

Arab Bridge League

ABL Online Mixed Teams

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Bulletin 1

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The ABL Mixed Teams Championships

The directors, staff and organisers welcome you to the 2021 ABL Mixed Teams Championships Online. We have twelve teams registered.

The first session starts today at 16.00 GMT.

Inside you will find important information, team rosters and the schedule.

1. The field is divided into 2 balanced groups (6 teams each)
2. One complete Round Robin of 5 matches of 16 boards will be played within each group, one match per day starting from today and Monday and Wednesday as the schedule.
3. After the Round Robin matches, the top 4 teams of each group will qualify to the quarter-final stage.
4. The top team of each group will choose his opponents in the quarter-final from the 3rd and 4th teams in the other group and then the semi- finalas the brackets.
5. The quarter-finals will be 2 Session X 12 Boards in one day
6. The semi-finals will be 4 Session X 12 Boards in 2 consecutive days
7. The Final Will be 4 Session X 12 Boards in 2 consecutive days

All information can be found on the website:

www.bridgewebs.com/ablonline/





Information for Captains

Alert

All alertable bids must be pre-alerted (press the alert button before making the bid). Giving an explanation is not compulsory unless it is an extra-ordinary bid.

For example if you are playing forcing NT over major openings (which is very common) alerting should be sufficient (if needed opponents can ask for explanation) , but if you are playing 1NT transfer to X, only alerting is not enough. You have to type the explanation before making the bid. We strongly recommend you try to help opponents giving sometimes the simplest of information.

For example, if you are opening 1♣ with 2+. At least the first time you do it, just type “2+” in the explanation box when you make the bid. Only alert your own bids, do not even attempt to explain your partner’s bids. Alert explanation space is limited on BBO, if opponents ask for further clarification using private chat respond privately, not on table chat. (Of course, unless opponents asked on table chat), If you are playing an unusual system make sure you pre-alert it before you start bidding the first board, including but not limited to: Variable or weak NT openings, strong ♣ or ♦ systems, 4-card major systems like ACOL, playing unusual honor card leads like Rusinow or low from a doubleton

Systems

HUM, Browne stickers systems, Forcing Pass Systems, Random Openings, and Encrypted Signals are not allowed all the time.

Players can’t consult their system cards or notes between the start of the auction period until the end of the play. Exception: players may consult their defence notes vs 2♦ multi opening.

Psychic conventional opening bids are forbidden

Codes

If you want more information about an opponent’s bid, whether or not it was explained, you should send a private message to the opponent who made the bid asking for clarification.

Requesting information may be made at any time, at the time the bid is made, when the auction concludes, or any time during the play as long as it is a private chat between one opponent and the bidder.

If players explain bids via chat they should set the recipients to Opponents, not Table, so that only opponents see the explanation, not the partner. But the best way is to explain the bids via the BBO alert mechanism.

Line up

All line-ups are blind and a personal line-up form ([link](#)) for each team including all the matches will be sent to the team captain to keep the link as it will be used each time , the team captain will choose 1) the match number, 2) pick the players from the given name list and players preferred direction (North, South, East or West) and submit it at least 60 min before the match starts.





Two Important Pieces of Information For Captains to Note

Very important notes, Kindly circulate to all of your players

1. The BBO accounts for the TDs are as follows :
ABL, ABL_1, ABL_2, ABL_3, ABL_4 and ABL_5

2. At the beginning of each match/session, the TDs have to start more than one table at the same time in order to host all the championship matches and they place the players in their seats according to pre-sent line-up.... Sometimes, we have a late offline players (please check the event regulations for penalty of late arrival at BBO) and this may cause some delay in the other matches/tables.

In order for the TDs to avoid this, they will hold an empty seat for you and they will move to host another match and then back to the late table. For that reason, it is quiet normal that your players might have a message from the TD through the BBO server with the following text

Want to substitute

Would you like to play in Teams tournament # xxxxxx Teams "ABL Mixed Teams Championship as a substitute? Your partner will be xxxxxxxx"

YES NO

Please alert your players to accept this request ASAP.

*VERY IMPORTANT NOTES *

The BBO Management recommends that you wait in the main section of BBO when you are about to receive an invitation to play. Different areas of BBO are managed by different servers, so if you are located in the casual section the system may read you as being offline even if you are online.

Also, we use a special procedure in order to make sure that all of our matches are starting at the same time. We start inviting players and set up the team match some minutes before the official starting time. This may result in your partner already sitting (and waiting) at the table of the ABL Mixed Teams match while you are still in the lobby. That is totally normal, and is done in order to be more precise on the starting time. We kindly ask all players to just stay in the lobby (main section of BBO or in the competitive section) and wait for our invitation.





Undo regulations

1. The undo button is activated from the beginning
2. Click the undo button to stop the play instead of typing STOP at the table chat.... It will be used just as a stop button.
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 continue but they might be penalized and all parties forfeit their rights for any kind of rectification later on.**
8. **If the opponents don't accept – before the TD arrival - , play stops and the TD decide what is to be done.**
- 9. The TDs reserve the rights to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information might arise from using the undo process.**
10. The Head TD has all the rights to deactivate the undo button at any time if problems arise from activating the button.

Knock out brackets

Quarter Final

1 st	Group (A)	Vs	4 th Or 3 rd	Group (B)	=	Match (1)
2 nd	Group (A)	Vs	3 rd Or 4 th	Group (B)	=	Match (2)
1 st	Group (B)	Vs	4 th Or 3 rd	Group (A)	=	Match (3)
2 nd	Group (B)	Vs	3 rd Or 4 th	Group (A)	=	Match (4)

Semi Final

Winner of Match (1) Vs Winner of Match (4)

Winner of Match (2) Vs Winner of Match (3)





Team Rosters

Team Name Al-Yassamen		
Captain	Mohammed Badawoud	Mohh
2	Amal Al-Rahbane	Calina1
3	Said Alawa	Drsaid2
4	Mohammed Ali Alazem	Albacha
5	Hala almalki	Randala
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Team Name WASO		
Captain	Waleed El Ahmdy	waso
2	Nadia El Araby	nadiat
3	Mareille Hitti	mia 7
4	Rawya Akl	rawya
5	Toni Hachem	tantouna
6	Mohamed Tanboli	tanbo

Team Name Nine		
Captain	Ahmed Samir Zaki	dodo880
2	Fatma Manadily	fahda
3	Jehane mishriki	zewzew
4	Mina Sawires	sawires
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Team Name Sharjah Club		
Captain	Nermeen Qasim	nims1
2	Amr Mekky	amr mekky
3	Maria Hindi	mnkas
4	Humayun Sumar	kinetics
5	Rajeev Khandelwal	rajeevkhan
6	Himani Khandelwal	Kinamih
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Team Name CEDARS 2		
Captain	Fayza Azem	Duffyduc1
2	Abdo Sweidan	abdeen
3	Wafa Haddad	nemesis8
4	Salim Traboulsi	setra

Team Name Pepsi		
Captain	Jacek Pszczola	pikolo
2	Kiki Ward-Platt	Sodaspring
3	May Sakr	mayyou
4	Franck Multon	Mido
5	Nikos Delimpaltadakis	nickd

Team Name DIAMOND		
Captain	Ali El-Selehdar	sale7dar
2	Amal Amer	moula1
3	Manal Sallam	nelly4
4	Rasha saad	rsaad20
5	Ahmed Nayer	nayer
6	Moaaz Hammam	Moaaz

Team Name Friends		
Captain	Mohsen Kamel	Mohsen K
2	Nessrine Hamdy	nhamdy
3	Somaya Wahdan	AZ5555
4	Ashraf Wahdan	Awhdan
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Team Name Queens		
Captain	Khaled Al Kattan	Yanas
2	Mona Bamehrz	Moni207
3	Hala Aboul Faraj	tetalolla
4	Michael Eidi	abulmish1
5	Vasseilie Vroustis	bill123
6	Hana Kreidieh	Albatala

Team Name TRUMPS		
Captain	Ahmed Al Midfa	mushkil
2	Darshan	valrani
3	Ajita Shah	saaj1
4	Vandana	Vvandana
5	Arlinda	Beh12345
6	Ali	Alimvali
7	Sukha	sohang

Team Name EGYJOR		
Captain	Ayman Azzam	Azzam1
2	Hala Dajani	Damas1
3	Mimi Abou Ghazala	mimia
4	Mohamed Heshmat	Heshmat1

Team Name Lions		
Captain	Hisham Atef	hesham90
2	Maud	kiko
3	Elvan Edis	elvanedis
4	Manju	aanya1
5	Tamer Ali	timo40
6	Khaled Hassan	Loody245

Group (A)	Group (B)
Al-Yassamen	CEDARS 2
EGYJOR	Diamond
Lions	Friends
Nine	Pepsi
Sharjah Club	Queens
WASO	TRUMPS





Schedule of Play - Group A

Day Date	RR - Match 1 / 5					Day Date	RR - Match 2 / 5				
	GMT Time : 16:00						GMT Time : 16:00				
Sunday 17.01.21	1	WASO	X	6	Nine	Monday 18.01.21	1	WASO	X	5	Lions
	2	Sharjah Club	X	5	Lions		6	Nine	X	4	Al-Yassamen
	3	EGYJOR	X	4	Al-Yassamen		2	Sharjah Club	X	3	EGYJOR

Day Date	RR - Match 3 / 5					Day Date	RR - Match 4 / 5				
	GMT Time : 16:00						GMT Time : 16:00				
Wednesday 20.01.21	1	WASO	X	4	Al-Yassamen	Sunday 24.01.21	1	WASO	X	3	EGYJOR
	5	Lions	X	3	EGYJOR		4	Al-Yassamen	X	2	Sharjah Club
	6	Nine	X	2	Sharjah Club		5	Lions	X	6	Nine

Day Date	RR - Match 5 / 5					Q.F = 2 X 12 Boards, Tuesday 26.01.21					
	GMT Time : 16:00					S.F = 4 X 12 Boards, Wednesday & Thursday 27,28.01.21					
Monday 25.01.21	1	WASO	X	2	Sharjah Club	Final = 4 X 12 Boards, Saturday & Sunday 30,31.01.21					
	3	EGYJOR	X	6	Nine						
	4	Al-Yassamen	X	5	Lions						

Schedule of Play - Group B

Day Date	RR - Match 1 / 5					Day Date	RR - Match 2 / 5				
	GMT Time : 16:00						GMT Time : 16:00				
Sunday 17.01.21	1	Pepsi	X	6	TRUMPS	Monday 18.01.21	1	Pepsi	X	5	CEDARS 2
	2	Queens	X	5	CEDARS 2		6	TRUMPS	X	4	Diamond
	3	Friends	X	4	Diamond		2	Queens	X	3	Friends

Day Date	RR - Match 3 / 5					Day Date	RR - Match 4 / 5				
	GMT Time : 16:00						GMT Time : 16:00				
Wednesday 20.01.21	1	Pepsi	X	4	Diamond	Sunday 24.01.21	1	Pepsi	X	3	Friends
	5	CEDARS 2	X	3	Friends		4	Diamond	X	2	Queens
	6	TRUMPS	X	2	Queens		5	CEDARS 2	X	6	TRUMPS

Day Date	RR - Match 5 / 5					Q.F = 2 X 12 Boards, Tuesday 26.01.21					
	GMT Time : 16:00					S.F = 4 X 12 Boards, Wednesday & Thursday 27,28.01.21					
Monday 25.01.21	1	Pepsi	X	2	Queens	Final = 4 X 12 Boards, Saturday & Sunday 30,31.01.21					
	3	Friends	X	6	TRUMPS						
	4	Diamond	X	5	CEDARS 2						

