



Surrey County Bridge Association Rules and Regulations relating to Online play

1. Background

During the 2020-21 season all of the SCBA events were played online. It is expected that in future some events will be a hybrid with some players playing online and some face-to-face. The intention of this document is to clarify the regulations to be used for online events and for hybrid, online and face-to-face events.

Note that any Swiss, or Swiss like, event will of necessity be played wholly online or wholly face-to-face.

In the event of any conflict between these regulations and those set out by the EBU, these regulations will take precedence.

2. Eligibility

Unless otherwise specified for a particular event, all our events are open to all EBU members. However the primary intention is to provide competitions for Surrey members and members of Surrey clubs and we would not expect individuals to participate if they are not in a position to travel to Surrey for a face to face event without the explicit agreement of the organiser of that event.

This limitation does not apply to any of our one day Green Point or Blue point events.

3. Applicable Rules and regulations

Subject to any regulations specified for a given event the following will apply:
The Laws of Duplicate Bridge as set out by the World Bridge Federation will be applicable to all events.

The Blue Book as set out by the EBU will be applicable to all players playing face-to-face.

The Sky Blue Book as set out by the EBU will be applicable to all players playing online, subject to the following clarification: the Sky Blue Book allows players to consult their own system card and notes while playing. This is a privilege designed to allow new partnerships formed for online bridge to continue to play online; it is not intended to allow established partnerships to use complicated agreements they would not be able to remember face-to-face.



4. Privately arranged Team matches

The following is applicable to privately arranged matches in the Surrey League, the Novice League and the Lady Rose Knockout team competitions.

4.1 Choice of platform

Playing face-to-face or online should be by mutual agreement of the team captains, in the absence of which the match should be played online.

The choice of online platform should be by mutual agreement of the team captains, in the absence of which the home team captain will select the platform subject to the following:

- if the away team is unfamiliar with the selected platform they should be given sufficient time to become familiar.
- if the choice of platform results in the away team incurring any additional expenditure, then such expenditure shall be reimbursed by the home team.

Captains are expected to come to a mutual agreement in accordance with the spirit of this guidance

4.2 Platform settings

Kibitzing: If both captains agree, then kibitzing may be allowed. The default is not.

Barometer scoring: This setting should be by mutual agreement of the team captains, in the absence of which it should be turned off so as to replicate face-to-face play.

Undos:

- Undos should only be requested in the auction for genuine mis-clicks (Mechanical Errors under Law 25A – see section 4.3 of the Sky Blue Book).
- No Undos are allowed in the play period.

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