



The Halfway Mark Passed

The halfway mark of the Round Robin has been passed. In the Open event Egypt recorded three wins as did Morocco in the Women's event.

The Open Championship is hotting up. **South Africa** maintain their lead over **Egypt** but the gap is now only three VPs. The interesting battle is between Tunisia, Reunion and Morocco each fighting for the two other semi-final spots. They are covered by less than four VPs, and virtually each session sees a change in the order.

The Women Championship is becoming clearer as **Egypt** are ten points out ahead of **Morocco** with the other two teams having plenty to do if they are to trouble the leaders.

On the following page is an explanation of the schedule for the final Round Robin in both championships.

Open	Team	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	Total
	South Africa	18.66	12.80	20.00	17.17	14.80	7.71	17.97	13.97	4.81	127.89
	Egypt	18.87	14.80	15.56	5.82	5.20	20.00	20.00	13.28	11.20	124.73
	Tunisia	14.18	13.28	4.44	2.83	11.20	3.27	9.09	6.72	15.19	80.20
	Reunion	1.34	5.20	16.09	3.27	8.80	12.29	0.00	16.73	15.00	78.72
	Morocco	5.82	7.20	3.91	14.18	14.60	16.73	2.03	3.27	8.80	76.54
	Kenya	1.13	6.72	0.00	16.73	5.40	0.00	10.91	6.03	5.00	51.92
Women	Team	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	3.1	3.2	3.3	Total
	Egypt	15.56	13.97	13.52	16.58	5.40	14.60	17.17	12.80	9.09	118.69
	Morocco	19.07	4.81	6.48	18.97	6.72	5.40	17.31	18.33	10.91	108.00
	South Africa	4.44	15.19	17.03	3.42	13.28	5.61	2.83	1.67	16.09	79.56
	Tunisia	0.93	6.03	2.97	1.03	14.60	14.39	2.69	7.20	3.91	53.75

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For the final Round Robin of the Open Championships the six teams will be allocated a team number corresponding to their standing in the scoring table. Thus the team in the lead will assigned Team Number '1' and the team lying in second position will be assigned '2', and so on. The schedule for each team is given below so that if you were Team '3' then for the first session on June 3 at 11.30 you will be receiving Team '4'.

Match 1	June 3 11.30	Match 2	June 3 14.15	Match 3	June 4 8.00	Match 4	June 4 11.30	Match 5	June 4 14.15
Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	6	5	1	1	4	3	1	1	2
2	5	6	4	5	3	4	2	3	6
3	4	2	3	6	2	5	6	4	5

For the final Round Robin of the Women Championship the same procedure for determining the schedule is used as for the Open Championship above.

Match 1	June 4 8.00	Match 2	June 4 11.30	Match 3	June 4 14.15
Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	4	3	1	1	2
2	3	4	2	3	4

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Women Teams - Morocco v Egypt

The final session of the Women's second Round Robin saw Morocco pitted against Egypt. They were the leading teams with Egypt just shy of a ten point lead.

Board 34. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ AK109		♠ J3									
♥ Q5		♥ K109842									
♦ AQ96		♦ K75									
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		S									
♥ AJ	♥ 763										
♦ J102	♦ 843										
♣ KQ53	♣ J1084										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Taymour	Ohana	Hamdy	Lahlou
-	-	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Double	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass*	Pass
Double	All Pass		
2♦	Weak only multi		
2♥	pass or correct		

Who do you feel sorer for: North or South? I go for South as I always try and sit in that position. Was North a little bit gourmand? Could she have made some form of game try? We won't detain ourselves over the play but the contract finished three down – which could have been four with a tighter defence but that trick only cost two IMPs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hachimi	Soliman	Guerraoui	El Awady
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♣	Double	1♥	Pass
1♠	1NT	2♥	All Pass

With the East/West pairing having no multi 2♦ available the opportunity for disaster for North/South was mitigated. North also did well to give in gracefully as the limit for her side was 1♣, any

other contract was doomed, so even at the two-level it could be costing 500. In theory declarer could have made an overtrick but that was not going to affect the score. 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 39. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K32		♠ AJ86									
♥ J932		♥ A									
♦ 2		♦ J10843									
♣ Q9542		♣ AK8									
♠ 74	<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		♠ Q1095
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W			E								
		S									
♥ KQ875	♥ 1064										
♦ AK6	♦ Q975										
♣ 1073	♣ J6										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Taymour	Ohana	Hamdy	Lahlou
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Some Easts will no doubt will try for greater things but not knowing of a fit there seemed little point in pressing past game. After a club lead a successful diamond finesse garnered nine tricks for declarer's contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hachimi	Soliman	Guerraoui	El Awady
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Playing standard French East's 2♦ was not immediately game forcing. West had her foot firmly on the brake throughout the auction but East had built up a head of steam and could not be stopped from proceeding to slam. Dummy must have been a disappointment to declarer as it was exactly as





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partner had described in the auction. Had the trumps been 3-2 with the queen on side then the slam would have had chances but with the unkind break it was hopeless, in fact making five calls for some seriously good card reading and so declarer only made ten tricks. 13 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 45. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 3		♠ A2									
♥ 103		♥ KJ97									
♦ KJ98654		♦ 72									
♣ KJ8		♣ A10643									
♠ KQ875	<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		♠ J10964
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ AQ52	♥ 864										
♦ Q10	♦ A3										
♣ 95		♣ Q72									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Taymour</i>	<i>Ohana</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Lahlou</i>
-	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

There seems to have been a difference of opinion as to the 2♥ bid, West appears to believe it was forcing whereas East seems to be of an opposing view, but with an opening bid opposite an opening bid not to be playing in game is not winning bridge. Probably slightly disconsolate with the bidding West did not give her full attention to the play and only made nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hachimi</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Guerraoui</i>	<i>El Awady</i>
-	3♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North's pre-empt galvanised the opposition into game. After winning the second diamond North switched to her singleton spade, taken in hand. Three rounds of trumps were next and then a small club off dummy which was won by North who exited with another club. Declarer won in dummy and ruffed another and when they split 3-3 she could claim. Ten IMPs to Morocco.

At the end of the match Egypt had taken the match 41-23 or 14.6-5.4 VPs.



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Women Teams - Egypt v South Africa

In the opening session of the third Round Robin in the Women's event Egypt were again taking on South Africa with Egypt having won both previous encounters. It was time for South Africa to step up and reverse the trend if they wanted to get into the top two for that berth to Italy.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AQJ6	♠ 109853	♠ 2
♥ KQ632	♥ J4	♥ 1085
♦ J10	♦ AQ65	♦ K9874
♣ AK	♣ J10	♣ Q963

♠ K74	♠ N	♠ 2
♥ A97	♥ W	♥ 1085
♦ 32	♥ E	♦ K9874
♣ 87542	♣ S	♣ Q963

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Taymour	Bernstein	Hamdy	Lang
-	-	-	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
3♣	puppet		
3♥	5♥		

On the lead of the ♠10 South pitched in with her king and declarer took her ace. The ace and king of clubs followed, declarer not seeming to notice the fall of the ♣10 and ♣J. She crossed to dummy with a spade ruff and led the ♣Q, discarding a diamond, which North ruffed – not really a surprise as it is improbable that North would throw the ♣10 and ♣J unless she had no choice. North did not give declarer a chance to make an error when she returned the jack of trumps. Declarer now had an easy ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Balderson	Homsy	Gautschi	Wattar
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

On the lead of the ♠10 Declarer won in hand with the queen and then cashed the ace and king of clubs and also did not seem to notice the fall of ♣10 and ♣J from the North hand. Again the top club honours were cashed and a spade ruffed in dummy. A master club from dummy was played on which a diamond was discarded and North ruffed. North exited with a spade which declarer, slightly surprisingly, ruffed and persisted with a master club discarding her last diamond. North could now give her partner a spade ruff and with the ace of trumps still to come that meant one off. It is mildly amusing to note that the defence made four of their five trumps but not their cashable ace! There might be a lesson in there somewhere. 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A	♠ KJ1042	♠ 963
♥ 1087	♥ Q2	♥ J96
♦ AK10973	♦ J84	♦ Q652
♣ 976	♣ 1085	♣ Q43

♠ Q875	♠ N	♠ 963
♥ AK543	♥ W	♥ J96
♦ -	♥ E	♦ Q652
♣ AKJ2	♣ S	♣ Q43

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Taymour	Bernstein	Hamdy	Lang
1♦	1♠	Pass	4♦*
Double	4♠	All Pass	
4♦	splinter agreeing spades		

I am surprised that South gave in so quickly – she may be well aware of her partner's ability to





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overall light, even vulnerable but give her ♠AKxxx and a round suit queen then you are in with a shout of the grand slam, and to be frank she cannot have much less, however she has much less and the small slam is pretty close to being cast iron.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Balderson</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>	<i>Wattar</i>
1♦	1♠	2♦	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠

All Pass

As mentioned above South valued her hand more than in the other room. An interesting question is what would she have done if partner had shown two keycards. I think the first requirement is to play exclusion Blackwood \boxtimes and then if partner shows two keycards you can make another forward move. On the lead of a diamond declarer ruffed in dummy had to trump which West had to win and when she played another diamond declarer was simply home with twelve tricks. And 13 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q3
♥ KJ65
♦ AK1043
♣ J8

♠ K105
♥ 843
♦ 65
♣ Q10642

♠ J9862
♥ 972
♦ 97
♣ AK3

♠ A74
♥ AQ10
♦ QJ82
♣ 975

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Taymour</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Lang</i>
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When at my mother's knee she instilled in me the idea of leading your longest and strongest and on this hand she would have been right, however West has not had the benefit of having my mother as hers and when she essayed a small spade declarer played the queen and took eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Balderson</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>	<i>Wattar</i>
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Here West was more of a traditionalist and placed the ♣4 on the table and 100 in the plus column alongside 13 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 982
♥ KQJ
♦ AQ6
♣ K1092

♠ AQ1054
♥ 65
♦ J743
♣ 85

♠ J63
♥ 1097432
♦ 8
♣ AQ4

♥ A8
♦ K10952
♣ J763

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Taymour</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Lang</i>
-	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The lead was the ♥10 taken with the ace in dummy and playing the queen from hand. A losing club finesse ensued after which East exited with a heart to declarer's ♥K. East ducked a round of clubs and declarer now has the chance for glory if she can read a very difficult situation. When East shows out on the second round of diamonds North can cash her remaining heart honour and play ♦K and another and now picture poor old West having to win and only having spades left, not only giving declarer a spade trick but entry to the established diamond for the ninth trick. Unfortunately it was not a day for brilliancies.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Balderson</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>	<i>Wattar</i>
-	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East started with heart taken by dummy's ace and as the other table a losing club finesse followed. East was not going to give up lightly on her heart





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suit and so continued and saw declarer win in hand. Another club was taken by East who played a third round of hearts thereby establishing three winners – the only drawback was that she did not have an entry and she had not given her partner five spade tricks. Declarer gratefully took the third round of hearts and expectantly started on the diamonds only to discover the 4-1 break, but it did not matter as long as West held the ♠A as he could be thrown with either of the pointed suits to give declarer her ninth trick and 13 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J7 ♥ J1083 ♦ A32 ♣ AKQ4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; text-align: center;">S</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W	S	E				♠ K98 ♥ Q654 ♦ J84 ♣ J105	♠ A654 ♥ A9 ♦ Q10975 ♣ 92
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W	S	E										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Taymour</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Lang</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A routine auction to 3NT after which East led the ♣J taken in hand with the king. After the ace of diamonds a small diamond towards dummy and which card to play? Is it 50-50, well yes and no. The position of either honour is 50% so does it matter which card you play. The answer is yes because you have the ♦9 as well so inserting the ♦9 is very slightly superior as it gains when East has ♦KJxx. Obviously that was not the case here and it is just chance that the queen was the wrong card but maybe it is the great shuffler's way of saying 'you should have played the jack'. As a result the contract failed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Balderson</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>	<i>Wattar</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Again the ♣J was led but this time declarer finessed against the ♦J, I hope because she thought it a better play and I am sure if you ask her she will say that was the reason. It netted ten IMPs to Egypt.

At the end of the session Egypt had run out winners 55-22 or 17.17-2.83 VPs. If South Africa are to progress they need to tighten up their games and reduce errors – easier said than done because as we all know bridge is a game of mistakes.





Open Teams - South Africa v Kenya

On the third session of the second Round Robin I noticed that Kenya had not yet graced these pages so I have taken immediate steps to rectify that omission as they take on the leaders South Africa.

above – we can all see that 3NT is a no-hoper. East did not need to be Garozzo to find a diamond lead. Declarer could take his top seven tricks but after that he was going nowhere and was fated to fail by two tricks. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 10			
♥ AJ8762			
♦ KQ			
♣ K976			
♠ 3		♠ A9874	
♥ KQ10		♥ 954	
♦ A97643		♦ J1085	
♣ J54		♣ 3	
		♠ KQJ652	
		♥ 3	
		♦ 2	
		♣ AQ1082	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Cope	Velji	Cruise
-	-	-	1♠
2♦	2♥	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

As an aside I know I sometimes find it difficult to support partner's suit when I do not have many cards in it. What else could North do – he knows partner has a six-card suit and he knows he does not have much in the way of heart support so the best game is probably 4♠. The ace of diamonds was led followed by a switch to a club. A spade to the ♠10 was taken by the ace – maybe ducking might have made things more delicate for declarer. A diamond from East was ruffed by South who then took three more rounds of trumps and played on clubs, East could take his master trump whenever he liked but that was the end of the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Bhanumati	Gower	Ramula
-	-	-	1♠
2♦	2♥	3♦	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

You now see why I made that small oration

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A			
♥ 1064			
♦ A542			
♣ KJ1097			
♠ J4		♠ K653	
♥ Q3		♥ KJ98752	
♦ KJ9		♦ 7	
♣ AQ8654		♣ 3	
		♠ Q109872	
		♥ A	
		♦ Q10863	
		♣ 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Cope	Velji	Cruise
1♣	Pass	1♥	2NT*
3♣	Double	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	5♥	5♠
Pass	6♦	Double	All Pass

I am not quite sure what happened to the North/South auction but I did hear chatter later on about North misreading his hand, let's be generous and say it was so. It was not pretty and three off was a fair result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Bhanumati	Gower	Ramula
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♣	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

At this table the uit that went to slam in the other room was not even mentioned. Fortunately the defence was accurate and the spade ruff was found so the contract failed but it was still 14 IMPs to Kenya





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Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AJ963
 ♥ 5
 ♦ K87
 ♣ J874

♠ K1042
 ♥ 10974
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 10953

♠ 8
 ♥ KQJ32
 ♦ A10643
 ♣ AQ

♠ Q75
 ♥ A86
 ♦ QJ95
 ♣ K62

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Cope	Velji	Cruise
-	-	1♥	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

I would never have passed with the West hand on the first round of bidding, you have that valuable ninth trump, worth a king, and a singleton, what more do you need to support partner? It actually takes a trump lead to beat 4♥ if you can read the cards well. Declarer being only in a part-score was happy just to make it.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Bhanumati	Gower	Ramula
-	-	1♥	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♦	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Double	All Pass		

The difference the 2♥ bid makes and the bravery to double the final contract. In theory on any lead other than the ace of diamonds double dummy one could make 4♠ but declarer took some wrong views and was harshly punished for them when he ended up four light. 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ J
 ♥ 53
 ♦ KQJ8652
 ♣ J54

♠ A542
 ♥ Q10972
 ♦ 10
 ♣ 1097

♠ K97
 ♥ J84
 ♦ 943
 ♣ AK82

♠ Q10863
 ♥ AK6
 ♦ A7
 ♣ Q63

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Cope	Velji	Cruise
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Should South make an effort? Partner is vulnerable, but we do not know what the partnership style is for a pre-empt, when we can see all four hands even I would bid 3NT. It might even be that partner has ♦KQxxxxx but the defence have five club tricks to cash, as I said it is easy to be wise after the event. The defence was less than dynamic and declarer made eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Bhanumati	Gower	Ramula
Pass	Pass	1♣	1NT
2♣*	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

South was prepared to gamble it paid off in diamonds, he had nine top tricks and the defence only four. Ten IMPs to Kenya.

At the end of the session Kenya had traded blow for blow on the double-digit swings but had lost out on the part-score/competitive auctions and lost 53-38 or 13.97-6.03 VPs a creditable performance against the team leading the competition.





Championship Information

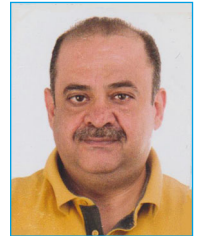
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Click the Match number, official start time or Session open time of your category to join the game. The game will be open to players 30 minutes before the official start time.



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

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 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
08H00 GMT =		EGY		KEN	MOR		REU	RSA		TUN
11H30 GMT =		10H00 AM		11H00 PM	09H00 AM		12H00 PM	10H00 AM		09H00 AM
14H15 GMT =		01H30 PM		02H30 PM	12H30 PM		03H30 PM	01H30 PM		12H30 PM
		04H15 PM		05H15 PM	03H15 PM		06H15 PM	04H15 PM		03H15 PM

