

## **The WGC Bridge Club Online League**

### **We're aiming to have fun!**

So, please be nice to everyone, be flexible, polite and go with the flow.

We will all be learning as the league progresses and will be reviewing everything, so please send me any feedback.

### **Enjoy!**

### **The Format**

- There will be one match per week.
- Teams have been placed in Divisions and they are equivalent.
- For example, B1 is at the same level as B2.
- Teams will be shuffled around after the first season.
- There will be no promotion or demotion between A, B and C (at least in this first season)
- You will play all the other teams in your division once in a season.
- Will *not* affect your NGS or EBU masterpoints.

### **Matches**

- 16 Boards played against the same opposition pair.
- You should expect a match to take no longer than two hours
- C division matches will be 12 boards.
- We may change this in later seasons.
- Scored in IMPS. These will be converted to VP's using the EBU scale.
- Use barometer scoring to give you the score after each board.
- I strongly recommend that you keep a record of the match board by board in case an issue with the BBO servers occurs.

### **Results**

- The winning captain is responsible for sending in the result
- Once you have played your match send the result to [welwynbridge@gmail.com](mailto:welwynbridge@gmail.com)
- Your email should include:
- Your Division
- The name of your team and your opposition team name
- The score in IMPs and VP's (you can find the conversion table here <https://www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics/vp-scales> )
- Results will be updated as they come in and you can see the ongoing standings here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Tq5fKnWJuHoMnpugh572eydVnQ6ojHf7BH4DcvCvNRg/edit#gid=1216954419>

## When to play your matches.

- There is a published schedule of which team to play in which week.
- This is here:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Tq5fKnWJuHoMnpugh572eydVnQ6ojHf7BH4DcvCvNRg/edit#gid=1216954419>
- You should be playing one match a week
- You can play your matches at whatever time by agreement with the other captain
- Try and keep to the schedule but there will be some flexibility.
- You should contact the opposition captain to agree a time and day.
- At this time, you should also agree *who will set up the match* (you need 100 logins) and *which pairs will sit on each table*.
- If you have any subs playing in the match you are arranging please make sure the opposition captain is aware and inform them of the subs names and if needed their BBO usernames.
- I suggest that you agree some convenient times and days (at least three) with your team, in advance, so that you are in a position to agree quickly.
- If you are having difficulties agreeing a time, let me know and I will help by suggesting some subs or as a last resort putting in a deemed result.

## Substitutions

- You may substitute any player with any other player.
- We are going to be very flexible about this particularly in this first season.
- It may change later.
- Just to avoid doubt this does mean that a player in one team can sub into another team.
- I will have a list of players who are willing to act as subs. Just contact me to access these

## Setting up matches

- One player in the group of eight must have 100 logins. If you don't have this, contact me at least a day before your match
- Everyone should be online in BBO 10-5 mins before your match is due to start.
- I recommend that everyone sets their account to auto play singletons (Account tab/Settings) this will help to speed things along.
- Take a look at this video (no.13). It's just over 3 minutes long and explains exactly what you need to do to set up a teams match  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kiuLfsQRIY&list=PL9IOXJf9R9em-kAdxhUGxQniqZJm1PpCl&index=14&t=0s>
- There are other good short videos about BBO here
- Under identification put WGC Online Teams league and the team names
- In options choose IMPs,
- Number of Boards: 16 or 12
- Deal source: Use random deals

- Don't allow kibitzers
- Allow undos
- Use Barometer scoring.
- If you are having difficulty, give me a call and if I'm available I will help. You can also let me know when you are going to play your first match and I can try to be available on the end of the phone.

### **Use of Audio or Video**

- Many people have found that having an audio chat set up alongside BBO (Skype, WhatsApp etc) adds to the social aspect of the game. This is completely fine, although you should have one chat per table.
- If you do this you can use this to alert and announce almost as you would at a normal table.
- If you use Audio or Video then everyone at your table should be included in the call.
- It seems obvious but no side chats between partners.

### **Alerting**

- If you are not using audio, try and remember to alert your own bids as you do on BBO.
- Be understanding if this doesn't happen as you expect.
- Just ask and don't be too concerned about unauthorised information – go with the flow – or don't ask.

Contact me with any questions.

**Have fun!**

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