



The Round Robins Begin

The Team events started today.

The six Open Teams will play three full Round Robins, making fifteen sessions of sixteen boards over five days. They will then play semi-finals and a final to determine who will represent the Africa Zone at the World Championships. The first session saw Egypt beat Kenya by over 18 VPs as did South Africa against Reunion. The second session was a more subdued affair but in the third South Africa gave Kenya a whitewash and Reunion had a near seventeen point win over Morocco. At the end of the day **South Africa** have a small advantage over **Egypt**. The first match tomorrow is between these two teams and I am sure that is where you will find the kibitzers.

The Women also started their journey today. Four teams are competing for two places at the World Championships. They will play a complete Round Robin every day for five days after which the top two teams will go forward. After the first round Morocco had a very good win whilst South Africa suffered a defeat against Egypt. The deals in the second session were not conducive to big swings and in the final session South Africa had a good win against Tunisia. At close of play **Egypt** were in the lead about six points ahead of **South Africa** who had a similar margin over **Morocco**.

Open Team Scores

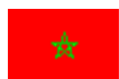
Team	1	2	3	Total
South Africa	18.66	12.8	20	51.46
Egypt	18.87	14.8	15.56	49.23
Tunisia	14.18	13.28	4.44	31.9
Reunion	1.34	5.2	20	22.63
Morocco	5.82	7.2	3.91	16.93
Kenya	1.13	6.72	0	7.85

Women Team Scores

Team	1	2	3	Total
Egypt	15.56	13.97	13.52	43.05
South Africa	4.44	15.19	17.03	36.66
Morocco	19.07	4.81	6.48	30.36
Tunisia	0.93	6.03	2.97	9.93

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Open Teams - South Africa v Reunion

Yesterday the South African Open Team had filled the first three places in All Africa Pairs so I thought I would watch them to see if they really were a force to be reckoned with or was it just a flash in the pan. Using RealBridge is a new experience for your humble scribe so he begs you to be patient with him whilst he acclimatises himself to the new experience.

Board 1 both teams reached a not very good slam which was dogged by bad breaks and duplication of values and so both tables peacefully failed by two tricks.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10		♠ 8 7 5 4									
♥ K J 9 6 4 2		♥ 10 8 5									
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♣ 6 5	♣ Q 9 4 3										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Melin</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT

All Pass

- 1♦ unbalanced, normally 5 unless 4441
- 1NT 5♦ 4♣
- 2♠ spade stop

West led the ♠6, ostensibly fourth best according to their convention card, garnering the 10 from dummy, 7 from East and declarer decided to take it with his ace. The ace of hearts was cashed and dummy entered with the ace of clubs. The king and another heart was played from dummy, declarer discarding two diamonds. In with the ♥Q West cashed two top diamonds and now declarer had nine tricks he could cash. West's actual best chance

of defeating the contract was to exit with a spade. To get home declarer must now attack clubs and not cash his winning hearts as he would mercifully squeeze himself.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Giraud</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass

A more natural auction saw the same contract reached in this room. A fourth best lead of the ♠3 was taken by the king in dummy. No doubt the arithmetic of three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club making nine gave declarer the idea of attacking the diamond suit which he did so immediately, unfortunately the plan of attack was to run the ♦8 which lost to the ♦9. The spade attack continued and declarer now switched tack and tackled the clubs by running the ♣Q but as we can see this was doomed to failure and he finished two light. 13 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A 9 3		♠ 8 5									
♥ A 4 3		♥ J 10 9									
♦ 3		♦ A Q J 8 5 4									
♣ 9 7 6 4 3 2		♣ A J									
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		S									
♥ K Q 7 6	♥ 8 5 2										
♦ 10 6	♦ K 9 7 2										
♣ K 10 5	♣ Q 8										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Melin</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass





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North started with the ♣7 to the ♣J, ♣Q and king. The ♦10 was run and it held the trick, the diamond continuation exposed the suit distribution and South took the king and then no time to switch to the ♠J ensuring the defeat of the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Giraud</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Yet again the same contract as the Open Room and again a club lead this time the ♣4 to ♣J ♣Q and king. The ♦10 was allowed to hold and a subsequent diamond brought the discard of the ♥3 and South took the king. South pursued the club attack taken perforce in dummy with the ace. The diamond ace was cashed and both West and North discarded a spade. Now the contract could not be beaten as it would now be impossible for North/South to cash three spade tricks. Another top diamond and West discarded a heart honour and North another spade. The play of a heart from dummy cemented the contract and finished with an overtrick and another 12 IMPs to South Africa

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 942		♠ J1085				
♥ 10732		♥ A95				
♦ K852		♦ A6				
♣ A5		♣ 7432				
♠ AQ7	<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	♠ K63
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♥ J64	♥ KQ8					
♦ Q97	♦ J1043					
♣ KQJ10	♣ 986					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Melin</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With a nine-count opposite a strong no-trump East took a stab at the vulnerable game. With the spade finesse on side and the suit also breaking 3-3 declarer was not going to be too hard pressed. His task was eased further when the opening heart

lead was taken by South with the ♥Q and the continuation was ♥K. Declarer now happily brought home his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Giraud</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

At this table East only valued his hand worth an invite and West with a mere 15 points declined the invitation. He must have been disappointed when the nine of spades lead immediately gave him four spades tricks and a total of nine. Ten IMPs to Reunion.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J		♠ 1083				
♥ K1096		♥ QJ852				
♦ K432		♦ 9				
♣ A1086		♣ KQ32				
♠ A75	<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	♠ KQ9642
N						
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♥ 743	♥ A					
♦ AQ5	♦ J10876					
♣ J954	♣ 7					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Melin</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
-	1♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♥*
All Pass			
1♦	unbalanced, normally 5 if not 4441		
1NT	4♥, not reversing values		

The Convention Card does not explain this continuation of bid of 2♥ but as it was alerted it was not natural according to the person who bid it. Somehow or other a wheel had fallen off the auction. Two Hearts was not a pretty contract and declarer managed to escape for three off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Giraud</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	5♦
Double	All Pass		





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West, with his certain three tricks doubled the final contract, however when he saw dummy his three tricks evaporated into two and so the thin minor-suit game came home along with 12 IMPs for Reunion.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ AJ1082	
	♥ —	
	♦ AK92	
	♣ Q753	
♠ 3		♠ Q765
♥ KJ74		♥ 8653
♦ Q10		♦ 8753
♣ K109864		♣ J
	♠ K94	
	♥ AQ1092	
	♦ J64	
	♣ A2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Melin</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
2♣	2+♣, forcing		
2♦	Forcing relay		
2♠	3♠, 14-15		

North reckoned the slam was a good bet when he found support and more than an opening bid opposite. The Opening lead of the ♦7 brought the ♦10 from West and ace from declarer. A club to the ace gathered the jack from East and the continuation was won by West's king and East discarded the ♦3. With nothing looking inviting West got off lead with a trump, on which North inserted the ♠8 which held the trick and now a spade to dummy's nine exposed the trump distribution and with East having discarded a diamond there was no way for declarer to get the diamond suit wrong and so now had twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Giraud</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
3♣	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

After an off-centre bid no-trump opener and West's intervention the optimistic slam was not reached.

Declarer did not strain himself to make overtricks and just took an easy ten tricks for his game but 13 more IMPs to South Africa.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10	
	♥ 104	
	♦ K98543	
	♣ KJ108	
♠ KJ7		♠ A96532
♥ Q87632		♥ J
♦ —		♦ 10762
♣ 9632		♣ A5
	♠ Q84	
	♥ AK95	
	♦ AQJ	
	♣ Q74	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Melin</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Double	3NT
All Pass			
2♦	weak two		
2NT	forcing relay		
3♣	upper range, no 4M		
3♦	shortage?		
3♠	short ♠		

In response to partner's Double West chose the ♠J, it turned out to be a fateful choice, as it appears to me from their carding method to be most likely a doubleton. East ducked and South, no doubt gratefully, took the queen and could now count nine tricks with six diamonds, two hearts and the precious spade trick. These hopes were soon dashed when West showed out on the first round of diamonds. Declarer had no resource other than take the three diamonds in his hand and play a small club hoping for some kind of miracle. East took the first round of clubs and paused before leading a.... heart. A swing of six tricks, declarer was now plus three as opposed to minus three.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Giraud</i>
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Double
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♦	weak multi		
2♥	pass or correct		





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West elected to lead from his 'strong' suit and produced the ♥6, East's queen falling to the ace. Declarer could see eight tricks but again when West showed out on the first round of diamonds South needed to create an entry with the clubs but East was wide awake and when in with the ace of clubs switched immediately to a spade and took the next six tricks and so the contract failed by three tricks; 14 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q32		♠ 106
♥ 107653		♥ A842
♦ 1043		♦ 8
♣ 63		♣ AQJ742
♠ J	♠ 106	
♥ Q9	♥ A842	
♦ AKQJ75	♦ 8	
♣ K1085	♣ AQJ742	
	♠ AK98754	
	♥ KJ	
	♦ 962	
	♣ 9	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Melin</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
-	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Double	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Double
6♣	All Pass		

When South elected to make a simple overcall East and West had plenty of space to investigate and so arrived in the excellent slam. South took his ace of spades but that was the end of the defence and declarer claimed twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Giraud</i>
-	Pass	1♣	3♠
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

West seemed to be a tempo behind in the bidding at every stage and it appeared to me he never got across his club support and similarly East did not have a chance to divulge the extent of his club suit. I must confess I do not see any obvious way to exchange the necessary information to get to slam. The upshot was 13 IMPs to Reunion.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q983		♠ 74
♥ Q8		♥ AK1094
♦ QJ742		♦ K65
♣ 32		♣ AJ4
♠ KJ1065		♠ A2
♥ 32		♥ J765
♦ A3		♦ 1098
♣ K985		♣ Q1076

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Melin</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♦10 of the unbid suit which declarer took in hand with the king. A spade to dummy's ♠10 lost to the queen and a diamond came back clearing the suit. There was now no road back for declarer as the diamonds were established and there was still communication between the defenders' hands and so the contract was one off. My preference is to tackle the hearts immediately, you are close to 70% for four tricks and then you will only need one extra trick in the black suits and may well have more information as how best to create that. If you go for the spades and the queen is offside you are likely to lose three diamonds and two spades and even if the queen is onside you are still not certain of three tricks before losing two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eber</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Giraud</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When West took the route of just repeating his spades rather than showing his club suit when South had to lead against the final 3NT contract naturally chose his stronger of the unbid suits. In effect this presented declarer with his ninth trick and South did not discard as wisely as he might and an over-trick was made and so ten IMPs to South Africa.

When the dust had settled South Africa had 80 points on the board against Reunion's 35 which translated to 18-66-1.34 VPs.





Women Teams - South Africa v Morocco

After the first session South Africa had had a disappointing result against Egypt whereas Morocco had an excellent near whitewash against Tunisia and so South Africa needed a good win to regain morale and momentum and a win for Morocco could see them still leading the table.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ AK9743		♠ —									
♥ Q106		♥ A952									
♦ Q		♦ K9654									
♣ K107		♣ 5432									
♠ 10852	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ QJ6
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♥ J843	♥ K7										
♦ J3	♦ A10872										
♣ J86		♣ AQ9									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hayat</i>	<i>Balderson</i>	<i>Farida</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

A rustic but effective auction reached a good slam. Declarer won the opening club lead in hand with the ace and drew trumps and played ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond then crossed to dummy with a club to ruff another diamond. When nothing good happened in the diamond suit she was now going down, losing a heart and a diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Child</i>	<i>Claire</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Fatim</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

An extra round of bidding did not affect the final contract, but the opening lead did. It was the ♦J which immediately set up declarer's twelfth trick when the

queen, king and ace were played establishing the ♦10. 17 IMPs for Morocco. Had declarer been faced with the same lead as in the other room how could she have played. My chosen line would have been to insert the ♣10 and when that holds play a small heart towards the king. If East has the ace then he cannot play it without giving you the contract, if it is with West then you should have time to ruff a heart in the short hand.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 8743		♠ A									
♥ A6		♥ Q1075									
♦ 10984		♦ AQ75									
♣ AQJ		♣ K642									
♠ QJ10	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K9652
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♥ KJ843	♥ 92										
♦ 6	♦ KJ32										
♣ 9753		♣ 108									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hayat</i>	<i>Balderson</i>	<i>Farida</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Double	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Coulda/shoulda West have done more? When looking at all four hands the answer is 'Yes' but is the response the same when you can only see your own hand? The only possible bid I could countenance from West is Three Diamonds – You know you have a double fit and that singleton could be very useful and that ninth heart is worth an extra king. If partner then just bid Three Hearts I would pass but I have given her the chance to bid game if her hand is suitable. Declarer came to ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Child</i>	<i>Claire</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Fatim</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		





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At this table North did not warrant her eight-loser hand worthy of an opening bid and when East jumped in support of West's hearts she took the gamble of bidding the vulnerable game. Declarer took the spade lead in dummy with the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds. She then embarked on a diamond and spade crossruff and then led towards the ♣K, and when the ♣A was onside she finished with ten tricks and ten IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 1093		♠ AJ8765
♥ A83		♥ K75
♦ 874		♦ —
♣ AKJ8		♣ 9754
	♠ KQ2	
	♥ Q106	
	♦ Q10953	
	♣ 62	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hayat</i>	<i>Balderson</i>	<i>Farida</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>
1♣	1♦	1♠	2♣*
Double	3♣	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	Double	All Pass	

After an exuberant auction which I find difficult to follow or describe West had landed in a poor contract. It is an interesting problem to devise a layout of the cards where the contract can be made. Try giving South or North ♠KQ ♥xx ♦AKxxxx ♣Qx – eliminate the diamonds and cash four top red cards before exiting with ace and another spade. Unfortunately that was not the lie of the cards and there were four tricks to lose. The good news is that they will not be making game in the other room but is -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Child</i>	<i>Claire</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Fatim</i>
1♣	1♦	1♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

A more sanguine auction and a contract somewhat unlucky to fail but the upside was it was till 12 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ —		♠ A63
♥ Q102		♥ K7543
♦ J98764		♦ A2
♣ AQ104		♣ 652
	♠ KJ10542	
	♥ A	
	♦ KQ3	
	♣ J93	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hayat</i>	<i>Balderson</i>	<i>Farida</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South made a game try which North accepted. West led a diamond to partner's ace and the return was another diamond taken by declarer's king. A spade towards dummy was pounced on by East with her ace. She had the choice between returning a heart or a club, a club would defeat the contract a heart would let it through. Unfortunately she chose a heart. Does not the club trial bid suggest the club ace was not present and thus a club return might be more profitable.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Child</i>	<i>Claire</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Fatim</i>
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣*
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

If you read any of my previous jottings you will know I am a big fan of 'Meckstroth's Law' 'If partner freely supports your six-card major- bid game'. I would never have bothered with a trial bid but bid the game directly – yes it can go down but that requires a certain layout and good defence and both are not likely. The play was identical to the other room so ten more IMPs to South Africa.

At the end of the session South Africa had out-scored Morocco 46-25 or 15.19-4.81 in VPs.





Championship Information

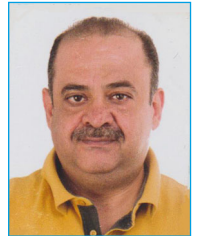
Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:

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 - Open Teams

Egypt

Captain
Walid El Ahmady

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Tarek Sadek

Reda Amiry

Ahmed Samir

Baher Ahmed

Hussein Sherif

Kenya

Captain
Samina Esmail

Jimmy Deen

Samina Esmail

Bena Shah

Ramula Shah

C V Shah

Aruna Shah

Morocco

Captain
Abdellatif Belkouch

Abdellatif Belkouch

Mohamed Dinia

Mohamed Benali

Chaouki Bensaïd

Maitre Michel

Pierre t'kint de roodenbeke

Reunion

Captain
Patrick PC Hamel

Christian Giraud

Narguis Huseinali

Philippe Lagache

Patrick Hamel

Gabriel Melin

Jean-Luc Neulat

South Africa

Captain
Andrew Cruise

Neville Eber

Hennie Fick

Craig Gower

Alon Apteker

Tim Cope

Andrew Cruise

Tunisia

Captain
Monia Jellouli

Monia Jellouli

Hedi Ben Chedly

Omar Meddeb

Anis Ghdbane

Raouf Zmerli

Mohamed Rebai





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GMT TIME

Open Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

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

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





Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain
Mohamed Serour

Nadia Taymour

Nessrine Hamdy

Hoda Soliman

Dina El Awady

Margurite Homsy

Nada Wattar

Morocco

Captain
Fatim Lahlou

Fatim Lahlou

Hayat Hachimi

Farida Guerraoui

Catherine t'Kint

Marie Claire Ohana

Khadija Marrakchi

South Africa

Captain
Roz Bernstein

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Chris Child

Desree Pieters

Jenny Gautchi

Peta Balderson

Tunisia

Captain
Hedia Sellami

Hedia Sellami

Aicha Lili Daldoul

Meriem Dorai

Fersaous Trabelsi

Hedia Baccar





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Women Teams Schedule of play

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

