



# Summer Seniors Congress 2021

**Online on RealBridge**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Programme (2021-07-06)**

## **1 Introduction**

Welcome to the Summer Seniors Congress, played this year online on RealBridge. Players unfamiliar with EBU events played on RealBridge should read section 8 – where there is information on how to try RealBridge before the congress starts.

## **2 Times of play**

<b>Friday</b>	11:30am - 2:45pm	<b>Championship Pairs</b> qualifier, session 1
	3:30pm - 6:45pm	<b>Championship Pairs</b> qualifier, session 2
<b>Saturday</b>	11:30am - 2:15pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> , session 1 (3 x 7-board matches)
	11:30am - 2:45pm	<b>Pairs Final(s)</b> , session 1 (24 boards)
	3:00pm - 6:45pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> , session 2 (4 x 7-board matches)
	3:30pm - 7:00pm	<b>Pairs Final(s)</b> , session 2 (27 – 30 boards)
<b>Sunday</b>	11:30am - 2:15pm	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , session 1 (3 x 7-board matches)
	3:00pm - 6:45pm	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , session 2 (4 x 7-board matches)

## 3 Championship Pairs

### 3.1 Qualifier

Friday is a two-session 'all-play-through' multiple pairs qualifying event: sessions will be 24 boards each.

Approximately half the field will qualify for the 'A' final of the Championship Pairs, to be played on Saturday. There is also a Swiss Pairs event on Saturday for non-qualifiers and for new pairs joining the congress on this day. There will be no carry-forward score into either final.

### 3.2 Championship Pairs Finals

*A final for the Grant Cup – holders (2019): Roger Forster & Mike Fawcett*

There will be one final of 4 or more tables.

The final will comprise an 'Endless' Howell movement. If there are 4 tables, there will be 7 x 7-board rounds, following the same schedules as the Swiss Pairs.

Otherwise there will be a separate schedule for the final: the first session will be 24 boards, and the second session will be the remaining 27, 28 or 30 boards.

### 3.3 Swiss Pairs

*Joint winners (2019):*

*Carla Sidney-Woollett & Lorna Vestey and Malcolm Lewis & Nicky Adamson*

This is a standard Swiss Pairs event, with assignments being made on a current round basis. The event comprises seven matches of seven boards per match; three matches before the break and four after.

## 4 Swiss Teams

*For the Edith Kaplan trophy – holders (2019):*

*John Holland, Raymond Semp, Frank Wharton & Geoff Foley*

The event comprises seven matches of seven boards per match, and will be played with a break after three matches. Teams will maintain their home tables for the duration of the event. Later rounds may involve rematches.

## 5 Master Points

### 5.1 Championship Pairs Qualifying Rounds

Blue Points at National scale (Club x 4) to half the field (minimum award of 0.24) — based on the total scores for the two sessions.

## 5.2 Championship Pairs 'A' Final

Green Points for all pairs in the final: assuming a 9-table final: 1<sup>st</sup> 7.00; 18<sup>th</sup> 2.00; awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

## 5.3 Swiss Pairs

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw). Bonus ranking awards to the top one-sixth of the field as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> 2.00; last award receiving position 0.25: awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

## 5.4 Swiss Teams

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw). Bonus ranking awards to the top one-fifth of the field as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> 4; last award receiving position 0.25: awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

# 6 Prizes

The Pairs Championship will be played for the Grant Cup donated by the Essex County Bridge Association. The Teams Championship will be played for the Edith Kaplan Trophy.

Entry fees for this congress have been significantly reduced by eliminating the portion that would have gone towards prize money. However, the Edith Kaplan Memorial Award provides a prize of £100: awarded to the winner of the Teams Championship.

The prize will automatically be credited to the member's EBU account and may be claimed at any time or used as a credit for future events upon application to the EBU.

# 7 Special Regulations

## 7.1 Systems and conventions

This is a 'level 4' event.

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. Since all competitions in this event are Level 4 you must use 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 8 July** to be used in this event.

## **7.2 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!

## **7.3 Telephones and other electrical communication**

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

## **7.4 General**

The terms and conditions of contest outlined in this programme may be varied upon the express instructions of the Tournament Director in charge in order to facilitate the smooth running of the congress should any unforeseen circumstances arise. Specifically, the Tournament Director in charge is authorised to determine the size of the two pairs finals once the total original entry in each event is known.

## **7.5 Master Points and Ranking List**

All master points will be awarded by direct credit. Ranking lists are available from our web site at [www.ebu.co.uk/results/821](http://www.ebu.co.uk/results/821)

# **8 RealBridge**

## **8.1 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.

## 8.2 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'.

### 8.2.1 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.

### 8.2.2 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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