

The Links BBO Teams League – Regulations

Overview

This Teams League kicked off on 24 June 2020. The intention then and still remains, for this league to be a competitive but friendly league played by teams from around the country. Players get exposure to all levels of play by playing in graded groups of 6 teams each over 5 sessions at a time. A promotion/demotion system is implemented and teams may move up or down depending on overall results.

Online play regulations:

The Links generally follows the guidelines for online bridge as published by SABF.

These can be found here:

<https://sabf.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Rules-for-Online-Bridge.pdf>

Undo's may differ from SABF's guidelines, in that we allow undo's in the bidding (still for genuine misclicks), but not under any scenario in the play.

Promotion & Demotion:

After a full round robin (or Swiss in a bottom section) is completed after 5 weeks, the bottom 2 teams of each section (except the lowest) are demoted to the next lower section, while 1 OR 2 teams are promoted. Promotion is dependent on entries for the next event. New teams entering might need to be accommodated in a higher section. This is dependent on whether they have played before, their last position if they did, and their general classification in the bridge world.

If no new teams enter the next edition, then 2 promotions are guaranteed. If multiple new teams enter, then a full round robin with shorter matches may be played amongst all teams to decide future sections.

Grading of teams is per the above guidelines, but is ultimately at the discretion of the organisers.

This is an online tournament and results are presented immediately. Matches are to be played on the scheduled night of the match. Teams are responsible for fielding a team for each scheduled match. Teams may have as many players in their team as they wish, as long as a player has not played in another team in the same edition.

Entry Fee and Prizes:

Entry fee is R500/team/edition (R25/player/session).

This is payable to:

Bridge S A The Links
Bank: Nedbank
Account #: 1756009600
Account type: Current account
Branch code: 198765
Reference: BBO Teams + Team Name

Winners of each section receives free entry to the next edition if renewing.

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