



Suffolk County Congress 2020 Online (formerly Felixstowe Congress)

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2020

For obvious reasons we are unable to hold our annual County Congress live this year, but it will be run online instead using the Bridge Base Online (BBO) platform and as far as possible it will replicate the traditional format:-

Friday 2nd October: Relaxed Pairs 19:00 to 22:00 – 20 boards played at a leisurely pace for novices and less experienced players, with written hand commentary.

Saturday 3rd October: Pairs, with qualifying in the first session (10:00 to 13:00) followed by finals in the afternoon (14:30 to 18:00). Green Pointed.

Sunday 4th October: Swiss Teams. 6 x 8 board matches (10:00 to 13:20 and 15:00 to 18:20). Green Pointed.

For further details and an entry form please click the appropriate link.

Players must be registered with BBO; this is very simple to do but help is available from SCBA if necessary.

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Friday 2nd October – RELAXED PAIRS

An event especially for novices and less experience players; 20 boards played at a relaxed pace with written hand commentary for later analysis. Entry is via Bridge Base Online (BBO) and players will need to set up an account (free) and credit it with sufficient funds to cover the entry fee; this is quite simple to do but help from SCBA is available if required.

Timetable

Session	Times
Relaxed Pairs ~ 20 boards	19:00 to ~ 22:00

Eligibility: All players below the rank of County Master (fewer than 2500 Masterpoints).

Prizes: Masterpoints according to the EBU scale.
Engraved SCBA drinking glasses.

Systems: Up to and including EBU level-2 (straightforward agreements)

Alerting: EBU online alerting regulations apply (the Tournament Director will help and advise on this if required).

Entry Fees: Entry for the Pairs event is to be paid to Bridge Base Online in BB\$ on the day of the event, but online pre-registration by 1st October is required, using the form below. Entries may close earlier if numbers dictate.

Session	Entry Fee (BB\$)
Relaxed Pairs	3:00 per player

Need help in registering with BBO? See suffolkbridge.co.uk

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Saturday 3rd October – PAIRS

Timetable

	Session	Times
Session 1:	Qualifying ~ 20 boards	10:00 to ~ 13:00
Session 2:	Congress Final (top 24 Pairs) ~ 22 boards	14:30 to ~ 18:00
	Consolation Final (next 24 Pairs) ~ 22 boards	14:30 to ~ 18:00
	Open Final (remaining Pairs) ~ 22 boards	14:30 to ~ 18:00

Eligibility: all EBU members

Prizes: Green Points according to EBU scale. Engraved SCBA drinking glasses.
No cash prizes, but Congress Final winners will receive free entry to next year's Suffolk County Congress (worth at least £50 per Pair).

Systems: Up to and including EBU level-4

Alerting: EBU online alerting regulations apply (see EBU Skyblue book for more details).

Entry Fees: Entry for the Pairs event is to be paid to Bridge Base Online in BB\$ on the day of the event, but online pre-registration by 2nd October is required, using the form below. Entries may close earlier if numbers dictate.

	Session	Entry Fee (BB\$)
Session 1:	Qualifying	8:00 per player
Session 2:	Finals	8:00 per player

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Sunday 4th October – SWISS TEAMS

Timetable

Session		Times
Match 1	8 boards	10:00 to ~ 11:00
Match 2	8 boards	11:10 to ~ 12:10
Match 3	8 boards	12:20 to ~ 13:20
Break of about 1 hour 40 minutes		13:20 to 15:00
Match 4	8 boards	15:00 to ~ 16:00
Match 5	8 boards	16:10 to ~ 17:10
Match 6	8 boards	17:20 to ~ 18:20

Eligibility: All EBU members

Prizes: Green Points according to EBU scale. Engraved SCBA drinking glasses. No cash prizes, but Congress Final winners will receive free entry to next year's Suffolk County Congress (worth at least £100 per Team).

Systems: Up to and including EBU level-4

Alerting: EBU online alerting regulations apply (see EBU Skyblue book for more details).

Entry Fees: Entry for the Swiss Teams is paid direct to the Suffolk Contract Bridge Association, either by BACS to Sort Code 30-98-31, Account No. 25467768, using the Team Captain's name as a reference, or by cheque made out to Suffolk Contract Bridge Association (NOT "SCBA"), to Treasurer, Brook House, 1 Parklands, Coggeshall, CO6 1SW, by 2nd October. Entries may close earlier if numbers dictate.

Session	Entry Fee (£)
Swiss Teams	48.00 per Team

Arranging Matches: **NEW.** All matches will now be arranged on Bridge Base Online by the **Tournament Directors**. This will obviate the need for Team Captains to be qualified or proficient in setting-up matches on BBO, and it will ensure successive matches follow in a timely manner.

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