



The Seniors and Mixed Enter The Fray

The five Seniors teams began a marathon set of Round Robin matches to be held over seven days but they do have the respite of a Bye Round on average every five sessions. At the end of the event the top two teams will go the World Championships to be held early year next to represent Africa in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy.

In the first session Egypt and Reunion had wins and in the second session it was Morocco and Egypt whilst in the final session of the day Morocco and Reunion won their matches. So the standings at the end of the first day have **Morocco** in the lead ahead of **Egypt**. The two leaders will meet in the second session today, it is the one for which the kibitzers will be waiting. The Mixed event also started with four countries represented. They will play five complete Round Robins over five days at which point the two top teams will have the pleasure of representing Africa at next year's World Championships in the Wuhan Cup.

Small wins for Reunion and Tunisia were the results of the first session but bigger wins for Egypt and Tunisia in the second session. Egypt and Reunion came out on top for the final session. No team recorded three wins and at the end of the day **Egypt** are heading **Tunisia**.

Senior Team Scores

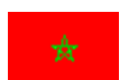
Team	1	2	3	Total
Morocco	12	15.56	16.26	43.82
Egypt	14.18	10.61	12.00	36.79
Reunion	16.73	12	3.74	32.47
South Africa	3.27	9.39	12.80	25.46
Kenya	5.82	4.44	7.20	17.46

Mixed Team Scores

Team	1	2	3	Total
Egypt	7.97	18.66	17.85	44.48
Tunisia	12.03	19.77	7.45	39.25
Reunion	13.52	1.34	12.55	27.41
Morocco	6.48	0.23	2.15	8.86

All information can be found on the website:

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Open Championship Play-off

Tunisia and Morocco played off for the third and fourth places. Two sessions of sixteen boards ensued where there was little excitement available. The deals were not conducive to sparkling bridge. Here are a couple of hands, the first showing that they could do better than the finalists.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ AK102		♠ Q953									
♥ AQ83		♥ J976									
♦ AK6		♦ 8									
♣ A6		♣ K743									
♠ J8764	<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		♠ —
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K10542	♥ —										
♦ 52	♦ QJ109743										
♣ 10	♣ QJ9852										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>T'Kint</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Maitre</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Double	2NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
2♦	GF		

Transpose the South and East hand and imagine if North had redoubled, 2♥XX +4, more than a vulnerable grand slam, also do you really expect the ♥AQ to be on your right – do you want to tell declarer where to find the ♥K. As a writer more famous than I said 'Careless talk costs lives'. I find it hard to see the upside in doubling the heart bid. I know playing a green card is boring but frequently boring is best. For North's third bid would 4NT be natural for you and your partner or key-card? Does 4♠ sound like a decent spade suit or a cue-bid in support of diamonds – to me I think it sounds more like the former. Playing 4NT as natural here could be a good move. The 6♣ bid gave partner a choice in the minors which did not present too many problems. The lead of a heart gave

declarer sixteen tricks but he first had to give up a club so the slam was easily made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Belkouch</i>	<i>Chedly</i>	<i>Benali</i>	<i>Jellouli</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

The 2♥ bid was alerted, but no explanation given, and I suspect it showed zero aces. 3♠ was also alerted without an explanation and again I assume it was asking for minors and 3NT denied a four-card minor. Now 6♣ asked partner to choose between the two minors but maybe North had forgotten that he had bid diamonds first and so chose 6NT to ensure the right player was at the helm. No problem with the contract and again after giving up a club declarer had twelve tricks and a couple of IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 652		♠ AQ1087									
♥ KJ2		♥ A10									
♦ AK9864		♦ 3									
♣ 6		♣ AJ982									
♠ K	<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		♠ J943
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ 876	♥ Q9543										
♦ QJ75	♦ 102										
♣ Q10753	♣ K4										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>T'Kint</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Maitre</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	3♣	3♥
4♣	4♥	All Pass	





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Had you given me the East's cards my last bid would have been a red card. Not only that but I would have played the ♠10 on partner's ♠K lead, surely a request for a diamond, and had partner been awake we would have taken 800 and severely punished that vulnerable 3♥ bid.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Belkouch</i>	<i>Chedly</i>	<i>Benali</i>	<i>Jellouli</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

East's play of the hand did not match his bidding. Having arrived in a good contract when South led the ♦10 it was covered by the jack and North took the ace. The ♥K was returned, taken by declarer who unblocked the ♠K. A club from dummy was run round to South's king and the ♥Q cashed for one down. Unlucky? North's intervention does not guarantee him the holding of the ♣K as we have witnessed. We are playing teams not pairs, declarer can assure his contract by rising with the ♣A and taking two rounds of spades discarding dummy's losing hearts, so a loss of seven IMPs rather than a gain of nine.

At the end of the two sessions Tunisia had out-scored Morocco by 62-38. It was relatively low scoring match and there were only three double digit swings and one of those was because a transfer bid was passed. Tunisia had the better of the part-score exchanges. Both teams would probably have preferred a more exciting set of deals.



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Senior Round Robin 1.1

The first session of the first Round Robin in the Senior event saw Reunion pitted against South Africa. The start of a long seven-day, 48 boards a day, schedule.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

		♠ K 10953									
		♥ Q964									
		♦ 9									
		♣ AK7									
♠ AQ7	<table border="1"> <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		♠ 2
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K872	♥ A10										
♦ AK104	♦ QJ82										
♣ 85		♣ QJ10642									
		♠ J864									
		♥ J53									
		♦ 7653									
		♣ 93									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narunsky	Dordhain	Alexander	Breslaw
-	1♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led a 3rd and 5th ♠3 to South's jack and declarer's queen. Declarer tried a small club towards dummy but North immediately rose with his king and continued the spade attack. Now declarer had no resource, he had been beaten by accurate defence, hopefully that would be repeated at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sort	Reynolds	Bonet	Pincus
-	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The lead was the ♠9, I assume showing the ♠10 and an honour, but the otherwise informative convention neglects to mention anything about leads or signals, it may be on the back but my monitor is against the wall. South played the ♠4 but I cannot know what that might mean. Meanwhile declarer

won smartly with the queen and advanced a small club. Unwisely North ducked as this gave declarer his ninth trick. The question is whether North was unaware of the spade situation – did he think West could hold ♠AQJ. Declarer could afford to continue the club attack and North now switched to a heart. This gave declarer time to establish the club suit and make two overtricks. Eleven IMPs to Reunion

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

		♠ KJ53									
		♥ 974									
		♦ A102									
		♣ 942									
♠ 972	<table border="1"> <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		♠ A1084
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ 32	♥ KJ108										
♦ 9764	♦ J5										
♣ A873		♣ J105									
		♠ Q6									
		♥ AQ65									
		♦ KQ83									
		♣ KQ6									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narunsky	Dordhain	Alexander	Breslaw
-	-	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

On the lead of the ♣3 declarer took East's ♣10 with the king and immediately played a spade to the king and ace. East now returned the ♣J and declarer must have been having a slight doze as he failed to cover with ♣Q, this was not fatal. If the heart finesse was right and the diamond suit provided four tricks then this setback could be overcome. West exited with a spade to declarer's queen and played the king and queen of diamonds – not giving himself the chance of the ♦J being doubleton – another setback but unbeknownst to him when he crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds he squeezed East in the majors. I suspect declarer was pleasantly surprised when his ♥6 took the last trick, either that or it was piece of serious grandstanding and was wanting to put on a show for the kibitzers.





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West	North	East	South
Sort	Reynolds	Bonet	Pincus
-	-	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West found the lead of the ♠9 which ran round to declarer's queen. The general principle of making 3NT is to establish winners, preferably winners for your side. Declarer continued with the spade suit allowing East to take his ace and return it setting up a winner in the suit. A successful finesse in the heart suit followed and declarer continued with a diamond to the ace and followed this with ace of hearts and another thereby setting up another trick, but not for himself. East now cashed his two winners and let his partner take the ace of clubs for a failure by one trick. The diamond suit is still waiting to take four tricks. 12 IMPs to Reunion.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ AQ986	<table border="1" style="text-align: center;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K7
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W E					
S					
♥ 863		♥ A52			
♦ 742	♦ Q9653				
♣ J5	♣ 873				
	♠ J10532				
	♥ 1094				
	♦ 10				
	♣ K1094				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narunsky	Dordhain	Alexander	Breslaw
-	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♠	Double	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Not being in game declarer played it safely and made an overtrick. To make 5♣ is a delicate affair but can succeed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sort	Reynolds	Bonet	Pincus
-	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led a top of nothing ♦7 and declarer ducked to East's queen, why, 3NT still only requires nine tricks, 3♥, 2♦ and 4♣ comes to nine. East played the ♠K and another to West's ace and what should he do now, if partner has another trick the game is failing, but only if you cash another spade. Partner can have either the ♣K or the ♥A, if he has neither then it cannot matter what you do. If you do not play another spade then partner needs to make two club tricks. If you cash the spade then partner needs the ♥A. You pay your money and takes your choice. The minor upside to cashing another spade is that you prevent an overtrick if declarer has both cards. However if you decide to not cash another spade then do not lead the ♣J, now you need partner to hold ♣K109 whereas if you do not touch clubs you only need ♣K10x from partner. Whilst it is more likely that East's honour card is the ♣K it also requires the ♣10 as well, so maybe, just maybe, it is right to cash the spade. Anyhow West chose the ♣J and declarer was now home and gained ten IMPs for South Africa.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 107543	<table border="1" style="text-align: center;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J6
N					
W E					
S					
♥ K8		♥ Q3			
♦ AQ	♦ J109842				
♣ KQ83	♣ A75				
	♠ AQ2				
	♥ J1096				
	♦ 6				
	♣ 109642				
	♠ K98				
	♥ A7542				
	♦ K753				
	♣ J				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narunsky	Dordhain	Alexander	Breslaw
-	-	2♦*	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
2♦	Weak ♦		

After North's 'thin' protective double, he judged it sufficient to raise to game. The ace of diamonds was led followed by the ♣K which held the trick. Another club was ruffed in hand and declarer crossed to dummy with a spade to take a losing heart finesse. West exited with a spade taken in dummy and when a heart brought forth the queen declarer could claim.





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West	North	East	South
<i>Sort</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Bonet</i>	<i>Pincus</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass

When neither East nor South could find an opening bid West subsided into 2♣. North managed to ruff a diamond and the contract failed by one trick but it was still nine IMPs to Reunion.

At the end of the session Reunion had beaten South Africa 44-14 or 16.73-3.27 VPs.

Entry Fees

Open pairs: R 600 ≈ US \$ 45 per pair
 Open Teams : R 1200 ≈ US \$ 90 per team

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<u>Congress Section :</u> 1 st : R 2000 ≈ US \$ 140 2 nd : R 1000 ≈ US \$ 70	<u>Congress Section :</u> 1 st : R 3000 ≈ US \$ 215 2 nd : R 2000 ≈ US \$ 140
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Mixed Round Robin 1.2

After the first session of the first Round Robin Tunisia had a win and Morocco a loss. Nothing to be read into this with fourteen sessions still to be played but getting a win under one's belt early on always helps team morale.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ —	♠ AQJ965	♠ K108
♥ 7	♥ KQ53	♥ A986
♦ KQJ8652	♦ 109	♦ 73
♣ AQJ62	♣ 9	♣ 10853

N
W
S
E

♠ 7432	♠ 7432
♥ J1042	♥ J1042
♦ A4	♦ A4
♣ K74	♣ K74

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lamrani	Hassouna	Chamar	Dorai
—	—	—	Pass
4NT*	5♠	6♣	6♠
7♣	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			
4NT	minors		

Who's sacrificing against whom? 7♣ is a very unilateral decision and is only right if partner has three key cards or you have no defence to 6♠. The former is very unlikely, the latter much less so. If you pass then partner will double and you will be +500 rather than -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Trabelsi F	Sekkat	Trabelsi A	Yans
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♣	Double	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠*	5♣	5♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Was West really letting the opposition play at the three-level when she held a three loser hand. I

advocate timidity frequently but this would not be one of those occasions. Neither would I have passed 5♠, I would have 6♣ on the table in double-quick time; I would much rather defend 6♠ than 5♠ and I am more than happy to have a stab at 6♣. The good news was that 5♠ was two off so 11 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ KQ63	♠ KQ63	♠ J9852
♥ K7	♥ K7	♥ 98
♦ K54	♦ K54	♦ Q106
♣ A743	♣ A743	♣ KQ10

N
W
S
E

♠ A74	♠ A74
♥ Q104	♥ Q104
♦ J9832	♦ J9832
♣ J8	♣ J8

♠ 10	♠ 10
♥ AJ6532	♥ AJ6532
♦ A7	♦ A7
♣ 9652	♣ 9652

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lamrani	Hassouna	Chamar	Dorai
—	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

On a spade lead to the ace and a continuation declarer was not hard pressed to take ten tricks even though the queen of hearts was offside.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Trabelsi F	Sekkat	Trabelsi A	Yans
—	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Again a spade was led to West's ace and the return was the ♣J which declarer won in hand. Two top spades disposed of two clubs in dummy. A heart to the king and a small one towards dummy, to make the contract you need to rise with the ace, otherwise a club comes back to East and a third round of clubs promotes a trump trick for West.





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Rising with the ace wins whenever the trumps are 3-2 and loses when East has four to the queen, I know which is more likely, does declarer, unfortunately no. Down one and twelve IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 109876		♠ 5
♥ A52		♥ QJ84
♦ —		♦ QJ10732
♣ AJ543		♣ 86
		♠ K3
		♥ K1093
		♦ 9654
		♣ K72

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lamrani	Hassouna	Chamar	Dorai
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The opening lead of the ♣4 presented declarer with eight tricks. It was just a matter of time before the defence would have to give up the ninth, in the actual variant played West had to lead away from his heart ace.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Trabelsi F	Sekkat	Trabelsi A	Yans
Pass	1♠	2♦	Double
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

This time played by North there was no helpful club lead but the ♦Q won in hand. Declarer tackled the clubs by leading to the king and ace. West now switched to a spade won in dummy and a second round played exposing the 5-1 break. Declarer now staked all on the ace of hearts being onside but it was not to be and the contract was one down. Eleven IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 94		♠ KJ6532
♥ J10653		♥ 94
♦ J8542		♦ A
♣ Q		♣ K1093
♠ AQ1087		♠ —
♥ AK8		♥ Q72
♦ 9		♦ KQ10763
♣ 8652		♣ AJ74

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lamrani	Hassouna	Chamar	Dorai
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
Pass	3♦	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

If 5♠ is asking partner to go to slam with good trumps or with a heart control then West cannot be faulted for bidding the slam but it was less than a no-hoper and was quickly two off on the lead of the ♣Q.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Trabelsi F	Sekkat	Trabelsi A	Yans
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

When North led his partner's suit the contract easily made with an overtrick and another eleven IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 73		♠ K9
♥ J		♥ A42
♦ KQ10982		♦ AJ3
♣ QJ109		♣ K8532
♠ AQ2		♠ J108654
♥ KQ87653		♥ 109
♦ 74		♦ 65
♣ A		♣ 764

Neither pair covered themselves in glory when they both came to rest in 6♠. At the end of a one-sided match Tunisia had beaten Morocco 71-14 or 19.77-0.23 VPs.





Championship Information

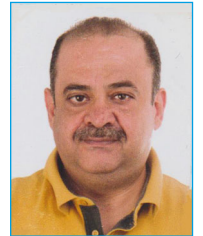
Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:

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:

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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.



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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.

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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.





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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.





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Egypt

Captain Ashraf Wahdan
Mohamed Tanboli
Ashraf Wahdan
Adel El Kordy
Amr Farrag
Mohamed El Baz
Ayman Azzam

Kenya

Captain Samina Esmail
Jimmy Deen
Samina Esmail
Bena Shah
Ramula Shah
C V Shah
Aruna Shah

Morocco

Captain Berrada Said
Said Berrada
Abdelkamel Rerhayé
Abdellah El Ghrari
Jean Hayet
Guy Cambournac
Khalil Bensouda

Reunion

Captain Patrice Dordhain
Jean-Marc Breslaw
Patrice Dordhain
Denise Bauquier
Danièle Bonet Maury
Claude Drieux
Bernard Sort

South Africa

Captain James Grant
Micheal Alexander
Maureen Naransky
Larry Chemaly
James Grant
Brian Pincus
Paul Reynolds





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Senior Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 08H00				Match (02), 11H30				Match (03), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 07	1	1 MOR	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	4 REU	1 MOR	x	4 REU
	2	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	4 REU	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	5 KEN	x	3 RSA
	3	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	6 BYE	x	2 EGY	6 BYE	x	2 EGY
R.R (01)		Match (04), 08H00				Match (05), 11H30				RR(02) Match (01), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 08	1	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	6 BYE	x	1 MOR	6 BYE	x	1 MOR
	2	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	2 EGY
	3	5 KEN	x	6 BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	3 RSA	4 REU	x	3 RSA
R.R (02)		Match (02), 08H00				Match (03), 11H30				Match (04), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 09	1	1 MOR	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	3 RSA	1 MOR	x	3 RSA
	2	4 REU	x	6 BYE	3 RSA	x	5 KEN	2 EGY	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	4 REU
	3	3 RSA	x	2 EGY	2 EGY	x	6 BYE	6 BYE	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	5 KEN
R.R (02)/(03)		Match (05), 08H00				RR(03), Match (01), 11H30				Match (02), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 10	1	2 EGY	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	5 KEN	x	1 MOR
	2	6 BYE	x	3 RSA	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	4 REU	6 BYE	x	4 REU
	3	5 KEN	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	2 EGY	x	3 RSA
R.R (03)		Match (03), 08H00				Match (04), 11H30				Match (05), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 11	1	1 MOR	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	1 MOR	x	2 EGY
	2	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 BYE	3 RSA	x	6 BYE
	3	6 BYE	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	6 BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	5 KEN
R.R (04)		Match (01), 08H00				Match (02), 11H30				Match (03), 14H15			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SAT 12	1	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	6 BYE	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)
	2	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)	6 BYE	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)
	3	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	6 BYE	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	6 BYE	x	2 Team Ranked (2)
R.R (04)		Match (04), 08H00				Match (05), 11H30							
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SUN 13	1	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)						
	2	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	6 BYE						
	3	5 Team Ranked (5)	x	6 BYE	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	5 Team Ranked (5)						





Roster - Mixed Teams

Egypt

Captain
Gamal Abbas

Somaya Wahdan

Manal Sallam

Maud Khouri

Ahmed Harb

Moaz Hammam

Mohamed Heshmat

Morocco

Captain
Yans Roger

Roger Yans

Chadia Sekkat

Barbara Balogh

Abderrahim Tazi

Laila Lamrani

Ismail Chamar

Reunion

Captain
Patrick Hamel

Christian Giraud

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Michel Lemarinel

Danièle Michaux

Régine Wan Hoi

Tunisia

Captain
Abdeljelil Trabelsi

Abdeljelil Trabelsi

Ferdaous Trabelsi

Meriem Dorai

Hassouna Abdelmalek

Hedia Baccar

Moncef Daghmouri





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Mixed Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 07	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
R.R (02)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 08	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN	4 TUN	x	3 REU
R.R (03)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 09	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
RR (04)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 10	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN	4 TUN	x	3 REU
R.R (05)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 11	1	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	1 Team Ranked (1)	1 Team Ranked (1)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)
	2	2 Team Ranked (2)	x	3 Team Ranked (3)	4 Team Ranked (4)	x	2 Team Ranked (2)	3 Team Ranked (3)	x	4 Team Ranked (4)
		EGY		KEN	MOR		REU	RSA		TUN
08H00 GMT =		10H00 AM		11H00 PM	09H00 AM		12H00 PM	10H00 AM		09H00 AM
11H30 GMT =		01H30 PM		02H30 PM	12H30 PM		03H30 PM	01H30 PM		12H30 PM
14H15 GMT =		04H15 PM		05H15 PM	03H15 PM		06H15 PM	04H15 PM		03H15 PM

