



2021 Portland Pairs



Played as one event on RealBridge.

This is a 'level 4' type competition for the purpose of permitted systems and conventions.

Times of play

Session 1	11:30 am – 2:45 pm (24 boards)
Session 2	3:30 pm – 6:45 pm (24 boards)

Website Results

Results will be displayed online (on BridgeWebs), linked from <http://www.ebu.co.uk/results/804>

Prizes

Prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair, and will be credited to the pairs concerned on their EBU account. Prizes are based on the final overall ranking list only.

The prizes quoted may be altered if the total original entry is significantly different from that which is expected.

1st £200, 2nd £140, 3rd £120, 4th £100, 5th £9, 6th £80, 7th £70, 8th £60,
9th – 10^t £50, 11th – 12th £40

Green Point Awards

Green Points are awarded each session based on the overall scores within that session only. Additional Green Points are awarded based on the final (sessions I and II combined) ranking list. All awards quoted are 'per player' and relate to the position obtained on the national ranking list.

- For session I and for session II: awards to the top quarter of the field
Top award of 2½; minimum award of ½.
- Overall ranking (additional to session awards): awards to the top half of the field:
Top award of 5; minimum award of 1.

Standard EBU formula applies for intermediate places.

REALBRIDGE

Instructions

RealBridge uses computer video and audio for communication between players. Player can and should test their video/audio by logging into the system in advance.

Players are expected to use video and audio during play. But if you develop problems with audio/video, you should continue to play using text until you have time to try to sort it out, rather than delaying play.

It may be necessary to refresh the video feed every hour or so: this can be done (without logging out) by clicking the refresh button on your name bar.

Procedures

Please remember that your opponents will have sight of you whenever you are logged in at a table and always act accordingly – opponents can hear and see what is going on in the room around you.

Alerting/Announcing/Explaining

This events will be in open-table mode (not screens) with self-alerting and written explanations. Follow-up questions can be to the player who made the call (via private chat or verbally). Note: the partner of the player who made the call will not have seen the written explanation.

Calls are alerted by the player making the call, the alert is made by clicking the alert strip. Alert calls that would be alertable or announced face-to-face and provide a written explanation when making the call.

Exceptionally, **bids and passes** above 3NT should be alerted and explained if they are artificial or unexpected. Doubles and Redoubles need only be alerted if required by the face-to-face rules.

Online Regulations

The [Sky-Blue Book](#) applies to this event. In particular

- Players may consult their own system card and other notes at any stage (1.1)
- UNDOs are permitted in the auction but not in the play (4.3)

***NEW* UNDOs in the auction – Law 25**

If there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, the TD should be called – the TD will rule whether Law 25A applies and will instruct the other side whether to accept the request.

If the other side accept the request for an UNDO, without calling the TD, they will usually be deemed to have accepted the replacement call (Law 25B1 – ‘the second call stands and the auction continues’).