

Snakes and Ladders Bridge

Instructions and how it works

1. If you are going to play on the Friday afternoon, please register on the 3 Counties website well in advance, so that we can arrange pairings (hopefully of a similar standard, subject to giving some variety in opposition and also where you are on the board).

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwx/bw.cgi?club=3counties&pid=display_page74

2. If you are not going to be able to play on the Friday afternoon, please email Jonathan and Douglas and we will try to give you opponents in a similar position. It is then up to the team captains to arrange to play at another time during the following week.
3. The email addresses are:
 - a. JGP1@ymail.com
 - b. douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com
4. Once you have played, if it is NOT on the Friday afternoon, please would BOTH team captains forward the results email (the one received from BCL the following day) to Jonathan and Douglas.
5. Once a week, the scoring table will be updated and put on the website. Your score will result in a die roll (if you have played) and you will move on the board in accordance with your victory point score (this may be adjusted after the first game, depending on how long a game takes). Therefore, if you have not played, you will not go backwards, but you will not go forwards either. NOTE: VP scores are based on 16 boards, even when only 8 are played.
6. Only one score per week counts. If I get your results after I have worked out the scores for the week, your results will be included the following week. If you then also play the following Friday, I will work your scores in if/when you miss a week.
7. The winning team will be the first team to get to 100 on the snakes and ladders board. Unlike in the real game, you are NOT required to get to 100 exactly.
8. Captains please check the results of Friday afternoon sessions and individual games on the 3 Counties website. If any of your team are shown by BCL alias instead of their real name, please forward the name and alias of the player to Jonathan at JGP1@ymail.com.
9. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to email Jonathan and Douglas.
10. Please remember that some of the players are fairly new to teams and may make mistakes in bidding. The primary objective is for you to enjoy playing bridge. Reminders to all:
 - a. You must have an SSD (Simple System Disclosure) written to reflect the bidding system you are using with your partner.
 - b. You must alert any "system" bid by your partner, with the exception of NT openings and 2 level openings, provided they are shown correctly on your SSD, unless the bid is higher than 3NT and not on the first round of bidding. If the opposition ask for an explanation of any bid, the partner of the person who made the bid (not the person who made it) must explain what they understand the bid to mean. You must also alert any bid by your partner that could be made with 2 or fewer cards in that suit.
 - c. BCL rules on mis-clicks and mis-bids are here and reflect well the real life face to face rules. https://www.bridgeclublive.com/BCL_misbidmisclick.asp Please ensure you read these, they are important rules (and etiquette).
11. Ensure everyone on your team is available to play until 5pm, to allow for delays, whether they be technical issues, etc

12. If any of your team cannot play until 5:00 PM, please inform Jonathan and Douglas as early as possible, at the latest when the session starts, so we can try to arrange a standby / fill in player.
13. Please try to play a board every 7 minutes. To make it easier you can think of it as 2 boards every 15 minutes, but unless there are technical issues you should not be slower than this unless you have a hand where the bidding takes ages. We understand that there will be players new to teams to teams who may need assistance, but please try to keep to that time.
14. The director will monitor the progress of the hands played to ensure that any delays are minimised and, if necessary, ask teams to speed up play.
15. Please ensure that your team know that they can contact Jonathan or Douglas through BCL chat if we are needed. I am **JonathanP31008** and Douglas is **DouglasBBW** on BCL. I am often in a breakout room on Zoom so can return if needed and Douglas may step away from his Zoom screen for a while – so you may not be able to contact us immediately in Zoom.
16. If anything else occurs during play that you cannot resolve amicably at the table and you cannot contact us at the time, please email Jonathan (JGP1@ymail.com) about the issue and he will rule on it (probably in consultation with Douglas).
17. We hope you all enjoy this. It is supposed to be fun, so please enjoy it!