

## **National Teams League, further information:**

Benefits of playing in the NTL:-

1. Head-to-head Teams bridge is arguably the most exciting form of the game
2. Hone your skills by playing against good opponents
3. Play against new opponents from all over the country
4. Short matches, low cost, with minimal organisational effort required from the team captain

Squad size: Each squad can have between 4 and 10 members. We've found by experience that at least 8 is usually required to ensure that 4 are available each week. Unlimited substitutes are allowed, subject to certain conditions, but each substitute can be used only once.

Match schedule: The default is every Wednesday on RealBridge starting at 7:30 sharp. Other dates, times and platforms may be used if both teams agree. Our experience is that most matches are played under the default conditions, with very few exceptions. The EBU issue the playing schedule; no fixing of matches is necessary unless teams want to deviate from the default.

Matches: 16 boards, with a compulsory switch of opponents at half-time. Self-alerting with screens. Graded for NGS. Green Points for divisions 1 & 2. Blue Points and Local Points for division 3. Matches are timed, but the timing is reasonably generous.

Entry fee: Currently £60 per team

Next season: 13<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> August. Entries open on 1<sup>st</sup> April and close on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Links to EBU NTL pages:-

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/results/1901>

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