



# 2021

## CORWEN TROPHY

**Online on RealBridge**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Programme**

### **1 Introduction**

Welcome to the 2021 Inter-County Pairs Championship of England, played for the Corwen Trophy. The expected entry for the event is 52 tables (103 or 104 pairs).

This year the event is online on RealBridge: players unfamiliar with EBU events on RealBridge should read section 7, and consider playing a RealBridge taster session before the event.

### **2 Schedule of play**

<b>Saturday</b>	11:30am – 2:45pm	Session 1: 24 boards
	3:30pm – 6:40pm	Session 2: 24 boards
<b>Sunday</b>	11:30am – 2:45pm	Session 3: 24 boards
	3:30pm – 6:40pm	Session 4: 24 boards

The sessions will consist of 12 x 2-board rounds.

### **3 Master Point awards**

Green Points to half-way, with a top award of 14.00 points per player and a minimum award of 2.00 points per player. Awards for intermediate places are in accordance with the standard EBU congress scale formula.

## 4 Prizes

Since this is a county representative event there are no prizes for this event: this is reflected in the entry fee. Medals will be presented to the winners.

## 5 Special regulations

### 5.1 Ties

A tie will be split only for the purpose of establishing the winner of the Corwen Trophy. Standard EBU split tie procedures will apply, the first test being the result of the head-on encounter between the pairs involved if they have all met. For all other purposes, tied contestants share equally any master point applicable to those places.

### 5.2 Systems and conventions

You are required to have a system cards online that should make available to your opponents at the start of each round, by posting a link in the table chat. This event is a Level 4 event and you must use an EBU system card (you may not use WBF system cards, which are only permitted in EBU Level 5 events).

You can use any existing link to your system card. Otherwise, system cards can be emailed in advance to [EBUConventionCards@gmail.com](mailto:EBUConventionCards@gmail.com) to receive an online link that you can provide to your opponents at the table. Please send your System Cards in PDF format, named "Surname-Surname.pdf".

System cards must be emailed by Thursday 3 June to be used in this event.

### 5.3 Best Behaviour at Bridge

Please be nice to your partner, be pleasant to your opponents and be polite to the Tournament Directors. Otherwise you may well be given a Disciplinary Penalty!

### 5.4 Telephones and other electrical communication

Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices may not be used during play, except in an emergency.

### 5.5 Scoring queries

Scoring queries for the first two sessions may be raised until the start of the final session. For the penultimate session they should be raised within twenty minutes of the end of the event, and for the final session by 5pm on Tuesday.

## **5.6 Special circumstances**

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (e.g. protest time). However, any conditions, whether they be general or specific to this competition as set out in this programme, may be varied by the Chief Tournament Director in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and in order to facilitate the smooth running of this Congress.

## **6 Starting positions**

Players should log on to RealBridge with their name and EBU numbers. Starting positions for all sessions, will be determined in advance – players will be taken to their seats by the platform.

## **7 RealBridge**

### **7.1 Instructions**

RealBridge uses computer video and audio for communication between players. Player can and should test their video/audio by logging into the system in advance.

Players who have not played EBU events on RealBridge may wish to have a practice on RealBridge in advance of the congress. RealBridge offers taster sessions of 8 boards – you can sign up here <https://realbridge.online/try-realbridge.html>. By playing a short session in advance, you should be more able to enjoy the congress on RealBridge.

Players are expected to use video and audio during play. If you develop problems with audio/video, you will be allowed to continue to play using text until you have time to try to sort it out, rather than delaying play.

It may be necessary to refresh the video feed every hour or so: this can be done (without logging out) by clicking the refresh button on your name bar.

### **7.2 Procedures**

You should remember that you will be seen and heard by your opponents and should take care to avoid distracting behaviour such as eating while visible/audible 'at the table'.

#### **7.2.1 Alerting/Announcing/Explaining**

This event will be in open-table mode (not screens) with self-alerting and written explanations. Follow-up questions can be to the player who made the call (via private chat or verbally).

Note that the partner of the player who made the call will not have seen the written explanation.

Calls are alerted by the player making the call, the alert is made by clicking the alert strip. Alert calls that would be alertable or announced face-to-face and provide a written explanation when making the call.

Exceptionally, **bids and passes** above 3NT should be alerted and explained if they are artificial or unexpected. Doubles and Redoubles need only be alerted if required by the face-to-face rules.

## 7.2.2 Online Regulations

The EBU Sky-Blue Book applies to this event. In particular

- Players may consult their own system card and other notes at any stage (1.1)
- UNDOs are permitted in the auction but not in the play (4.3)

If there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, the TD should be called – it may be necessary to reject the request in order to call the TD. The TD will rule whether Law 25A applies and if so, will instruct the other side to accept the request.

If the other side accept the request for an UNDO, without calling the TD, they will usually be deemed to have accepted the replacement call (Law 25B1 – ‘the second call stands and the auction continues’).



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