



## Mixed Teams Championships Decided



The winning Egyptian Mixed Team (from left to right) Somaya Wahdan, Manal Sallam, Maud Khouri, Ahmed Harb, Moaz Hammam and Mohamed Heshmat

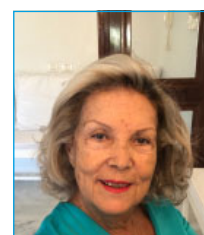
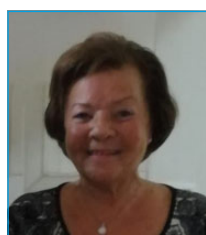
### PAS DE DEUX SANS TROIS

Today, Egypt has continued their winning sequence and confirmed the old adage (or dictum): “Pas de deux sans trois” by bearing the palm with their third golden victory in the Mixed Teams.

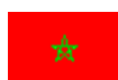
On behalf of the African Bridge Federation, I would like to congratulate Egypt and Tunisia for their qualification to the World Teams Mixed Championships (Wuhan Cup) next year in Italy.

I would like to note the first two pairs who led the Butler: **Mrs Maud Khoury** and **Mr Mohamed Heshmat** with an average of 1,22 Imps/board and 176 played boards followed by **Mrs Manal Sallam** and **Mr Moaz Hammam** with an average of 0,71 Imps and 144 played boards.

Hard luck to both Reunion and Morocco; Reunion reaches the podium. **Bernard Pascal**



The second team qualifying for the Wuhan Cup, Tunisia (from left to right) Abdeljelil Trabelsi, Ferdaous Trabelsi, Meriem Dorai, Hassouna Abdelmalek, Hedia Baccar and Moncef Daghmouri





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Senior	Team	1	2	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	Total	Pen
	Morocco	63.11	78.12	12.00	11.76	20.00	9.39	13.75	207.63	-0.50
	Egypt	70.31	72.33	15.56	12.55	12.00	2.41	6.25	191.41	
	South Africa	44.42	35.52	8.80	7.45	15.74	10.61	12.00	134.54	
	Kenya	47.90	40.37	4.44	8.24	4.26	12.00	7.45	124.66	
	Reunion	34.26	33.66	11.20	12.00	0.00	17.59	12.55	121.26	

Mixed	Team	1	2	3	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.2	Total	Pen
	Egypt	44.48	31.71	29.66	12.03	12.03	20.00	17.31	16.73	183.95	
	Tunisia	39.25	22.01	31.31	7.97	15.92	10.00	17.59	4.26	148.31	
	Reunion	27.41	37.28	34.27	5.82	7.97	10.00	2.41	3.27	127.43	-1.00
	Morocco	8.86	29.00	24.76	14.18	4.08	0.00	2.69	15.74	99.31	

## Mixed Butler

Mixed Pair	Bds	Butler
Maud & Heshmat	176	1.22
Manal Sallam & Moaaz Hammam	144	0.71
Hassouna & Meriem Dorai	208	0.23
Ferdous Trabelsi & Abdeljelil Trabelsi	176	0.20
Huseinali & Christian Giraud	144	0.04
Michaux & Patrick Hamel	176	-0.06
Moncef Daghmouri & Hedia Baccar	48	-0.06
Ahmed Harb & Somaya Wahdan	128	-0.28
Michel Lemarinel & Wan Hoi	96	-0.35
Barbara Balogh & Tazi Abderrahim	144	-0.53
Lamrani & Chamar Ismail	160	-0.60
Sekkat Chadia & Yans Roger	144	-0.65
Patrick Hamel & Wan Hoi	16	-1.42
Lemarinel & Wan Hoi	16	-1.83

## Schedule for Senior Round Robin 4

Match 1	June 12 8.00	Match 2	June 12 11.30	Match 3	June 12 14.15	Match 4	June 13 8.00	Match 5	June 13 11.30
Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team
MOR	BYE	REU	MOR	MOR	KEN	MOR	RSA	EGY	MOR
EGY	REU	BYE	KEN	REU	RSA	KEN	EGY	RSA	BYE
RSA	KEN	RSA	EGY	BYE	EGY	REU	BYE	KEN	REU





## Senior Round Robin 4.2

The final match on day 4 of the Senior event saw Egypt take on South Africa. Egypt needed to keep on winning big if they were to stay at the top of the table and be crowned champions.

### Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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W E					
S					
♥ A7652	♥ J3				
♦ Q8764	♦ J53				
♣ —	♣ Q9872				
	♠ QJ1074				
	♥ KQ94				
	♦ 102				
	♣ 53				

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grant	Wahdan	Chemaly	Tanbouli
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North has a tricky rebid, unfortunately the rules of bridge do not permit a bid of Two and a Half Clubs which would be a very accurate description of his hand. East led a small diamond to West's queen and declarer's ace. The ♣A now exposed the cruel break. Declarer never recovered (nor could he) from this mortal blow and lost an additional trick at the end to finish down three.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amr	Reynolds	Elkordy	Pincus
2♥*	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♥	5♥ 5m, <opening		

West's opening bid prevented North from venturing 3NT and instead tried for the major-suit game. On double dummy defence the contract could fail by three tricks. In effect the defence set up a crossruff in clubs and hearts. At the table West started with a small diamond won in dummy. A small spade from dummy was ducked by East and

declarer crossed back to dummy with a diamond and led another trump, taken by East who believing his partner's heart suit to be of superior quality switched to the ♥J thereby presenting declarer with his unlikely contract. Eleven IMPs to South Africa

### Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ AQ	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K9
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♥ KJ6	♥ Q1072				
♦ Q852	♦ J1074				
♣ AK106	♣ J42				
	♠ 1086432				
	♥ A953				
	♦ A9				
	♣ 5				

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grant	Wahdan	Chemaly	Tanbouli
–	Pass	Pass	2♦*
3NT	All Pass		
2♦	wk 2M		

The benefit of West's direct 3NT was that North could not find out which major was held by South and made the statistical leap that as he was shorter in hearts it was more likely to be hearts and so lead a heart, ducked by South and won with West's jack. A small diamond from hand was won by South with the ace, who to beat the contract had to switch to a spade but, perhaps understandably, tried the club suit. Declarer correctly rose with the ace and continued with the ♦Q, ducked by North, who won the next round. Now declarer had time to knock out the ♥A and cash nine tricks.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amr	Reynolds	Elkordy	Pincus
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led a club which declarer won in hand with the ♣10. The ♥K was taken by South's ace and now South found the necessary spade switch taken in





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hand with the ace. Three rounds of hearts ensued with North discarding a one from each minor. A diamond off dummy was taken by North with his king and returned a spade – but not the jack, so the suit was now blocked, fortunately for the defence declarer was not aware of this transgression by North so to limit the potential damage he just cashed his two remaining winners to concede one off. A lucky escape for North. Twelve IMPs to South Africa.

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ AK32		♠ 87
♥ 8762		♥ Q1053
♦ AK94		♦ 832
♣ 7		♣ 6543
♠ QJ94		♠ 1065
♥ J9		♥ AK4
♦ J106		♦ Q75
♣ AKQJ		♣ 10982

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grant</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Chemaly</i>	<i>Tanbouli</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Knowing it was possible for West's 1♦ to be a three-card suit East elected to try the heart suit. The lead went round to declarer's ♥9. A small spade to dummy's ♠10 was taken by West who only needed to play the ♦K to get a count from partner and then play two more rounds but instead continued with an extremely passive heart. Declarer was now home in a no hope contract as he could now knock out the remaining spade honour and restrict the defence to their two aces and kings.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amr</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Elkordy</i>	<i>Pincus</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	All Pass		

When North could not find a way into the auction West was left in one-level contract. There is no defence but seven tricks were the limit as had the contract failed by a trick it would only have made a single IMP difference to the score. Twelve IMPs to Egypt

## Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 10976		♠ AJ4
♥ Q9		♥ 754
♦ QJ83		♦ AK
♣ 1075		♣ Q9643
♠ K		♠ Q8532
♥ AK1083		♥ J62
♦ 10954		♦ 762
♣ AK2		♣ J8

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grant</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Chemaly</i>	<i>Tanbouli</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West needs to make another forward move after East's 4♦. East has forced to game with 2♣ and will not be able to say anything over 4♥ without something exceptional. The slam only requires a 3-2 heart split (and you can overcome some 4-1 breaks) which puts the slam at over 70%.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amr</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Elkordy</i>	<i>Pincus</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣	4♦	Pass	
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
3NT	13-15, 3♥		

West checked with Blackwood before bidding the good slam. Hearts behaved kindly and twelve tricks rolled in. Eleven IMPs to Egypt. At the end of the match Egypt had won narrowly 43-34 or 12.55-7.45 VPs. Not a great win but as Tunisia has a similar result in their match it meant Egypt retained their lead at the top of the table.





## Mixed Round Robin 5.1

The first round of the final Round Robin saw Tunisia and Reunion face off. This was an extremely important match for both teams. They were lying second and third in the table with less than five points between them. Coming second in the Championships would grant that team a trip to the World Championships representing Africa in the Wuhan Cup

### Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K5		♠ AQ10
♥ J63		♥ Q8752
♦ 1032		♦ 9874
♣ 108742		♣ 6
♠ J97632		♠ 84
♥ —		♥ AK1094
♦ AQJ		♦ K65
♣ AKQ9		♣ J53

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Dorai</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Hassouna</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Double	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

What the partnership understanding is for the 2♠ bid I do not know – is it stronger or weaker than another double (which would net 800 if East passed). Either way East made an intelligent raise to game. What more does West want before trying for slam. The hand has that ninth trump (have I mentioned before the value of the ninth trump?), a void and the probability that the ♦K is well placed – give partner ♠Kxx and nothing else then there is still a play for slam but she has admitted to more than that.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Hamel</i>	<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Hoi</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Here you have even more chance of reaching a decent slam – make a trial bid – if partner accepts the game try then you can go further – if he denies you can still make one further try before giving up in game. An undeserved flat board.

### Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 10732		♠ 9
♥ 2		♥ J876
♦ A2		♦ KQ9843
♣ AJ10987		♣ 43
		♠ AKQ54
		♥ KQ103
		♦ 5
		♣ K65

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Dorai</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Hassouna</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When West started with a small heart it solved any potential problems in that and all that was left for declarer to do was draw trumps and set up a club trick to collect the game bonus.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Hamel</i>	<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Hoi</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♣	Double	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Did North not note that his partner had jumped showing a better hand than a minimum. Another game missed, six IMPs to Tunisia.





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## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q97		♠ A									
♥ AJ1072		♥ K4									
♦ A5		♦ KQ10632									
♣ 643		♣ KJ109									
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♦ 987		♦ J4									
♣ A5		♣ Q872									

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Dorai</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Hassouna</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♥	Double	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South did not disappoint and led the ♥3 which North took before continuing with the ♥J, East playing the king and South unblocking the queen – no accidents here. When declarer lost the ace of diamonds he also lost two more heart tricks and so the contract failed.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Hamel</i>	<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Hoi</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♦	2♥
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

As a player I always find it difficult if my partner shows more faith in the opposition than me. A spade lead gave declarer the contract. You know partner has five hearts and to beat the contract you will almost certainly need hearts tricks so why not try and set up your known eight-card suit also a spade lead may remove partner's entry to cash the established hearts. I could go on but fingers are tiring. Eleven IMPs to Egypt.

## Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ Q74		♠ KJ982									
♥ A972		♥ 65									
♦ K109		♦ J643									
♣ KQ9		♣ J4									
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♥ 108		♥ KQJ43									
♦ AQ52		♦ 87									
♣ 87532		♣ A106									

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Dorai</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Hassouna</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

A brave attempt but not only did the hands fit poorly there was also duplication of values. When West led a small diamond which neither I nor declarer believed was an underlead of the ace, declarer finished up two down.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trabelsi F</i>	<i>Hamel</i>	<i>Trabelsi A</i>	<i>Hoi</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

I was surprised that South did not value her hand more highly (Did I forget earlier to mention anything about the ninth trump?) but on this occasion it was the right thing to do. Six IMPs for Reunion taking their total to seven. Egypt had won 43-7 or 17.59-2.41 VPs which meant that Reunion could no longer win the championships and had dealt themselves a severe blow to qualifying as they were now a match behind Tunisia with only two sessions to play.

**All information can be found on the website:**  
[www.bridgewebs.com/abf/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/abf/)





## Mixed Round Robin 5.2

With two sessions to play Reunion were about 20 points behind Tunisia and so to keep their hopes alive of qualifying for the World Championships they would need a very good result against the leaders..

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q52  
♥ A54  
♦ AK3  
♣ 10852

♠ J76  
♥ 1093  
♦ Q98  
♣ A973

N		E
W		S

♠ 98  
♥ K876  
♦ 10762  
♣ QJ4

♠ AK1043  
♥ QJ2  
♦ J54  
♣ K6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
-	-	1NT*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1NT	14-17 may contain 5card suit		

When South made the decision to bid 1NT he finished in the best contract, especially played by South. After a spade lead all declarer had to do was set up a heart trick to make nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Lemarinel</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>Hoi</i>
-	-	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
1NT	forcing		
2♣	2+♣		

The lead of a diamond gave declarer the chance to make her contract but she spurned it, I cannot see why, there is almost no way of developing a trick on which to dispose of your diamond loser so why not take the chance that the defence has presented you with a trick. This meant that the contract was doomed as the ♣A was offside. Twelve IMPs to Egypt.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AK9654  
♥ AQ  
♦ 109  
♣ K63

♠ QJ  
♥ 1096532  
♦ AKQ3  
♣ A

N		E
W		S

♠ 10832  
♥ K87  
♦ 8765  
♣ 105

♠ 7  
♥ J4  
♦ J42  
♣ QJ98742

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♦	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

East showed fortitude when bidding 3♥ and West had been listening to my disquisitions on Meckstroth's law and bid the game. North started with the ace of spades and then played a small one giving her partner a ruff, but he was ruffing a loser. North has to cash a second round of spades and then lead a third to let South make his jack of trumps. I can see North's dilemma if she cashes the ♠A and it is declarer who has the singleton then a trick is set up in dummy and she probably does not expect South to hold ♥J. Now with the ♥A onside and the trumps splitting favourably the contract was safe.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Lemarinel</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>Hoi</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♦	2♠	All Pass	

At this table East was less of a visionary and so the hand was passed out in a spade part-score. When East led a heart declarer had four spades, two hearts and two clubs for his contract. Twelve IMPs to Reunion.



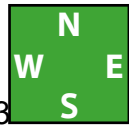


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## Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ —		
♥ AK62		
♦ KQ106432		
♣ 97		
♠ QJ95		♠ 10743
♥ 8		♥ 73
♦ 8		♦ AJ975
♣ AQ108653		♣ KJ
		♠ AK862
		♥ QJ10954
		♦ —
		♣ 42



### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
—	—	—	1♥
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West elected to start with his singleton diamond, East covering dummy's king and declarer ruffing. The ace and king of spades were smartly cashed to dispose of the two losing clubs in dummy. One round of trumps was taken in dummy and a small diamond ruffed with the jack. With a complete count declarer crossed to the ace of trumps drawing the outstanding one, cashed the ♦Q, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, ruffed another diamond and then ruffed a spade in dummy and cashed the established diamonds to make thirteen tricks.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Lemarinel</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>Hoi</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Double	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Would declarer escape a club lead. The answer was yes. The ♠Q was led and taken by the ace. Declarer now strayed from the best path by cashing the ace and king of hearts. Not having cashed the king of spades and having left herself in dummy she could have rescued the situation by coming to hand with a diamond ruff but reasons beyond my comprehension she returned with a trump and was completely lost. There could only be one ruff in dummy which left far too many losers in hand and the contract sadly finished two off. Egypt won 14 IMPs instead of losing 13.

## Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 75		
♥ J1087542		
♦ Q3		
♣ 85		
♠ J9		♠ K102
♥ 6		♥ Q
♦ AK862		♦ J94
♣ K10732		♣ AQJ964
		♠ AQ8643
		♥ AK93
		♦ 1075
		♣ —



### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Double

All Pass

South's speculative Double ended the auction. The ♥A was cashed and a small diamond followed taken by the ace in dummy. After three rounds of trumps a diamond was taken by the king in dummy felling North's doubleton queen. Declarer could now cash three rounds of diamonds discarding two spades in hand so just losing one spade trick but making her contract.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Lemarinel</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>Hoi</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣	2♠
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West perhaps overvalued her hand when a bid of 3♣ might have been sufficient, the leap encouraged West and the somewhat pitiful sight of a slam missing two aces followed. I will not bore the reader with the play but suffice it to say the contract was one off. Twelve IMPs to Reunion. Egypt finished up winners by 56-26 or 16.73- 3.27 VPs. These results meant that the final round of the Round Robin could not affect the placings so all four teams agreed not to play the last round.







## Championship Information

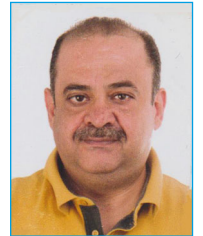
*Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:*

### 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 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

