

Farnborough RealBridge Monthly Teams Ladder Rules

The event is intended to be an enjoyable set of evenings where players can play teams bridge in a friendly environment. There will also be a scoring element to these evenings. As a result, there has to be a set of rules, and these are as follows:

How to score points

Ladder points awarded for position

First place gets 20 points

Second place gets 18 points, and so on until...

Tenth place gets 2 points

If there is a tie for position, then the teams who are tied will share the points for the relevant positions. For example, if there is a two-way tie for second, then the teams will share the points available for second and third place, that is, 17 points each.

Eleventh place onwards get 1 point each for turning up. If a registered team does not appear, then they do not score any points.

Ladder bonus points

All positive IMP scores will gain some kind of bonus...

From 1 IMP to 49 IMPS gets 1 extra point

From 50 IMPS to 99 IMPS gets 2 extra points

A score of 100+ IMPS gets 3 extra points

There may be some deductions for substitutions (see below).

There will be eleven sessions over the year. The best nine results will count in full. 50% of the tenth best result will count. The eleventh best result will be discarded.

Registered Teams and Substitutions

A team is registered for the competition once they have notified their intention to play. A list of registered teams will be displayed on the Website, along with their team roster. Registered teams can have a roster of players containing up to 8 players. No player may be on two different team rosters.

Substitutes are allowed. These may be players who are from a different team or players not on any team roster.

A team with 2 or 3 players present from their roster, playing with 1 or 2 substitutes will be given a 4-point deduction to their evening's Ladder score, unless this deduction takes their score below 1 point. (No team can score fewer than 1 point when they turn up!). Some example scenarios...

Team A have 3 players, they bring in one substitute player and finish in first place. Team A score 16 Ladder Points (plus bonus points).

A pair from Team A play with a pair from Team B and they finish in first place, both Team A and Team B will score 16 Ladder Points (plus bonus points).

A pair from Team A Play with a player from Team B and a player from Team C and they finish in first place, then Team A will score 16 Ladder points (plus bonus points), but Team B and C will not score any Ladder points.

If a team with more than 4 players on its roster has more than 4 players playing that evening, they will only score points for 1 team result, i.e. the team that has 4 of their players playing – in the unlikely event that a team has 8 players on its roster and all 8 are playing in two teams of 4, then the team has to nominate which 4's result will count for their Ladder score before the beginning of play. The other 4's position will stand in terms of calculating everyone's Ladder Points, but that 4 will not be awarded any Ladder Points themselves.

Non-registered teams will be welcome to play on any given evening. Their position will stand in terms of calculating Ladder Points, but they will not be awarded any Ladder Points themselves. If such a team decides to play in a second session, then they will become a registered team in the competition.

The Director's Cut Team

In order for the movement to run successfully without a sit-out there needs to be an even number of teams (as everyone plays the same boards in each round). So, The Director's Cut Team will play only if this results in the movement having an even number of tables.

As a result, The Director's Cut Team will not have a roster, but will be organised on a month-by-month basis by the Director.

As it is quite possible that this team will sit out, there will be no substitution penalties for those playing on The Director's Cut Team (they will also play for free, as they are effectively hosting). For example, if a pair from Team A substitute in the Director's Cut Team and no other pair from Team A are playing that evening, then both Team A and The Director's Cut Team get the full Ladder Points for their finishing position (plus bonus points).

Other rules

In the likely event that a scenario arises that has not been foreseen by these rules, then the Director's decision on the matter is final.

These rules may be fine-tuned throughout the year if necessary, as situations arise, but they will retain the objective to bring about a friendly and enjoyable competition available to all our Members and Friends who wish to play.