



Egypt Senior Team Unbeaten

The Senior competition has completed its first Round Robin and started on its second. Egypt has won all its matches which puts it at the top of the table with Morocco behind who have lost only one. The other three teams are quite closely bunched but over a match behind in terms of scoring. If one of these three is going to challenge the current leaders they need to put on a significant spurt.

Two of the five Round Robin sessions have now been completed in the Mixed event. Egypt were 25 points ahead going into the last session but a near whitewash by Morocco cut their lead over Reunion to 11.5 points, third-placed Tunisia are only three points further behind so this competition is still very open. The places for the Wuhan Cup are still very much up for grabs.

Senior	Team	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.1	Total
	Egypt	14.18	10.61	12.00	19.77	13.75	15.92	86.23
	Morocco	12.00	15.56	16.26	13.04	6.25	12.00	75.11
	South Africa	3.27	9.39	12.80	6.96	12.00	9.09	53.51
	Kenya	5.82	4.44	7.20	12.00	18.44	4.08	51.98
	Reunion	16.73	12.00	3.74	0.23	1.56	10.91	45.17

Mixed	Team	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	Total
	Egypt	7.97	18.66	17.85	17.59	13.28	0.84	76.19
	Reunion	13.52	1.34	12.55	15.56	6.72	15.00	64.69
	Tunisia	12.03	19.77	7.45	2.41	14.60	5.00	61.26
	Morocco	6.48	0.23	2.15	4.26	5.40	19.16	37.68

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Senior Round Robin 1.3

The third session of the Senior Event saw South Africa take on Kenya. With neither team having yet registered a win one of them would finish the day a lot less unhappy

Board 34. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ AKQ73		♠ 1042									
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♥ A93		♥ KQ854									
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♣ KJ4		♣ A108									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Deen</i>	<i>Chemaly</i>	<i>Esmail</i>	<i>Grant</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

As South no doubt you are hoping with every fibre of your body that North will say something other than Pass or Two Spades, but your fears come true and the opposition does not come to your rescue. Though whilst they were not generous in the auction, the play is another matter. West, after sober reflection, chose the ♦J for his lead, covered by the queen and taken by the ace. East continued with the king of diamonds, felling his partner's ♦10 thus creating three tricks for declarer and an entry to dummy. Three rounds of spades ensued and a heart towards hand established a heart trick. West could take his ace and two spades but that was the end of the defence. So eight tricks for declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Shah A</i>	<i>Pincus</i>	<i>Chandrakant</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West's third-in-hand light opener paid handsome dividends. With two places to play I would have doubled with the South hand, there is the problem that North may well transform this into a penalty double but if so where are declarer's tricks coming from (in fact 2♠X is two off). If partner bids 3♣, you can bid 3♦ showing the red suits, You are a passed hand so partner will not be expecting a huge amount from you. I sympathise with North's 3NT bid. It may well be the best and only making contract but you know South has a void spade and you know he will take another bid and you know you will be in a worse situation. I hate to say it, but I was right, well I was always going to be as I had seen what had happened. Four Hearts was two off so eight IMPs to South Africa.

Board 35. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A853		♠ KQ7									
♥ 1072		♥ AK9									
♦ KJ1063		♦ 742									
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♥ Q85		♥ J643									
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Deen</i>	<i>Chemaly</i>	<i>Esmail</i>	<i>Grant</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Double
5♣	Double	All Pass	

I suspect the West hand will be frequently opened 3♣ but at this table West preferred to keep his powder dry. Fourth-in-hand East opened One Club which galvanised West into bidding game. North made a speculative double which curtailed the auction. South elected to lead the ♠4 to his partner's ace and when he returned a spade East was not hard pressed to make an overtrick for the impressive score of 950.





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West	North	East	South
Reynolds	Shah A	Pincus	Chandrakant
-	-	-	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

As suggested above West pre-empted in clubs and East bid a somewhat hopeful 3NT. South led the ♦5 on which North inexplicably played the jack. If East had ♦Qxx partner would not have been best pleased but fortune was with North and the six defensive tricks were quickly taken and 15 IMPs to Kenya.

Board 40. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A6	♠ QJ1093	♠ K87
♥ AK63	♥ 4	♥ 102
♦ A642	♦ K95	♦ QJ73
♣ Q96	♣ J532	♣ AK107

♠ 542	♠ N	♠ K87
♥ QJ9875	W	♥ 102
♦ 108	S	♦ QJ73
♣ 84	E	♣ AK107

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Deen	Chemaly	Esmail	Grant
1NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

I was taught that for a no-trump small slam one needed 32-33 points. I fail to see East's logic in bidding 4NT, if partner is maximum you only have 30 points between you and you have no source of extra tricks. The miniscule hope for the contract is that you can take three diamond tricks and four club tricks and that one defender guards both majors – not to be and the contract drifted two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reynolds	Shah A	Pincus	Chandrakant
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
3♦	no 5M but 1 or 2 4M		

Three Clubs was not alerted but was obviously puppet. When no fit came to light East, very reasonably, settled for the game. The same ten tricks were made as per the other room but eleven IMPs to South Africa.

Board 41. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K1032	♠ A75
♥ 1062	♥ Q97
♦ Q6	♦ A753
♣ A642	♣ 1075

♠ QJ98	♠ 64
♥ AJ854	♥ K3
♦ 2	♦ KJ10984
♣ KQ8	♣ J93

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Deen	Chemaly	Esmail	Grant
-	Pass	Pass	2♦*
Double	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♦*	wk 2 in ♦		

3NT is a difficult contract to play and difficult to analyse. If you do not play South for king doubleton of hearts it is not easy to make the contract, it can be done but I am not sure how likely that sequence of plays is. At this table when East eventually took the diamond attack he tried the ♥Q and finished one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reynolds	Shah A	Pincus	Chandrakant
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♦ was not alerted but I assume showed some heart support. North did not have a very inviting hand from which to lead and chose a small club to the ♣9 and king. Declarer crossed to dummy with a diamond to lead the ♥Q, covered by South and taken with the ace. When the ♠J was led North played his king and dummy won with the ace. The ♥7 was run to North's ♥10 and he got off lead with his last heart. To make his contract declarer has to now finesse against the ♣J but he chose to finesse against the ♠10, a perfectly reasonable thing to do as the club position is far from clear. Now all North has to do is play anything from his hand other than a club, which of course is what he did and so the two errors cancelled each other out and that was twelve IMPs to South Africa. At the end of the session South Africa had a modest victory over Kenya of 44-34 or 12.8-7.2 VPs.





Mixed Round Robin 2.1

After the first Round Robin Egypt and Tunisia occupied the top two spots in the standings and they were due to play each other in the first session. A victory for either team would be a singular morale booster as well as improving their position in the table.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 107654		♠ A3
♥ J764		♥ Q1092
♦ 8743		♦ 65
♣ —		♣ Q10643
		♠ KQ92
		♥ —
		♦ AQ92
		♣ AK952

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Obviously South wants to make a forward move over 3NT but what should it be, 4♣ seems as good as any, it should confirm a 4045 shape, maybe North could consider a 4♦ cue-bid agreeing clubs and showing a diamond control. Unilateral bids are often not the best ones, of course it is possible after 4♦ it would continue 4♥ – 5♣ and then it would be up to South to make a decision knowing there is a spade loser as to whether to go on. The contract requires there to be no club loser and as we can see that is not the case here. Declarer started with clubs from the top and so lost the ace of spades and two trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Hassouna</i>	<i>Sallam</i>	<i>Dorai</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

North's direct route to game gave South few ways of expressing the value of the hand and fell back on the technique of bidding 'what I think we can make'. East made the unfortunate lead of a small club about which bridge correspondents are apt to say 'did not exactly paralyse declarer'. Now four club tricks were easily available and so when a couple of spades tricks were established declarer claimed twelve tricks and 14 IMPs for Tunisia.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AKQ852		♠ 4
♥ K542		♥ Q93
♦ J		♦ AK1086
♣ J8		♣ AK94
		♠ 103
		♥ 10
		♦ Q97543
		♣ 10753

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led his singleton ♦2 taken in dummy and declarer. Somewhat unwisely, decided against drawing trumps and ruffed a diamond, and to his chagrin saw it overruffed and the ace of hearts followed by another was the continuation. Declarer's mortification continued when the heart was ruffed and another diamond promoted a trump for North leading to the contract failing.





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West	North	East	South
<i>Hamмам</i>	<i>Hassouna</i>	<i>Sallam</i>	<i>Dorai</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I much prefer East's 3♣ bid as his subsequent 3NT bid almost guarantees a singleton in the spade suit and West can safely let partner play the game. South led a heart ducked by North and taken by declarer with the queen. All declarer needed to do was set up a ninth trick and did that by playing a small diamond towards the jack. South went in with the queen and switched to a club but declarer now calmly took the nine top tricks and twelve IMPs to Egypt.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J74		♠ A8									
♥ AQ10853		♥ 762									
♦ 753		♦ Q1094									
♣ 4		♣ 10975									
♠ Q953											
♥ 9											
♦ 862											
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		♠ K1062									
		♥ KJ4									
		♦ AKJ									
		♣ AQ3									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
-	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
3♣	minimum		

When you pick up a hand like South's you just know partner is going to make a bid which will result in a difficult auction. When North described his hand as a minimum then South settled for the no-trump game. The club lead allowed declarer to play for an additional overtrick in either diamonds or spades and chose spades and took the right view and so had eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamмам</i>	<i>Hassouna</i>	<i>Sallam</i>	<i>Dorai</i>
-	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

North apparently did not have an alert card in the bidding box but I think we can assume the 4♣ bid was showing a singleton. It does not look a good contract as the black suits are not well placed for declarer. The lead was the ♠A and the suit continued. Declarer rose with the king and drew trumps and now in effect was relying on both the diamond finesse and the club finesse succeeding and we can see that is not the case. But declarer did not even bother to try, just conceded one off by playing a spade. Declarer can in fact make the slam. With the first round of trumps won in hand he takes one of the two finesses, with this lie of the cards it has to be the diamond finesse. When it succeeds he cashes the top two diamonds and then runs the trumps. In the two card ending West has to hold on to the ♠Q and therefore must blank the ♣K. Declarer has to read the cards and divine whether the ♣K is in the East or West hand. At least by taking one of the finesses declarer is giving himself a chance and actually going two off would not have changed the IMP score which was thirteen IMPs to Egypt.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q1054		♠ 972									
♥ KJ8		♥ Q93									
♦ 10876		♦ AQJ43									
♣ 95		♣ Q8									
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		♠ AK863									
		♥ A4									
		♦ 2									
		♣ AK1032									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
-	-	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			





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Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ KJ97	♠ —
♥ 103	♥ AKQJ852
♦ K852	♦ 6
♣ 1087	♣ QJ543

♠ AQ1063	♠ 8542
♥ 9	♥ 764
♦ J93	♦ AQ1074
♣ K962	♣ A



I have a lot of sympathy for East/West here as if West's spade honour had been elsewhere the slam would have a good one and the same had East's diamond been a spade. I think declarer miscounted the trumps as she lost a trick when she had the rest.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Hassouna</i>	<i>Sallam</i>	<i>Dorai</i>
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	All Pass

2♥ does not seem to be the bid of a three loser hand and to win IMPs on such a hand seems unfair but the good news for Tunisia is that had the game been bid it was only another three IMPs so ten more IMPs to Egypt.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
—	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♠	3♦	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

At the end of the session Tunisia staged a mini comeback where they had the better of small scores over the last four boards but Egypt had won 75-39 or 17.59-2.41 VPs. Tunisia will not be able to afford the mistakes they made in this session on a regular basis, they need to tighten their game.

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Senior Round Robin 1.5

The last session of the first Round Robin saw the overnight leaders Egypt and Morocco pitted against each other. The first six deals did not bring the kibitzing public much excitement as only four IMPs changed hands.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10		♠ KQ743
♥ J653		♥ K102
♦ QJ42		♦ 87
♣ 10865		♣ 742
♠ AJ9		♠ 8652
♥ AQ9874		♥ —
♦ 9		♦ AK10653
♣ QJ3		♣ AK9



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whayet	Azzam	Ghrari	Elbazm
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♦	Double	3♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
Double	All Pass		

South was confident that partner's points would be working positively bid the minor-suit game. The diamond lead was taken in hand and a spade led taken by West who switched to the ♣Q. Now declarer could afford to draw a second round of trumps and establish a club trick by force and only have to ruff two spades in dummy as the other would go away on the good club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Berrada	Tanbolui	Rehaye
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♦	2♥	Double
Redouble	Pass	Pass	4♦
4♥	All Pass		

South was not prepared to go on over 4♥. North led the ♦Q overtaken by South to cash the ♣AK and when declarer played the trumps correctly

the contract was safe and a double game swing, the second of the tournament that I have seen. 16 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 9543		♠ 10
♥ AK95		♥ 87642
♦ KQ84		♦ J962
♣ 7		♣ 542
♠ AQ862		♠ KJ7
♥ 3		♥ QJ10
♦ 1073		♦ A5
♣ QJ63		♣ AK1098



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whayet	Azzam	Ghrari	Elbazm
—	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣*
Double	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

How many clubs has North got on this bidding? One at most should be the reply and that renders South's long suit impotent. So the question is where are the tricks coming from, especially as you know the spade honours are probably badly placed. The defence was on the wrong side of dynamic and allowed declarer to get out for one down

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Berrada	Tanbolui	Rehaye
—	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

South was much more sanguine about the chances of slam and settled for the nine trick game which came home with two overtricks and eleven IMPs to Morocco.



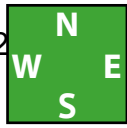


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Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K43			
♥ K6			
♦ AJ964			
♣ K106			
♠ 762		♠ J95	
♥ A10987542		♥ Q3	
♦ 7		♦ Q108532	
♣ 5		♣ A3	
		♠ AQ108	
		♥ J	
		♦ K	
		♣ QJ98742	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whayet	Azzam	Ghrari	Elbazm
-	1NT	Pass	2♠*
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♣	Double	All Pass
2♠	transfer to clubs		
4♠	4♠		

Ostensibly the opening no-trump was 15-17. There was no way South was going to let the opposition play this hand and he showed his hand perfectly. I am not quite sure where East thinks they are going to take three tricks. There were only the two aces for the defence so the contract was safe.

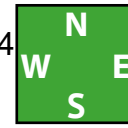
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West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Berrada	Tanbolui	Rehaye
-	1♦	Pass	2♣
3♥	3NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

When North could not re-evaluate his hand as no-trump opener South had a harder time, he did not know that there was at least a partial club fit. The defence took its five top tricks but that was only two off so six IMPs to Egypt.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K3			
♥ 63			
♦ Q43			
♣ KQ10543			
♠ J92		♠ Q1084	
♥ AQJ10974		♥ K85	
♦ J5		♦ A987	
♣ A		♣ 76	
		♠ A765	
		♥ 2	
		♦ K1062	
		♣ J982	



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whayet	Azzam	Ghrari	Elbazm
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

I continually pass on the advice of a certain Mr. Jeff Meckstroth, who is reputed to be a superior bridge player to me, that when partner freely supports your six-card major bid game. You actually have a seven-card suit – BID GAME. I cannot continue to cast these pearls before you if you do not take them on board. At first sight it looks as the contract will fail as there are two spades, a spade ruff and a diamond to be taken by the defence. The problem for the defence is that if they take their spade ruff they have set up a spade trick for declarer to discard his losing diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Berrada	Tanbolui	Rehaye
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	4♣
4♥	All Pass		

West knew the value of his suit and was rewarded with six IMPs to Egypt.





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Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 7											
♥ 74											
♦ AK1098653											
♣ A7											
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	♠ Q1032										
	♥ A52										
	♦ J72										
	♣ 983										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Whayet</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Ghrari</i>	<i>Elbazzm</i>
1♣	5♦	5♠	Double
All Pass			

I do not think East's 5♠ bid would be the bid of choice of the majority, why not double, you do not mind what partner bids, including passing for penalties. Even when declarer played the trumps correctly by leading a small one towards the jack the contract was still one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Berrada</i>	<i>Tanbolui</i>	<i>Rehaye</i>
1♣	5♦	Double	All Pass

To beat the contract East must not lead a top spade, and as he does not have a trump to lead, it is almost impossible for him not so to do. To compound the error West threw the ♠J. Now it was easy for declarer as he could take three rounds of trumps finishing in dummy and then lead the ♠Q discarding a loser from hand, East makes his spade honour but now you have a discard for your other loser and an entry with the ace of hearts. If West keeps hold of his valuable card and East switches to a heart then declarer at trick three has to lead the ♠Q from dummy to pin West's jack and I am not sure that play would be found. As a mirror to this contract if West had bid 5♥ then that contract can only be broken if North does not lead his ♦A or ♦K. That was eight IMPs to Morocco.

At the end of the match Egypt had a narrow win by 37-23 or 13.75-6.25 VPs. The win put Egypt at the top of the standings at the end of the first Round Robin.





Championship Information

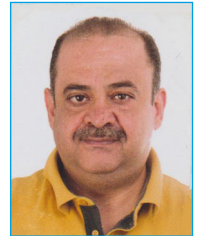
Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:

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

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 minutes 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 minutes 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 keep 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 headphones/earphones which are 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 broadcast via RealBridge kibitzer website...

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

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

For security reasons, all broadcast matches will be delayed by 30-45 minutes.

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 chose 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, scored 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 the undo before the arrival of the TD, play stops and the TD decides what is to be done.
9. The TDs reserve the right 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 are prohibited.





Roster - Senior Teams

Egypt

Captain
Ashraf Wahdan

Mohamed Tanboli

Ashraf Wahdan

Adel El Kordy

Amr Farrag

Mohamed El Baz

Ayman Azzam

Kenya

Captain
Samina Esmail

Jimmy Deen

Samina Esmail

Bena Shah

Ramula Shah

C V Shah

Aruna Shah

Morocco

Captain
Berrada Said

Said Berrada

Abdelkamel Rerhaye

Abdellah El Ghrari

Jean Hayet

Guy Cambournac

Khalil Bensouda

Reunion

Captain
Patrice Dordhain

Jean-Marc Breslaw

Patrice Dordhain

Denise Bauquier

Danièle Bonet Maury

Claude Drieux

Bernard Sort

South Africa

Captain
James Grant

Micheal Alexander

Maureen Naransky

Larry Chemaly

James Grant

Brian Pincus

Paul Reynolds





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Senior 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
MON 07	1	1 MOR	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	4 REU	1 MOR	x	4 REU
	2	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	4 REU	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	5 KEN	x	3 RSA
	3	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	6 BYE	x	2 EGY	6 BYE	x	2 EGY
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
TUE 08	1	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	6 BYE	x	1 MOR	6 BYE	x	1 MOR
	2	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	2 EGY
	3	5 KEN	x	6 BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	3 RSA	4 REU	x	3 RSA
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
WED 09	1	1 MOR	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	3 RSA	1 MOR	x	3 RSA
	2	4 REU	x	6 BYE	3 RSA	x	5 KEN	2 EGY	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	4 REU
	3	3 RSA	x	2 EGY	2 EGY	x	6 BYE	6 BYE	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	5 KEN
R.R (02)/(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
THU 10	1	2 EGY	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	5 KEN	x	1 MOR
	2	6 BYE	x	3 RSA	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	4 REU	6 BYE	x	4 REU
	3	5 KEN	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	2 EGY	x	3 RSA
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
FRI 11	1	1 MOR	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	1 MOR	x	2 EGY
	2	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 BYE	3 RSA	x	6 BYE
	3	6 BYE	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	6 BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	5 KEN
R.R (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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SAT 12	1	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	6 BYE	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)
	2	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)	6 BYE	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)
	3	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	6 BYE	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	6 BYE	x	2 Team Ranked (2)
R.R (04)		Match (04), 08H00				Match (05), 11H30							
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SUN 13	1	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)						
	2	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	6 BYE						
	3	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	6 BYE	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)						





Roster - Mixed Teams

Egypt

Captain
Gamal Abbas

Somaya Wahdan

Manal Sallam

Maud Khouri

Ahmed Harb

Moaz Hammam

Mohamed Heshmat

Morocco

Captain
Yans Roger

Roger Yans

Chadia Sekkat

Barbara Balogh

Abderrahim Tazi

Laila Lamrani

Ismail Chamar

Reunion

Captain
Patrick Hamel

Christian Giraud

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Michel Lemarinel

Danièle Michaux

Régine Wan Hoi

Tunisia

Captain
Abdeljelil Trabelsi

Abdeljelil Trabelsi

Ferdaous Trabelsi

Meriem Dorai

Hassouna Abdelmalek

Hedia Baccar

Moncef Daghmouri





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Mixed 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
MON 07	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR						
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 08	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY	4 TUN	x	3 REU
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN						
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 09	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR						
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 10	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY	4 TUN	x	3 REU
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN						
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 11	1	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	1 Team Ranked (1)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)
	2	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)						
		EGY		KEN	MOR		REU	RSA		TUN			
08H00 GMT =		10H00 AM		11H00 PM	09H00 AM		12H00 PM	10H00 AM		09H00 AM			
11H30 GMT =		01H30 PM		02H30 PM	12H30 PM		03H30 PM	01H30 PM		12H30 PM			
14H15 GMT =		04H15 PM		05H15 PM	03H15 PM		06H15 PM	04H15 PM		03H15 PM			

