



# Double-Elimination Teams

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August

To be held in the new

## London MindSports Centre

The new home of YCBC in Hammersmith

**All proceeds in support of YC Youth Bridge**

Entry Fee: £400 per team

Register at <https://forms.gle/AyjLCcTgbAYapBcJ9>

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## YCBC Double-Elimination Teams 2021

### Introduction

Thank you for registering your interest in the inaugural YC Double-Elimination Teams, fittingly held at the new London MindSports Centre in Hammersmith!

The provisional format, based on a maximum entry of 32 teams, is attached to this programme. The main event follows a double-elimination structure, with matches progressively increasing in length from 20 to 32 boards. In addition, most teams that are twice-defeated will benefit from one final chance at qualification via the twice-defeated pools.

While most of the emphasis is placed on the main draw, there are also three other competitions to play for, including two Swiss Teams' events and a new single-elimination knockout on the Monday.

We are delighted to have the following officials for this event:

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Chief Tournament Director</b> | Phil Godfrey   |
| <b>Tournament Director</b>       | Sarah Amos   |
| <b>Seeding Committee</b>         | Sally Brock<br>Heather Dhondy<br>Tom Townsend<br>Mike Bell |
| <b>Referees</b>                  | Heather Dhondy<br>Tom Townsend                             |
| <b>Tournament Manager</b>        | Ollie Burgess  |

Seeding will apply to the strongest 16 teams in the competition.

Given the prestigious nature of this event, Level 5 conventions are permitted and teams will be allowed to have up to six players.

This weekend is held in support of the YC's Youth Bridge initiative, which includes weekly duplicates for juniors across the UK and teaching weekends for new players to the game. More details can be found on the YC website.

We look forward to welcoming you to an enjoyable three days of bridge at the new home of Young Chelsea Bridge Club!

## Summary of Format

### Saturday and Sunday

The first two days of the event consist of four separate sections. These are the undefeated pool (♠), the once-defeated pool (♥), the twice-defeated pool (♦) and Swiss Teams (♣).

Those in the undefeated pool play 20-board knockout matches throughout the first five sessions and retain their place in the pool if victorious. After losing one match, teams enter the once-defeated pool and again play 20-board knockout matches within their pool until defeated. The quarter-finals on Sunday evening are played over 24 boards.

Teams that are knocked out of the main event after no more than four rounds proceed to the twice-defeated pool, playing multiple teams. After session 5, the top team from this pool is reinstated to the once-defeated pool as a repechage. Teams that fail to qualify from their multiple teams group, or lose in the fifth round of the once-defeated pool, join the Sunday Swiss Teams.

The basic format in numbers is detailed below:

| Session      | ♠       | ♥  | ♦         | ♣  |
|--------------|---------|----|-----------|----|
| Saturday I   | 32      | —  | —         | —  |
| Saturday II  | 16      | 16 | —         | —  |
| Saturday III | 8       | 16 | 2 from 8  | —  |
| Sunday I     | 4       | 12 | 4 from 10 | 6  |
| Sunday II    | 2       | 8  | 1 from 10 | 12 |
| Sunday III   | 1 (Bye) | 6  | —         | 25 |

### Monday

The four qualifying teams from the weekend progress to the semi-finals and final of the main draw (♠), playing 32-board matches. All other teams enter a new single-elimination knockout (♥) on Monday, playing five 12-board matches. Teams that are knocked out within three matches move into the Monday Swiss Teams (♣).

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### Summary of Times

- ♠ Undefeated / Finals    ♥ Once-Defeated    ♦ Twice-Defeated  
♣ Swiss Teams    ♣ Monday Knockout

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday</b> | 11:00 – 11:15 |                   | Welcome and Announcements  |
|                 | 11:15 – 13:45 | ♠                 | <b>Round 1</b> (20 boards)                                       |
|                 | 14:30 – 17:00 | ♠ / ♥             | <b>Round 2</b> (20 boards)                                       |
|                 | 17:15 – 19:45 | ♠ / ♥<br>♦        | <b>Round 3</b> (20 boards)<br>Eliminator Group 1 (21 boards)     |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 11:00 – 13:30 | ♠ / ♥<br>♦        | <b>Round 4</b> (20 boards)<br>Eliminator Group 2 (18 boards)     |
|                 |               | ♣                 | Sunday Swiss Teams (2 x 10 boards)                               |
|                 | 14:15 – 16:45 | ♠ / ♥<br>♦        | <b>Round 5</b> (20 boards)<br>Eliminator Group 3 (18 boards)     |
|                 |               | ♣                 | Sunday Swiss Teams (2 x 10 boards)                               |
|                 | 17:00 – 20:00 | ♥<br>♣            | <b>Round 6</b> (24 boards)<br>Sunday Swiss Teams (2 x 10 boards) |
|                 | <b>Monday</b> | 10:00 – 14:00     | ♠  |
| 10:30 – 12:00   |               | ♥                 | Monday KO Round 1 (12 boards)                                    |
| 12:00 – 13:30   |               | ♥                 | Monday KO Round 2 (12 boards)                                    |
| 12:00 – 14:00   |               | ♣                 | Monday Swiss Teams (2 x 8 boards)                                |
| 14:15 – 15:45   |               | ♥                 | Monday KO Round 3 (12 boards)                                    |
| 14:30 – 18:45   |               | ♣                 | Monday Swiss Teams (4 x 8 boards)                                |
| 14:45 – 18:45   |               | ♠                 | <b>Final</b> (32 boards)   |
| 15:45 – 17:15   |               | ♥                 | Monday KO Round 4 (12 boards)                                    |
| 17:15 – 18:45   |               | ♥                 | Monday KO Finals (12 boards)                                     |
| 19:00 – 19:30   |               | Evening Reception |  |