



# A New Era For The African Bridge Championships

Dear Competitors, Dear Officials, Dear Friends,

A very warm welcome to you in the 11th Zonal Championship held on the “RealBridge” Platform.

On behalf of our ABF Team (Chafika Taktak, Helen Kruger, Samina Esmail and Jean-Claude Cador), I am grateful to you (Players and NBOs) for having supported us in organising this Continental Event. Your encouragement has strengthened our determination to SERVE you in the best possible way. We have to underline the fact that we are the first Zone to decide to organise it on RealBridge and the first Zone to make it happen; we should all be proud of it. Other Zones will follow, I am sure.

We should also be proud of the huge work achieved by our “Jack of all trades”, our CTD Waleed El Menyawi, who has orchestrated everything so far with great panache

Effective now, through this first bulletin, and the following ones, you will be able to read, every day, all the updates, news, results and many other subjects Ron Tacchi is administering for you and we thank him for it.

You are about to confront with our best continental players so be ready to enjoy, fight and win. I look forward to congratulating the Teams who will qualify for Salsomaggiore at the end of week one, for the Women and the Open, and by end of week 2, for Seniors and Mixed.

But on Saturday and Sunday, come and play the “All Africa Open Pairs” which should be a really challenging Tourney with, and for the first time, good rewards.

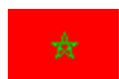
Good luck to all and thank you for making this event a friendly and competitive one.

Bernard Pascal

This message from Bernard Pascal is repeated in French on the back page.

***All information can be found on the website:***

**[www.bridgewebs.com/abf/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/abf/)**





## All-Africa Pairs, 29 & 30 May, 2021

The All-Africa Pairs will commence at Noon GMT Saturday 29 May. The full schedule is shown below. Full information can be read at [www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display\\_page9](http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page9).

The competition will run on RealBridge and thus special Online Procedures will apply - these are summarised elsewhere within this document but a full version is available at <https://tinyurl.com/2auw5jfk>, a further set of procedures, also summarised elsewhere (The Head Tournament Director's Announcements and Instructions) can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/h3x49pse>.

The format will be a two session qualifying event on the Saturday - each session will be 24 boards. The final will be contested on the Sunday between the top 24 pairs over two sessions of 24 and 22 boards respectively. It will be a full Howell. A Final B will be competed for by those pairs that did not qualify for the Final A.

The Systems and Alerting Policies are detailed within this Bulletin and it is strongly advised that each competitor make themselves aware of all of them.

### Local Time

All times quoted within the Bulletins are GMT:

Morocco and Tunisia are one hour ahead.

Egypt and South Africa are two hours ahead.

Kenya is three hours ahead and

Reunion is four hours ahead.

So at 2.00 p.m. it is 3.00 p.m. in Morocco and Tunisia, 4.00 p.m. in South Africa and Egypt, 5.00 p.m. in Kenya and 6.00 p.m. in Reunion.

## All-Africa Pairs Schedule

Qualifications					
Day	Date	Session	From (GMT)	To (GMT)	# Boards
Saturday	29.05.2021	First ( Q )	12:00 PM	03:00 PM	24 Boards
Saturday	29.05.2021	Second ( Q )	4:30 PM	7:30 PM	24 Boards
Finals					
Sunday	30.05.2021	First ( F )	12:00 PM	03:00 PM	24 Boards
Sunday	30.05.2021	Second ( F )	4:30 PM	7:15 PM	22 Boards





## Rosters for All-Africa Pairs

### Botswana

Letsogile Mafa	Prince Amantle
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### Egypt

Amr Farrag	Adel El Kordy
Mimi A. Ghazala	Mohamed Heshmat
Hany Dagher	Bernard Pascal
Jehane Mishriki	Mina Sawires

### Morocco

Chamar Ismail	Kacimi Moulay Ahmed
Kamal Rerhaye	Mohamed Said Berrada
Michel Lallouz	Levy Elie
Nadia Bennis	Khalid Bennis
Pierre Sibony	Stephane Dahan
Omar Bennani	Rajae Marrakchi
Taher Meddoun	Zorka Bouchkif
Tariq Sbili	Said Sbili
Yans Roger	Chadia Sekkat
Mohammed Chraibi	Jaafar El Kettani
Barbara Balogh	Abderrahim Tazi
Pierre t'kint	Catherine t'kint

### Reunion

Janine Christmann	François-Xavier Poignart
Myriam Cousin	Marie-Claire Darricau
Patrick Hamel	Philippe Lagache
Gabriel Melin	Jean-Luc Neulat

### South Africa

Alon Apteker	Craig Gower
Andre Van Niekerk	Rose Duff
Andrew Cruise	Tim Cope
Brian Pincus	Paul reynolds
Chris Child	Di Rosslee
Duncan Keet	Jimmie Potgieter
Hennie Fick	Neville Eber
James Grant	larry Chemaly
Kathryn Herz	Eckhard Boehlke
Lotte Sorensen	Aras Apteker
Maureen Narunsky	Michael Alexander
Robert Stephens	Mark Oliff
Roz Bernstein	Sharon Lang
Vanessa Armstrong	Carol Stanton
Yunoos Omar	Ms Mahomed





## Championship Information

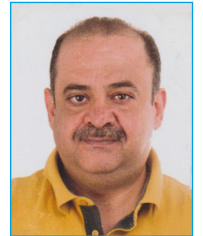
*Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:*

### Play Links

Each category will have its own playing link ( Open teams link – Women teams link .. etc )  
For security reasons, each category will play a different deals than the other categories.  
Play links will be posted to the captains' WhatsApp group and will be also posted to the ABF website at the following link

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display\\_page12](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page12)

Click the Match number, official start time or Session open time of your category to join the game.  
The game will be open to players 30 min before the official start time.



### Home & Visiting teams

When you log in to the RealBridge game ( using the game link ), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.

All team members are required to sit at their table ( all together ) in Pairs N/S and E/W, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the E/W pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.

In the schedule of play you will find Home team ( the team mentioned first ) and Visiting team ( the team mentioned second )

NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table ( in Pairs N/S and E/W ), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

### Time delay and hesitation

It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.

It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

### Headphones / Earphones

In order to minimize the noise in the venue as much as possible...

It is mandatory for each player to have his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play

Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.

Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.

You need to be very careful when using the table chat as you might give an unauthorized information to your partner which could results in adjusted score by the TD.





## Kibitzers

Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at 1) the playing venue, 2) RealBridge online playing room. All players are required to immediately leave the playing area when they finish their session, players are also kindly asked to keep their seats and not roam around the playing area.

All the matches will be broadcasted via RealBridge kibitzer website...

<https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>

At the RealBridge kibitzer website, you can find the live broadcasted matches and also all the other matches scheduled for broadcast.

For security reasons, all broadcasted matches will be delayed by 30-45 min.

## Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

As mentioned before in Mr. Pascal's email.

We must act as if we were playing these championships "live", therefore, the following is strictly forbidden during play:

Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the monitor.

Eating (even if only biscuits)

Drinking Alcohol

Smoking

Going to the WC without permission

Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defense.

In addition, opponents should see the head, the neck and the chest of the player at all moments without interruption.



NO



NO



YES

Every player has the right to call the Director and the local "Monitor" if it is not the case (i.e. if he/she cannot see his/her opponent as instructed by the CTD)

## All Africa Pairs tie-break procedure

If two pairs or more have the same cumulative score after the end of the 2nd session or 4th Session, the tie shall be broken as follows:

A. The pair with the higher score in the 2nd / 4th session shall determine the final ranking.

B. Mutual boards between the tied pairs - if applicable

## Open Teams

- Only in Open teams category, the top four teams will qualify to the semi-final stage after playing 3 complete RR according to the published schedule.

- The top ranked team after the 3 complete RR stage will choose its opponent in the semi-final and the







remaining 2 teams will play against each others.

- The semi-final match will be played in 4 Sessions, 16 boards each in IMPs.
- The final match between the semi-final winners will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each.
- Play-off between the semi-final losers will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each to determine the 3rd placed team.
- In all the knock out stages, there shall be a carry-over = 0.5 IMP to the team who scored more VPs in the RR stage.

## Request a review

1. First step is to review the TD ruling with the Head TD
2. Second step is apply for an official review by submitting a review form through the TD in charge of your case.
3. A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling. All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events.
4. When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit with the ABF monitor. The amount of deposit required will be US \$ 100 (or the equivalent in Euro)
5. The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

## Alert

All ALERTABLE bids must be self-alerted (press the alert button before making the bid). And give a full writing disclosure of the bidding, vocal explanation won't be taken into the TD consideration.

NOTE: - Players will not be allowed to alert their partner's bid, only self-alert will be allowed and the written explanation will be shown to both opponents but not to partner.

## Undo

Undoes are allowed according to the followings:

1. The undo button is activated from the beginning
2. Click the undo button to stop the play.
3. Call the TD
4. No Action from any party will be taken before the arrival of the TD.
5. The TD will instruct the opponents whether to accept the undo or not.
6. The TD will keep counting the undoes for each player, only 2 undoes are allowed for each player during one session.
7. If the opponents accept before the TD arrival, play continues. but all parties forfeit their rights to any kind of rectification later on.





8. If the opponents don't accept before the TD arrival, play stops and the TD decides what is to be done.

9. The TDs reserve the rights to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information that might arise from using the undo process.

## System Policy

1. The objectives are to ensure that ABF Championships can be properly operated and adequately administered, with a fair and equal chance for all competitors, while at the same time affording proper consideration to progress and innovation; to ensure that players are in no doubt as to what is expected of them with regard to preparation and filing of systems material for ABF Championships.

2. Additions or amendments to this policy will normally be put into effect only after four months' notice.

3. References to High Card Points in this document are Milton Work Points.

4. In the following 'Weak' means 9 points or less and 'Strong' means 16 points or more.

## 2. POLICY

### 2.1 HUM Systems

For the purpose of this Policy, a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) means any System that exhibits one or more of the following features:

a. By partnership agreement an opening call of Pass shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities

b. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.

c. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with 7 high card points or less.

d. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either three cards or more, or two cards or less in a specified suit

e. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either three cards or more in one specified suit or three cards or more in another. EXCEPTION: one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system.

### 2.2 Classification of Systems

In order to facilitate recognition and handling, systems material will be identified by one or more of the following:

i. a WBF coloured sticker;

ii. the appropriate named (hand printed or typed) colour;

iii. a check mark on a system card next to the appropriate colour - in keeping with the following descriptions:

**Green** Natural methods

**Blue** Forcing Club/Forcing Diamond, where one club/one diamond is artificial, shows a hand with 13 high card points or more and is always forcing.

**Red** This category includes all systems that do not fall under the classifications of Green, Blue or Yellow (as defined herein).

Red 1 would be a system where one club shows one of three types - a natural club suit, a balanced hand of a specific range, or a Strong Club opener; or which uses specialised and artificial responses to an opening bid of one club.

Red 2 would be a system in which the basic one level methods (other than the no trump range and minimum suit-length requirements) vary according to position, vulnerability and the like; or a system that uses conventional 'weak' or 'multi-meaning' bids (with or without some weak option) in potentially contestable auctions, or a system where the opening bids are transfers to another suit.

**Yellow** Highly Unusual Methods ('HUM') as defined above.

## 3. Systems allowed at ABF Championships

The use of both HUM systems and 'Brown Sticker' systems is prohibited.





## Roster - Open Teams

### Egypt

Captain  
Walid El Ahmady

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Tarek Sadek

Reda Amiry

Ahmed Samir

Baher Ahmed

Hussein Sherif

### Kenya

Captain  
Samina Esmail

Jimmy Deen

Samina Esmail

Bena Shah

Ramula Shah

C V Shah

Aruna Shah

### Morocco

Captain  
Abdellatif Belkouch

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Mohamed Dinia

Mohamed Benali

Chaouki Bensaïd

Maitre Michel

Pierre t'kint de roodenbeke

### Reunion

Captain  
Patrick Hamel

Christian Giraud

Narguis Huseinali

Philippe Lagache

Patrick Hamel

Gabriel Melin

Jean-Luc Neulat

### South Africa

Captain  
Andrew Cruise

Neville Eber

Hennie Fick

Craig Gower

Alon Apteker

Tim Cope

Andrew Cruise

### Tunisia

Captain  
Monia Jellouli

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Hedi Ben Chedly

Omar Meddeb

Anis Ghdbane

Raouf Zmerli

Mohamed Rebai







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**GMT TIME**

**Open Teams Schedule of play**

**Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min**

R.R (01)		Match (01), 08H00				Match (02), 11H30				Match (03), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
<b>MON</b> <b>31</b>	1	1 EGY	x	6 KEN	5 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	6 KEN	x	2 RSA
	2	2 RSA	x	5 REU	6 KEN	x	4 TUN	5 REU	x	3 MOR	6 KEN	x	2 RSA
	3	3 MOR	x	4 TUN	2 RSA	x	3 MOR	6 KEN	x	2 RSA			
R.R (01)		Match (04), 08H00				Match (05), 11H30				RR(02) Match (01), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
<b>TUE</b> <b>01</b>	1	3 MOR	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 RSA	6 KEN	x	1 EGY	6 KEN	x	1 EGY
	2	4 TUN	x	2 RSA	3 MOR	x	6 KEN	5 REU	x	2 RSA	5 REU	x	2 RSA
	3	5 REU	x	6 KEN	4 TUN	x	5 REU	4 TUN	x	3 MOR	4 TUN	x	3 MOR
R.R (02)		Match (02), 08H00				Match (03), 11H30				Match (04), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
<b>WED</b> <b>02</b>	1	1 EGY	x	5 REU	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 MOR	1 EGY	x	3 MOR
	2	4 TUN	x	6 KEN	3 MOR	x	5 REU	2 RSA	x	4 TUN	2 RSA	x	4 TUN
	3	3 MOR	x	2 RSA	2 RSA	x	6 KEN	6 KEN	x	5 REU	6 KEN	x	5 REU
R.R (03)		Match (05), 08H00				RR(03), Match (01), 11H30				Match (02), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
<b>THU</b> <b>03</b>	1	2 RSA	x	1 EGY	1 TBD	x	6 TBD	5 TBD	x	1 TBD	5 TBD	x	1 TBD
	2	6 KEN	x	3 MOR	2 TBD	x	5 TBD	6 TBD	x	4 TBD	6 TBD	x	4 TBD
	3	5 REU	x	4 TUN	3 TBD	x	4 TBD	2 TBD	x	3 TBD	2 TBD	x	3 TBD
R.R (03)		Match (03), 08H00				Match (04), 11H30				Match (05), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
<b>FRI</b> <b>04</b>	1	1 TBD	x	4 TBD	3 TBD	x	1 TBD	1 TBD	x	2 TBD	1 TBD	x	2 TBD
	2	5 TBD	x	3 TBD	4 TBD	x	2 TBD	3 TBD	x	6 TBD	3 TBD	x	6 TBD
	3	6 TBD	x	2 TBD	5 TBD	x	6 TBD	4 TBD	x	5 TBD	4 TBD	x	5 TBD

The Semi-final and Final schedule on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th of June will be published later.





## Roster - Women Teams

### Egypt

Captain  
Mohamed Serour

Nadia Taymour

Nessrine Hamdy

Hoda Soliman

Dina El Awady

Margurite Homsy

Nada Wattar

### Morocco

Captain  
Fatim Lahlou

Fatim Lahlou

Hayat Hachimi

Farida Guerraoui

Catherine T kint

Marie Claire Ohana

Khadija Marrakchi

### South Africa

Captain  
Roz Bernstein

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Chris Child

Desree Pieters

Jenny Gautchi

Peta Balderson

### Tunisia

Captain  
Hedia Sellami

Hedia Sellami

Aicha Lili Daldoul

Meriem Dorai

Fersaous Trabelsi

Hedia Baccar





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**GMT TIME**

**Women Teams Schedule of play**

**Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min**

R.R (01)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON <b>31</b>	1	1 RSA	x	4 EGY	3 MOR	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	2 TUN
	2	2 TUN	x	3 MOR	4 EGY	x	2 TUN	3 MOR	x	4 EGY
R.R (02)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE <b>01</b>	1	4 EGY	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	3 MOR	2 TUN	x	1 RSA
	2	3 MOR	x	2 TUN	2 TUN	x	4 EGY	4 EGY	x	3 MOR
R.R (03)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED <b>02</b>	1	1 RSA	x	4 EGY	3 MOR	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	2 TUN
	2	2 TUN	x	3 MOR	4 EGY	x	2 TUN	3 MOR	x	4 EGY
RR (04)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU <b>03</b>	1	4 EGY	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	3 MOR	2 TUN	x	1 RSA
	2	3 MOR	x	2 TUN	2 TUN	x	4 EGY	4 EGY	x	3 MOR
R.R (05)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI <b>04</b>	1	1 TBD	x	4 TBD	3 TBD	x	1 TBD	1 TBD	x	2 TBD
	2	2 TBD	x	3 TBD	4 TBD	x	2 TBD	3 TBD	x	4 TBD
08H00 GMT =		<b>EGY</b>		<b>KEN</b>	<b>MOR</b>		<b>REU</b>	<b>RSA</b>		<b>TUN</b>
11H30 GMT =		10H00 AM		11H00 PM	09H00 AM		12H00 PM	10H00 AM		09H00 AM
14H15 GMT =		01H30 PM		02H30 PM	12H30 PM		03H30 PM	01H30 PM		12H30 PM
		04H15 PM		05H15 PM	03H15 PM		06H15 PM	04H15 PM		03H15 PM





# All-Africa Pairs – Instructions and detailed information

- To join any RealBridge game you will need a **LINK**
- Play links will be posted at the ABF website at the following link  
[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display\\_page12](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page12)  
 Click the required session number to join the game  
**Each new session = New Link ... even when played in the same day.**

**African Bridge Federation**

*Play links & Instructions*

**All-Africa Pairs & ABF Trials 2021 - Play Links**

**Play Links**

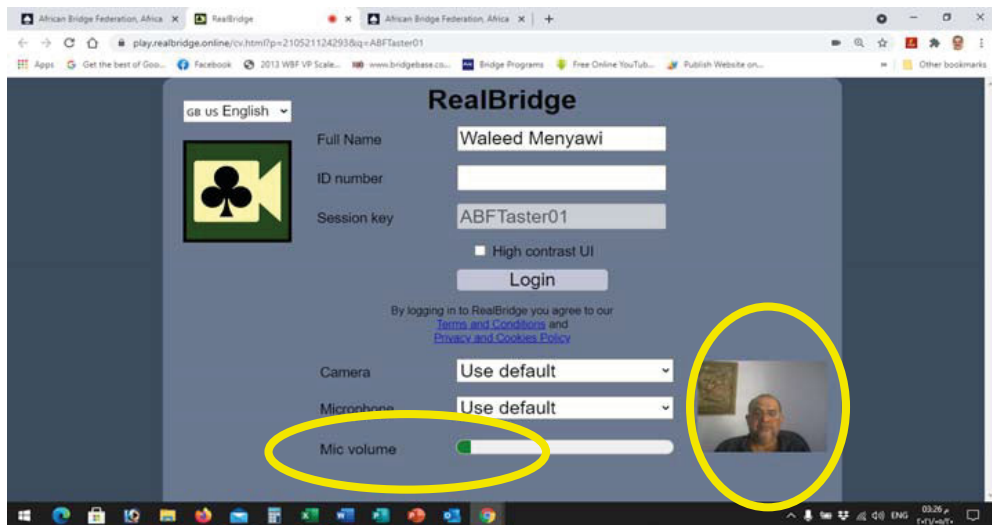
*Click the Session number to join the game ( Only Registered Pairs will join the game.)*

All-Africa Pairs						
Day / Date	Session	Official Start time	Session Open time	Session	Official Start time	Session Open time
Saturday 29.05.21	Qualifications - Session 01	12H00	11H30	Qualifications - Session 02	16H30	16H00
Saturday 29.05.21	Final A - Session 01	12H00	11H30	Final A - Session 02	16H30	16H00
	Final B - Session 01	12H00	11H30	Final B - Session 02	16H30	16H00

*Click the match number/start time/session open time to join the game*

OPEN TEAMS					WOMEN TEAMS				
Day / Date	RR	Match	Official Starting time	Session Open time	Day / Date	RR	Match	Official Starting time	Session Open time
Play Links					Play Links				

- You will be redirected to the RealBridge log in page of our game which looks like the next figure ...

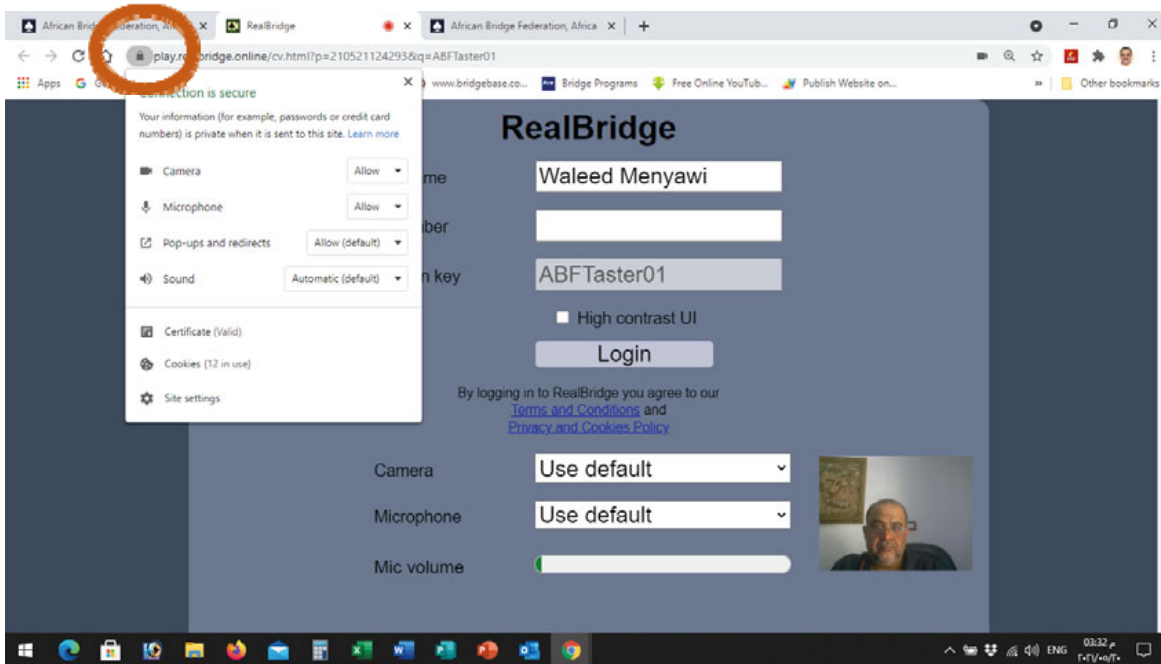


*Notice that your video should appear in the right bottom corner of the page and your mic volume showing that it works.*





- If you can't see your video then you need to allow your browser to use your cam and mic, do as follows to allow it
- From Goggle Chrome and just before the address bar, press the lock icon



- Allow cam and allow mic
- You can test your camera and mic before the event .... Camera & Mic test special camera and microphone test, takes 3 mins, please do it a little time before. If you leave it till the last moment, we may not have time to assist you. Make sure your camera and microphone are working. Log out of any other applications. Click this link to test ..... <https://play.realbridge.online/camera.html>

## Very Important note, please read very carefully

**After being redirected to RealBridge Log in page, you will be asked to write your name and .....**

- Just write your name and click log in BUT ...**
- Don't enter any ID number ( Leave it blank )**
- RealBridge site using cookies, that means that you should find your name already written as you wrote it at first time you logged in and if it is your first time, then write your name the way you like and remember how you wrote it ( Case Sensitive )**
- For the second session and the rest of the sessions, you should find your name already written ( DO NOT CHANGE IT ) ... if you didn't find your name already written;**
- Remember how you wrote your name in the first session ( Case Sensitive ) as you will need to write it the same way you wrote it first time in all Sessions in order to play and to be seated correctly and always remember that it is CASE SENSITIVE.**



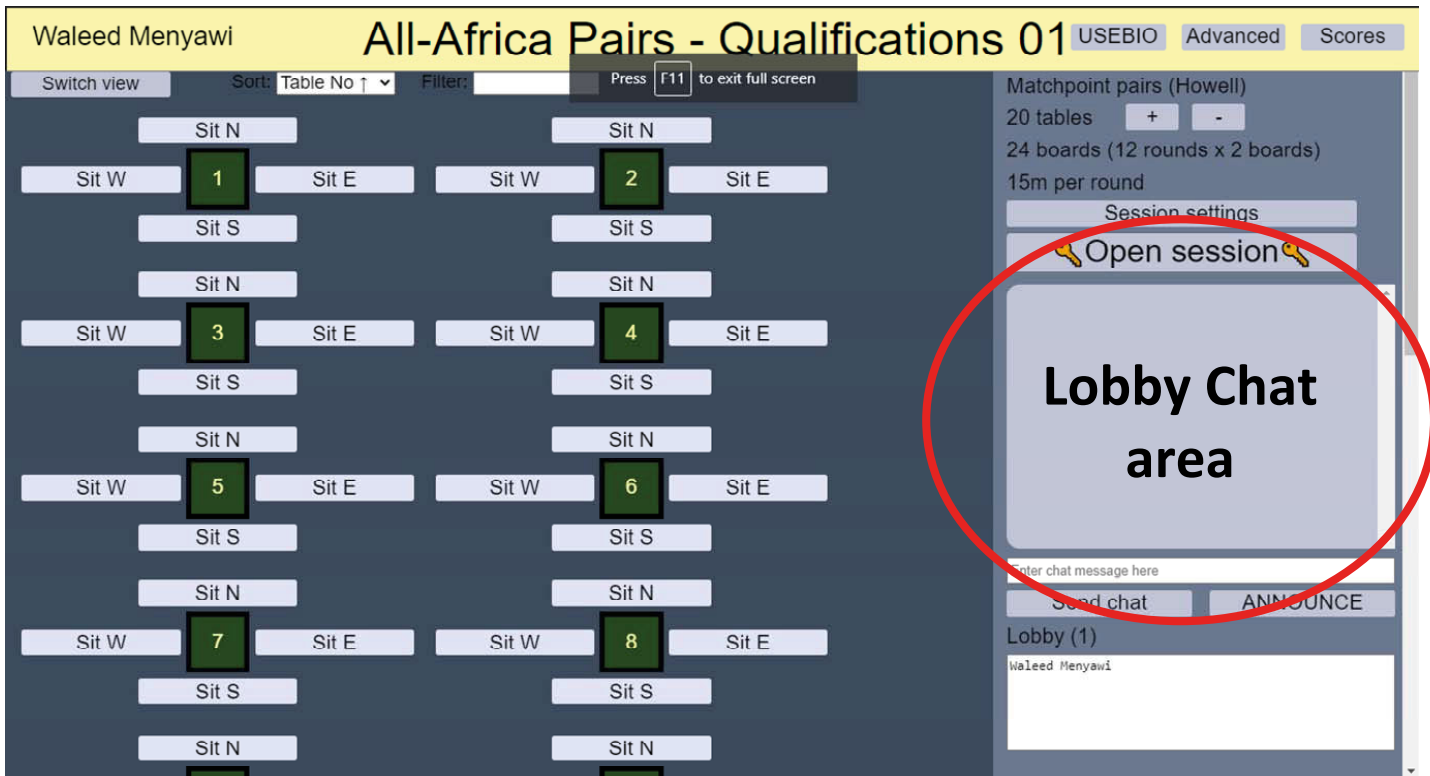




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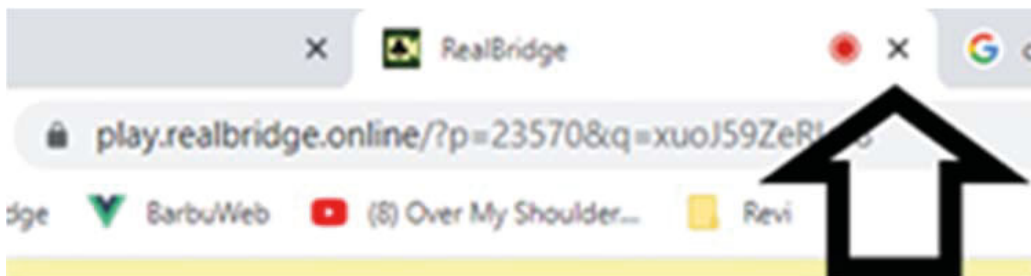


- The session will be opened for players to join, 30 min before the official start time
- When you logged in you will see the lobby which almost looks like the following figure



*Notice the lobby chat window to the right, please keep an eye on it for any announcements or instructions*

- When you finish with your session Leave RealBridge, close the tab. See the small X? just click it





- For the ABF championships, you need to carefully read the following:

Can Use ü	Can't use û
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows laptop</li> <li>Windows desktop</li> <li>MacBook or other Apple laptop</li> <li>iMac or other Apple desktop</li> <li>Chromebook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smartphone</li> <li>Old iPads, older than 2015.</li> <li></li> </ul>





You must use one of these web browsers (you probably are using one of them!):

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Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari. The logo must look like one of these – <b>exactly</b> as below. If it looks different, you are using an out-of-date version. <i><b><u>If you are choosing amongst your browsers, we advise that you chose something other than Firefox.</u></b></i>	Internet Explorer (notice the gold band)  The old EDGE (see shape of the e)
	

12. Event results will be posted to the ABF website at the following link

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display\\_page4](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page4)

### 13. Event Format

1. Open pairs, Match Points
2. 2 sessions qualifications + 2 Sessions finals, dates are: 29 & 30 May, 2021
3. Entry Fees = 40 US \$ Per player
4. Qualifications: 2 Sessions of 24 boards each will be played, each session will be 12 Rounds X 2 Boards
5. At the end of the qualification sessions ( Cumulative score ), the top 20 Pairs will qualify for Final (A) and the rest of the field – 20 Pairs - will play in Final (B)
6. Final (A) & Final (B) = Complete Howell movement between the 20 pairs, 19 Rounds X 2 Boards each will be played over 2 sessions.
7. In both groups A & B, the first final session will be 10 Rounds and the second final session will be 9 Rounds
8. Only registered players will be allowed to the sessions.





## Un Message d'Accueil de Votre Président, Bernard Pascal

Chers Compétiteurs, Chers Officiels, Chers Amis,

Chaleureuses bienvenues à vous toutes et à vous tous à ces 11<sup>ème</sup> Championnats d'Afrique organisés sur la plateforme "RealBridge"

Au nom de la Fédération Africaine de Bridge et de son Comité Directeur (Chafika Taktak, Helen Kruger, Samina Esmail et Jean-Claude Cador), je suis très reconnaissant envers vous (Compétiteurs et Fédérations) pour nous avoir soutenus durant cette période d'organisation de notre évènement continental. Vos encouragements ont consolidé notre détermination à vous SERVIR de la meilleure manière. Ainsi, nous sommes ravis d'être la première Zone à décider l'organisation des qualifications pour les Championnats du monde "En ligne" et la première Zone à l'exécuter sur la plateforme "Real-Bridge"; nous devrions tous en être fiers. D'autres Zones nous emboîterons le pas, j'en suis sûr.

Similairement, nous devrions être fiers du gigantesque travail accompli par notre "Homme-Orchestre" et Chef Arbitre, Waleed El Menyawi, lequel, et d'une main de Maître, a su mener à terme toutes les actions requises pour une belle réussite de cet évènement.

A partir de maintenant, et durant les deux semaines à venir, à commencer par ce bulletin et, bien sûr, des suivants, vous pourrez parcourir quotidiennement toutes les nouvelles, les mises à jour, les résultats et les commentaires que Ron Tacchi mettra à votre disposition; Ron ne nous lâche plus, vous avez en lui l'expert des bulletins de la WBF et nous l'en savons gré

Vous êtes sur le point d'affronter les meilleurs talents continentaux de notre Sport de l'Esprit alors préparez-vous à savourer ces moments, à vous battre et à gagner. Je suis impatient de féliciter nos vainqueurs, nos équipes qui se seront qualifiés pour Salsomaggiore, en Italie, au bout de la première semaine pour les catégories "Open" et "Dames" puis au bout de la deuxième semaine pour les catégories "Seniors" et "Mixtes".

Mais ce Samedi et ce Dimanche, venez jouer le "All Africa Pairs", grand challenge avec, et pour la première fois, des prix alléchants.

Merci à toutes et à tous de faire preuve d'amitié et de compétitivité durant ces championnats.



Bernard Pascal

