

# New Pachabo scoring - 2015



The Pachabo Cup, the EBU's inter-county teams of four championship has for many years, uniquely in this country, been scored by a combination of Point a Board and 'Aggregate Quotient'.

Although most players seem to welcome having a variety of scoring methods in use, it has long been held true that almost no-one really understands what their tactics should be with this scoring method.

In the light of this and in response to a more specific proposal, the Tournament Committee has decided to replace the scoring method for this event with another, simpler and more transparent hybrid scoring method that should make it easier for players to work out their own scores if they wish, and to understand how the scoring works whilst retaining the interest of using a combination of Point a Board and VPs. This change will be instituted in the next Pachabo Cup, in 2015.

For the new Pachabo (PaB + IMPs) scoring method, 2 points will continue to be available for each board – 2 for a win, 1 for a draw, but (unlike the old method) 10 aggregate points will constitute a win/loss so that 10 tricks in 3NT will beat 10 tricks in 4H or 4S.

This means that for each three-board match in the Pachabo there will be 6 PaB points available and in addition there will be a further 6 VPs available for the overall match score, calculated by converting IMPs to VPs according to the scale below. So each match will have a total of 12 points available and will depend in equal measure on Point a Board and IMPs converted to VPs. We hope players will welcome this change.

Counties are of course welcome to employ whatever scoring method they choose for the Teams Championship that determines who represents them in the Pachabo. At present some of them use the traditional Pachabo (PaB + AGGQ) method and they can continue with that if they wish, or convert to the new method if they prefer, or else use any other permitted method they like.

Counties that do wish to use the new method for their qualifying events will find that it has already been implemented in Jeff Smith's TeamsScorer for matches of 2-5 boards.

New Pachabo VP-scale for 3-board matches	
IMPs	VPs
0	3-3
1 - 3	3.5-2.5
4 - 6	4-2
7 - 10	4.5-1.5
11 - 15	5-1
16 - 21	5.5-0.5
22 +	6-0