



Mixed Pass The Halfway Mark

In the Senior competition Egypt has not lost a match and Morocco only one. This explains why these two teams are over 50 points ahead of their rivals. The competition seems to be who of the two will be the champions of Africa.

With over half of the Round Robin sessions completed in the Mixed event. Egypt still lead but the difference between the top three teams is down from fifteen to thirteen. Reunion are now only eight points behind and five points ahead of Tunisia. We have a real contest to find the top two teams.

Morocco Seniors received a 0.5 VP penalty for late arrival to table as visiting team.

Reunion Mixed received a 1.0 VP penalty for a procedural infraction.

Senior	Team	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.3	Total
	Egypt	14.18	10.61	12.00	19.77	13.75	15.92	17.45	12.00	19.25	134.93
	Morocco	12.00	15.56	16.26	13.04	6.25	12.00	19.77	17.97	16.09	128.44
	Kenya	5.82	4.44	7.20	12.00	18.44	4.08	0.23	12.03	12.00	76.24
	South Africa	3.27	9.39	12.80	6.96	12.00	9.09	2.55	7.97	3.91	67.94
	Reunion	16.73	12.00	3.74	0.23	1.56	10.91	12.00	2.03	0.75	59.95
Mixed	Team	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.3	Total
	Egypt	7.97	18.66	17.85	17.59	13.28	0.84	8.52	5.40	15.74	105.85
	Reunion	13.52	1.34	12.55	15.56	6.72	15.00	3.58	14.60	16.09	97.96
	Tunisia	12.03	19.77	7.45	2.41	14.60	5.00	11.48	15.92	3.91	92.57
	Morocco	6.48	0.23	2.15	4.44	5.40	19.16	16.42	4.08	4.26	62.62

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Mixed Round Robin 2.3

For the last round of the second Round Robin of the Mixed event Morocco took on Egypt, the former not having had a win and the latter already more than match ahead at the top of the table – more misery for Morocco?

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ AK3		
♥ K652		
♦ J107		
♣ AK6		
♠ J84		♠ 765
♥ 103		♥ 987
♦ AQ4		♦ 9652
♣ 109743		♣ Q85
		♠ Q1092
		♥ AQJ4
		♦ K83
		♣ J2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Aberrahim	Harb	Balogh
-	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

A restrained rebid by North but a 4333 distribution is nothing to write home about and in spite of all those points there are a considerable number of losers. North raised herself to game and as we can see the play was no problem and an over-trick was recorded.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yans	Sallam	Chadia	Hamam
-	1♣*	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6NT
1♣	2+♣		
3♣	asking for 3♥		

6NT has little hope, requiring a misdefence or a lucky lead or some unlikely distribution in the diamond suit such as ♦Q9 in the East hand. 6♥ is much less worse as there is an extra trick available from the trump suit, if the spades are worth four

tricks then not losing two diamonds brings home the contract. It seems that the system did not find the 4-4 heart fit, and though the result would have been the same in this case I would be examining the system to ensure next time the heart fit was found. East's diamond lead put paid to any vague hopes of success. Eleven IMPs to Morocco.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ AJ1032		
♥ 65		
♦ 10852		
♣ 65		
♠ K		♠ Q8765
♥ J102		♥ K873
♦ AJ76		♦ 43
♣ AKJ98		♣ 72
		♠ 94
		♥ AQ94
		♦ KQ9
		♣ Q1043

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wahdan	Aberrahim	Harb	Balogh
-	Pass	Pass	1♣
Double	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Not sure that double would be the main choice on a bidding panel and here it allowed South to play in that most interesting and difficult to analyse contract of 1NT. West started with a small club taken by declarer's ♣10. The ♠9 was covered by the ♠K and allowed to hold. West now tried the ♥J and East made an error in playing the ♥K which declarer took with the ace. A small spade exposed the that suit's distribution and the ace was played from dummy. A diamond towards the king was taken by West's ace. Now the three rounds of clubs let declarer make the queen. Declarer had a choice of which red suit to throw in West, she chose hearts which established the ♥9, now the diamond position did not matter and after West cashed her good club the enforced diamond return was to declarer's high hand. If East does not play the ♥K then West has an exit in hearts and declarer has to play away from diamonds in her own hand.





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West	North	East	South
<i>Yans</i>	<i>Sallam</i>	<i>Chadia</i>	<i>Hamam</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♣
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Double
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			
2♥* transfer spades			

The 1NT bid would be my choice. It certainly produced a better result than the double, albeit with a little help from the opposition. East's 2♥ was a transfer to spade, West's pass showed tolerance for hearts and probably not a liking for spades. I find North's bid hard to fathom, why bid a suit where you know the opposition has more of them than your side – five with East and two with West. Are you afraid they will make 2♥, whilst it is possible it is also quite likely that East will rescue herself into 2♠ and you can have a quiet inward smile. South dug themselves deeper into the pit and I think West's pass was generous looking at six tricks in his own hand. There are only six tricks available to declarer so 300 to Morocco and nine IMPs. The production of a red card by West would have netted an extra four IMPs.

Board 38. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 10		
♥ AQJ84		
♦ Q1083		
♣ AQ6		
♠ 874		♠ QJ9
♥ 7652		♥ 109
♦ 5		♦ 9642
♣ KJ985		♣ 7432
		♠ AK6532
		♥ K3
		♦ AKJ7
		♣ 10

Both teams bid a slam on this hand, one in spades and the other in no-trumps, the latter being a much better contract. 6♠ requires a 3-3 spade break whereas 6NT needs only a non 5-1 heart split and even then it still has a multiplicity of chances.

Board 40. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 107		
♥ K53		
♦ Q8652		
♣ KQ7		
♠ A63		♠ J9852
♥ AQ		♥ J72
♦ A1074		♦ KJ9
♣ J932		♣ A10
		♠ KQ4
		♥ 109864
		♦ 3
		♣ 8654

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Aberrahim</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>Balogh</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

An auction probably to be repeated at other tables. The diamond lead was won in dummy with the jack. A losing heart finesse followed and North gave his partner a diamond ruff – he needed to switch to a club – the diamond ruff was a mirage, as she was ruffing with a trump trick. The heart switch was taken with the ace and declarer played the ace of trumps and then, perhaps with a mislick, the ♠6 to find the trumps had split kindly but had blocked the trumps suit and so could not reach dummy to cash the ♦A. I think declarer gave up at this point because he just played a small club from hand conceding one down, but had he ran all his trumps North would have been mercilessly squeezed in the minors. Never give up hope. In some lines declarer can make the contract if he does not lose two trump tricks as the cards lie it looks difficult but a small trump from hand towards the ♠9 in dummy brings an honour from South then the lead of the ♠J from dummy pins North's ♠10.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Yans</i>	<i>Sallam</i>	<i>Chadia</i>	<i>Hamam</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West preferred the idea of 3NT rather than playing in his 5-3 major suit fit. The opening diamond lead was won in dummy with the ♦9. Ace of spades and another saw South exit with a heart and dummy





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rose with the ace to play another spade taken by South who exited with a heart to North's king. Declarer's ♣A took North's ♠K switch and now when declarer cashed her winners North was squeezed for the overtrick. Ten IMPs to Morocco.

Board 46. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ K 10832	
	♥ K 1062	
	♦ J987	
	♣ —	
♠ 5		♠ AQJ96
♥ Q8		♥ AJ95
♦ KQ52		♦ A
♣ K97542		♣ AJ6

	♠ 74
	♥ 743
	♦ 10643
	♣ Q1083



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Aberrahim</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>Balogh</i>
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass
2♣	GF		

Is the East hand going to make game against a hand that could not respond to an opening bid, if there was a spade fit then probably. My sympathies lie with West. She discovers partner has a good fit for her club suit and all the aces in a game forcing hand – no wonder she was interested in the grand slam. The lie of the club suit was unfortunate but the slam was not a great one and could be in trouble if the clubs did not break 2-2.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yans</i>	<i>Sallam</i>	<i>Chadia</i>	<i>Hammam</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A more sober vision of East's hand allowed the contract not to soar to dizzy heights. The contract was never in doubt and three overtricks were the order of the day. Eleven IMPs to Morocco.

At the end of the match had won by 58-8 or 19.16-0.84 VPs. Morocco had merited their win over Egypt who probably spent the evening in sober reflection of their transgressions in this match, but no doubt would come out stronger and fitter the next day.





Senior Round Robin 2.2

In the senior event the first match on the third day was the second session of the second Round Robin and brought Egypt against South Africa. Egypt were leading the table and South Africa were amongst the trailing group. To have any chance of moving up through the ranks South Africa needed a good result.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AJ1098	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠ —
N						
W						
S						
E						
♥ A75	♥ Q102					
♦ Q1073	♦ AK2					
♣ 7	♣ A1098632					
	♠ Q63					
	♥ 843					
	♦ 864					
	♣ KJ54					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chemaly</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Elbazm</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North's lead of a small heart was won in dummy with the ♥10. So as to ensure the loss of three tricks in the club suit and the defeat of the contract declarer played a small club from dummy when ace and another would have guaranteed his contract against any 3-2 break or a 4-1 break where the singleton was an honour (60% of 4-1 breaks), not an auspicious start for South Africa.

Closed Room

Amr	Narunsky	Elkordy	Alexander
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Double	3NT	All Pass

What is the point of North's fatuous double, firstly 3♥X makes, secondly if East bids no-trumps what

is the suit South is most likely to lead and how does it help the defence to let declarer know where the heart honours are situated. If I was captain of a lot of teams I would remove those pesky red cards. South led a heart taken by North's king and the suit was returned to dummy's ace. Now the simple expedient of a club to the ace and another brought home the contract with an overtrick and twelve IMPs to Egypt.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ AK32	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠ J4
N						
W						
S						
E						
♥ KQ972	♥ A3					
♦ A43	♦ KQ1075					
♣ 4	♣ A1076					
	♠ 876					
	♥ J5					
	♦ J9862					
	♣ J52					
	♠ Q1095					
	♥ 10864					
	♦ —					
	♣ KQ983					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chemaly</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Elbazm</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

A steady auction to an excellent slam and you might even think you would like to be a level higher. The ♣K lead was taken by the ace and a club ruffed. Two top spades ensued and another ruffed in hand. Another club was ruffed in dummy and the ace of trumps cashed exposing the 5-0 break. Declarer did not panic but calmly cashed the ace and king of hearts and then led the ♥Q from dummy. If North ruffed declarer would discard his club and make the last three tricks in trumps, if he ruffed then declarer would discard his losing club and again make the last three trump tricks. Nicely played by East.





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West	North	East	South
<i>Amr</i>	<i>Narunsky</i>	<i>Elkordy</i>	<i>Alexander</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I think there are better bids than 3NT. 2♦ was forcing to game and 2♠ is a reverse. Give partner time to show his hand – just bid 2NT – you then leave room for further exploration, yet again an auction-ending bid costs dear. Ten IMPs to South Africa.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 65	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K743
N					
W E					
S					
♥ -	♥ A1092				
♦ 10872	♦ AJ				
♣ Q1098432	♣ J65				
	♠ Q1082				
	♥ J7543				
	♦ K65				
	♣ A				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chemaly</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Elbazm</i>
3♣	Double	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
4♣	pick a M		

The opening club lead was won in dummy and a small heart to the king lost to the ace. Another club was won in hand and a small diamond went to the king when East failed to rise with the ace – this was a mistake, not obvious. A small diamond from dummy was ducked to East and now his error became apparent, he is in effect thrown in, had he risen with the ace he could have exited with a diamond. The club exit was won in hand and the jack and queen of hearts were cashed before ruffing the ♦9 in dummy. Declarer with a complete count on the hand simply exited with the losing trump discarding a spade from hand. East now led into declarer's spade tenace and ten tricks were there. Nicely played by East.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amr</i>	<i>Narunsky</i>	<i>Elkordy</i>	<i>Alexander</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Again a small club was led and then a heart towards hand, which East took with the ace. Now East played ace and another diamond and the contract was no longer makeable, declarer was forced to take a losing spade finesse and another trump in the course of time. Good defence by East. Twelve IMPs to Egypt.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K10942	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A73
N					
W E					
S					
♥ 107	♥ AKJ94				
♦ K6	♦ J7				
♣ K1065	♣ AQ2				
	♠ QJ86				
	♥ 2				
	♦ A109842				
	♣ J3				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chemaly</i>	<i>Azzam</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Elbazm</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♦10, declarer has a coin toss as to whether to play he king or run it round to the jack. I can find no compelling reason to choose one over the other and unfortunately declarer made the wrong decision. But yet again we have an auction with a 2NT rebid unable, or at least unwilling, to play in the eight-card major fit. 4♠ is not difficult.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Amr</i>	<i>Narunsky</i>	<i>Elkordy</i>	<i>Alexander</i>
-	-	-	2♦*
Double	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	All Pass
2♦	Wk 2♦		





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The difference between bravery and foolhardiness is a very thin line to which West came close. I can see no good reason to bid with that heap of garbage. The only way West could escape from the crazy path he had set out on was to pass Blackwood. Imagine the ♠Q and ♦J being swapped round – now you are playing a stone cold slam in 4NT. It was not difficult for declarer to get the diamond position right but he still needed the heart finesse to succeed. The thing that annoys me most of all is that bad bidding netted a good result – sometimes bridge is not fair. Eleven IMPs to Egypt.

At the end of the session Egypt had beaten South Africa 56-21 or 17.45-2.55 VPs.

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Senior Round Robin 2.3

The second session of the day in the Senior event saw Morocco fresh from their near whitewash of Kenya face Reunion, who should have been refreshed having had a lie in as the result of a Bye in the first session.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A8432		♠ Q975
♥ 7		♥ KJ96
♦ 92		♦ Q103
♣ KQ753		♣ J9
♠ J		♠ K106
♥ AQ10543		♥ 82
♦ AJ86		♦ K754
♣ 82		♣ A1064

	N	
W		E
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bauquier</i>	<i>Berrada</i>	<i>Drieux</i>	<i>Rehaye</i>
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♥	Double	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Alerts came there none

I have no idea what East's double was supposed to mean but when you have a known nine-card show your support, as I have harped on countless times before that ninth trump is gold dust – worth a king in my book, so bid 4♥. East had another chance after South pushed on to 3♠ – how many spades has partner got, one at most, BID 4♥. 3♠ drifted one off but scant recompense for an easy game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghrari</i>	<i>Bonet</i>	<i>Hayet</i>	<i>Sort</i>
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠*	2♥	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

It amused me to see the 1♠ bid alerted as 'spades'. At last someone who remembers Meckstoth's Law, and yet again he was proved right. A 50% game,

more than good enough odds and, of course, fortune favoured the brave. Nine IMPs to Morocco.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AJ85		♠ 732
♥ AKJ982		♥ Q6
♦ 7		♦ K92
♣ J8		♣ AK632
♠ 10		♠ KQ964
♥ 1073		♥ 54
♦ J10863		♦ AQ54
♣ 10975		♣ Q4

	N	
W		E
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bauquier</i>	<i>Berrada</i>	<i>Drieux</i>	<i>Rehaye</i>
-	-	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Not quite sure as to the meaning of 2NT but fortunately North was not to going to play in anything other than a spade game. The defence took their two club tricks and declarer easily had the rest.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Ghrari</i>	<i>Bonet</i>	<i>Hayet</i>	<i>Sort</i>
-	-	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

There was a misunderstanding here, admittedly it could have been avoided if North just bid 4♠, but South was not of the opinion that 3♠ was forward going and I suspect he would have some support for his view. Six IMPs for Morocco.





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Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ —	♠ AKJ10
♥ KQ954	♥ 10832
♦ AK742	♦ 1095
♣ KJ2	♣ AQ

♠ 96432	♠ Q875
♥ J	♥ A76
♦ QJ86	♦ 3
♣ 1097	♣ 86543

N		E
W		S

Both teams did well to get to the heart slam on this deal.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q4	♠ K9
♥ 763	♥ K85
♦ AKJ873	♦ Q654
♣ K2	♣ Q1074

♠ J852	♠ A10763
♥ AQ94	♥ J102
♦ 9	♦ 102
♣ J863	♣ A95

N		E
W		S

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bauquier</i>	<i>Berrada</i>	<i>Drieux</i>	<i>Rerhaye</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

A daring vulnerable intervention by South proved profitable. 3♠ can be beaten but West must lead the ♣K or do so immediately after cashing the ♦A, but it was beyond West and so now declarer had time to establish the thirteenth heart on which to discard a losing club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghrari</i>	<i>Bonet</i>	<i>Hayet</i>	<i>Sort</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	All Pass

When West passed 1NT he denied South the

opportunity to get back into the auction and when South led a spade declarer took a spade trick and six diamonds for his contract and seven IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q984	♠ A103
♥ 9854	♥ A63
♦ 973	♦ QJ102
♣ 103	♣ K98

♠ J6	♠ K752
♥ 1072	♥ KQJ
♦ 865	♦ AK4
♣ AJ654	♣ Q72

N		E
W		S

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bauquier</i>	<i>Berrada</i>	<i>Drieux</i>	<i>Rerhaye</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West started with a heart, not the best choice, an initial spade sets up three spade tricks immediately and there is the ♣K and ♥A to come. East took the ace and needed to switch to a spade or a diamond but not unreasonably he continued with another heart. Declarer now took a losing club finesse and a third round of hearts set the thirteenth for West. Declarer now took his club tricks keeping count as he went. The ace and king of diamonds followed, West discarding the winning heart. Now declarer exited with a diamond and when East played a spade he rose confidently with the ace as if West was the proud possessor of that card he would not have discarded his heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghrari</i>	<i>Bonet</i>	<i>Hayet</i>	<i>Sort</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West found the much better lead of a spade – the mantra of ‘fourth best of longest and strongest’ showing success here. East elected to rise with the ace and switch to the ♦Q and eventually came to two diamonds and one each in the other suits to break the contract. Another ten IMPs to Morocco.

Reunion had not overly troubled the scorer as they lost 49-10 or 17.97-2.03 VPs.





Championship Information

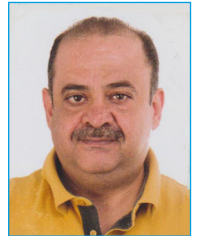
Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:

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 Rerhayé
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
MON 07	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
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 08	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN	4 TUN	x	3 REU
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 09	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
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 10	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN	4 TUN	x	3 REU
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 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)
	2	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)
		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

