



NATIONAL POINT-A-BOARD TEAMS CONGRESS

Online on RealBridge

22nd – 23rd January 2022

**Programme
(2022-01-21 – 15 teams)**

1 Programme

Saturday	11.00am – 2:40pm	4 matches (28 boards)
	3:20pm – 7:00pm	4 matches (28 boards)
Sunday	11.00am – 1:45pm	3 matches (21 boards)
	2:30pm – 6:10pm	4 matches (28 boards)

2 Point-a-Board Teams

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

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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) round robin played over both days. If there are 15 or 16 teams, there will be 15 rounds of 7 boards; if there are 15 teams, each team will sit out for one round.

2.2 Prizes

Prizes amount depending on entries.

Based on 15 teams: first prize £160, second prize £80

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:

- 0.21 Green Point per four-board match won (0.11 for a draw),
- 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).

Bonus ranking awards to half-way overall: First place: 5.00; last place: 0.50. Awards for intermediate places as per the standard EBU Green Point Competition formula.

3 General Regulations

System Cards: You are required to have an online system card (EBU20B or WBF) and you should 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 www.ebu.co.uk.

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 RealBridge

5.1 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.

During a session. if you have 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.

5.2 Procedures

Please remember that your opponent 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.

5.2.1 Alerting/Announcing/Explaining

This event will be in screen mode with self-alerting and written explanations. Follow-up questions can be to the player who made the call (via private chat) or verbally to the screen mate. 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.

5.2.2 Calling the TD

When the TD is called, the TD can hear and speak to both sides of the screen – but the players cannot hear the players on the other side of the screen. It is difficult for the TD if both sides of the screen are talking.

When the TD is called only the player who called the TD should speak to the TD. The TD can then ask questions of the different players on either side of the screen, before instructing the table how to proceed.

If the TD appears at the table and you did not call the TD, please wait to be asked to speak – so that the table does not all speak at once. The TD can isolate players and choose to communicate with only one or two players at a time.

5.2.3 Online Regulations

The EBU 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)
If there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, the TD should be called – it may be necessary to reject the request in order to call the TD. The TD will rule whether Law 25A applies and if so, will instruct the other side 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’).

6 Draw

Team	Captain
1	Simon Gillis
2	Jonathan Lillycrop
3	Ben Green
4	Trevor Ward
5	Brian Senior
6	Christopher Wilson
7	Fiona Brown
8	Richard Plackett

Team	Captain
9	Steve Root
10	Derek Oram
11	Kevin Castner
12	Pravin Tailor
13	Jason Hackett
14	Jim Grant
15	India Natt
16	sit out



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