Plackett, Simon Cope & Peter Crouch

2.1 Format

The format of the congress depends on the number of teams entered.

This year, the format is a complete (all-play-all) double round robin. There will be 7 matches each day – 8-board matches on Saturday and 7-board matches on Sunday – each team will sit-out for one round each day.

2.2 Prizes

Prizes amount depending on entries.

First prize £120

All prizes are per team, whether for a team of four, five or six players. Tied places share equally any prize award due, including a tie for first place, even though such a tie will be broken in accordance with standard EBU regulations (full details are available on request) for the purpose of determining the trophy winner. Prizes will be credited automatically to the captain's EBU account, and may be claimed at any time on application to the EBU.

2.3 Master Point awards

All awards are quoted in terms of Green Points per player. Awards for matches won are enhanced by 50% as follows:

- 0.26 Green Point per five-board match won (0.13 for a draw),
- 0.32 Green Point per six-board match won (0.16 for a draw),
- 0.38 Green Point per seven-board match won (0.19 for a draw),
- 0.42 Green Point per eight-board match won (0.21 for a draw),
- 0.52 Green Point per ten-board match won (0.26 for a draw)
- 0.68 Green Point per 13-board match won (0.34 for a draw).

Bonus ranking awards to half-way overall: First place: 4.00; last place: 0.50. Awards for intermediate places as per the standard EBU Green Point Competition formula.

3 General Regulations

RealBridge: with screens, see [RealBridge-with-screens.pdf](#)

System Cards: You are required to have an online system card (EBU20B or WBF) and you should post your system card on RealBridge at the start of each day or exchange a link to your system with your opponents at the start of each round.

You can upload your PDF system card to My EBU > Utilities > System Cards – and obtain a link to provide to opponents.

This is an EBU Level 5 event and so WBF convention cards **are permitted**.

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 and other electrical devices: Please do not use your phone during – except for emergencies, including connection problems.

Prizes: The prize values quoted assume a certain level of entry and are subject to alteration should the actual entry be significantly different from that originally envisaged.

Special Circumstances: General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (e.g. protest time). However, any conditions, whether general or specific to this competition as set out in this programme, may be varied by the Tournament Director in charge to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and to facilitate the smooth running of the congress.

Issue of Master Points and Ranking Lists: All master points are awarded by direct credit and will show on your record within one month. Ranking lists are available from our web site at <http://www.ebu.co.uk/results/1081>.

NGS: This competition will be graded for NGS, based on match-point scoring across the field.

Appeals Advisors: There is no appeals advisor for this event. If you are considering an appeal and would like to discuss it with someone first, ask a tournament director to introduce you to an appropriate person.

4 Special Scoring Regulations

Point a Board Scoring: 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss. A difference of 10 or more aggregate points between a team's two scores constitutes a win/loss.

The "standard amount" for artificial scores is 0.5 points (i.e. 25% of a win). See **Artificial Scores** below.

The "standard penalty" (minimum procedural penalty) is 1 point, and the minimum disciplinary penalty is 2 points.

The minimum unit of scoring is 0.1 points. Exact multiples of 0.05 are rounded in favour of any team that has an above-average score on the board.

Assigned Scores: If an assigned adjusted score is awarded, it is used for scoring in the usual way. If split scores are awarded, the points awarded to the two teams need not total 2.

Artificial Scores: When a score is unable to be obtained at either table, a score of AVE/AVE+/AVE- is awarded according to fault in the usual way, with AVE = 1 point, AVE+ = 1.5 points and AVE- = 0.5 points – average plus or minus the "standard amount". In the event of a team having an overall score for the whole stage of the event greater than 75%, their artificial score will be adjusted upwards accordingly.

Weighted Scores: If weighted scores are awarded, the points deriving from each score are calculated and then weighted.

Example:

NS score	EW score	Points	
+120	20% of -110	20% of 2	= 0.4
+120	40% of -120	40% of 1	= 0.4
<u>+120</u>	<u>40% of -140</u>	<u>40% of 0</u>	<u>= 0.0</u>
Total			= 0.8

Unplayable Boards: It will not be possible to play a substitute board: if neither table has played the board, it will be scored as AVE/AVE+/AVE- in the usual fashion.

If one table has played a board and the other cannot, the valid score is match-pointed against all the other tables that have played the board. This match-point score (in percentage) is added to an artificial score assigned to the other table of the same match (40%/50%/60% according to blame in the usual manner), and this total is converted back into points, rounded to one decimal place. So if a team was directly at fault at a table that couldn't play the board, and their team-mates scored better than any other table on the same board, they would get 100% + 40% = 1.4 points.

5 Draw

Team	Captain	Team Name
1	Ankush Khandelwal	Khandelwal
2	Jane Jensen	Jensen
3	India Natt	Natt
4	Derek Oram	Oram
5	Brian Senior	Senior
6	Tracy Sherman	Sherman
7	Hugo Jee	Jee

6 Schedule

The table shows the teams' opponents for each round.

Team	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
1	bye	3	5	7	2	4	6
2	7	bye	4	6	1	3	5
3	6	1	bye	5	7	2	4
4	5	7	2	bye	6	1	3
5	4	6	1	3	bye	7	2
6	3	5	7	2	4	bye	1
7	2	4	6	1	3	5	bye