

## WWBA Inter-Club Teams League (1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026)

(with acknowledgement to Liz Atkinson, organiser of the Geoff Evans League)

1. There are seven WBU-affiliated clubs in the Western Area and five Direct WBU members who will be classed as a club – so there are eight competitors and seven matches.
2. Each club nominates a captain whose email address is given to the other captains.
3. Each pair of competing captains to make their own arrangements for dates and platform, which can be online (any platform) or face to face. It is anticipated that BBO will be the most popular, because it is simple to use and free of charge. Hence the references below.
4. 20 boards to be played in two sets of 10. One team to change polarity for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session.
5. Substitute players allowed for the second set up to a maximum of six in the team.
6. Who sets up an online match to be determined by mutual agreement of the captains.
7. Instructions for using BBO and setting up team matches are available on the WWBA website <https://www.bridgewebs.com/westwales/> .
8. Setting up on BBO requires at least 100 previous logins so if required Steve Jarvis can do this (07974764862 or steve08@hotmail.co.uk). Alternatively Julie Milewski is available at 07786857223 or jmmhbc@gmail.com. Same process to set up the second set of boards.
9. The first match result will be due 28<sup>th</sup> September followed by six further ones on a six week cycle, so the last result will be due on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
10. A two week grace period will be allowed after each deadline, but the last one will be the end of June 2026 so that we have a final result by July.
11. Matches not played by the end of the grace period will be scored 0/0 if no or both teams at fault. In the former case, a late match may be played having notified the organiser Peter (wwba.sec.pjm@gmail.com or 07980927062). Else: 17-3 to the non-offending side !.
12. In the event of 2 or more teams having the same final scores, the result of ‘head to head’ matches will be used to decide winner and runner up positions.
13. You may not play for more than one club but substitutes can play on an occasional ad hoc basis.
14. When online, the ‘Undo’ facility should be left on. Barometer and kibitzers are discouraged.
15. Undo requests should be accepted for obvious bidding misclicks, but not in the play.
16. **Winning team captain emails IMP and/or VP score to the WWBA organiser.**
17. Requests for Rulings should be made within an hour after the match. A link to the hand and screenshots of ‘chat’ would be useful. Senior director advice will be sought if necessary.

The EBU discrete VP scale for 20 boards

IMPS	0-1	2-5	6-9	10-14	15-19	20-25	26-31	32-39	40-48	49-60	61+
VP's	10 /10	11/9	12/8	13/7	14/6	15/5	16/4	17/3	18/2	19/1	20/0

The following table will be used to enter the VP scores for each match ('m' followed by a number in the table below refers to the order in which the match is played, these are transposed to the second table which depicts the match schedule for each club. As results come in, each 'm' entry will be replaced by the VP score).

Club	#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Rank
Bridgend	1		m1	m2	m3	m4	m5	m6	m7		
Swansea	2	m1		m3	m2	m5	m4	m7	m6		
Llanelli	3	m2	m3		m1	m6	m7	m4	m5		
Carmarthen	4	m3	m2	m1		m7	m6	m5	m4		
Tenby	5	m4	m5	m6	m7		m1	m2	m3		
Merlin	6	m5	m4	m7	m6	m1		m3	m2		
Haverfordwest	7	m6	m7	m4	m5	m2	m3		m1		
Direct Members	8	m7	m6	m5	m4	m3	m2	m1			

And the match schedule is as follows:

(so, for example, Bridgend will play in order, Swansea, Llanelli, Carmarthen, Tenby, Merlin, Haverfordwest and Direct Members; Tenby's first match is versus Merlin; etc.)

Result to WWBA organiser please, by:						
28 Sep	9 Nov	21 Dec	1 Feb	15 Mar	26 Apr	7 June
1 v 2	1 v 3	1 v 4	1 v 5	1 v 6	1 v 7	1 v 8
3 v 4	2 v 4	2 v 3	2 v 6	2 v 5	2 v 8	2 v 7
5 v 6	5 v 7	5 v 8	3 v 7	3 v 8	3 v 5	3 v 6
7 v 8	6 v 8	6 v 7	4 v 8	4 v 7	4 v 6	4 v 5

<sup>i</sup> There are several ways to work this out, for example by using average previous scores etc. For simplicity, the 17-3 score has been copied from Liz Atkinson's instructions for the 24 board Geoff Evans League matches.