



Regulations for The Bridge Great Britain Simultaneous Pairs

General

The purpose of publishing Conditions of Contest in Simultaneous events is to provide unified regulations in circumstances which will otherwise be infinitely variable. No one can hope to arrive at a situation where heats are conducted in accordance with a strict pattern but at no time should circumstances be allowed in which a participant could be said to have potential access to the hands, or information concerning them, prior to the heat. It is not supposed that advantage might be taken of such a possibility, but it is important that players should be protected from any suspicion by means of security measures that are plain for all to see. These regulations apply to events organised or licensed by the BGB but are also intended to be in force whenever not superseded by regulations published by another body.

Subject to the regulations of the competition in question, these regulations shall apply to any competition conducted by BGB within its territory on behalf of an International Body.

These regulations are required to be available at the club on the occasion of the heat, for any participating players to study

Conditions of Contest

Club Rules will apply to Simultaneous Pairs events except where these are superseded by any Regulations published by the Sponsoring Organisation (in the case of BGB events, this is Bridge Great Britain itself; in the case of the World Wide Simultaneous Pairs, it is the WBF etc).

In principle, there shall be no restriction on those participating other than those of space or club membership. A club may refuse entry to any person who is deemed *persona non grata* by that club.

Eligibility

The Sponsoring Organisation reserves the right to refuse entry to the competition by any non-member of the relevant Union.

A person who in consequence of the prescribed disciplinary procedures of any of the National Bodies is suspended from membership thereof, or from participation in one or more of its sponsored or licensed bridge competitions or is expelled from its membership, shall not participate nor be connected with any activity or competition of the Bridge Great Britain during the period from commencement to the termination of such suspension or expulsion.

Systems

The systems policy of the club in which the event is to be played shall prevail.

Date of the Event

The event must be played on the date specified by the Sponsoring Organisation with a starting time no earlier than 4.30 p.m. on that date.

Procedure

- ◆ The hands for setting in the boards and the books of the hands shall be packed as two separate sealed packages and sent to a named official of the club
- ◆ The sealed package of the books of hands shall remain unopened until conclusion of the play of the heat.
- ◆ The hands for setting in the boards will be printed on travelling score slips, and will be contained in the second sealed package.

Making up the Boards

- a) The sealed package containing the hands for setting in the boards shall be taken unopened to the heat [unless c) below applies], when it should be opened by the Director or other responsible person, and the travellers distributed to the players who shall then make up the boards.
- b) The participants making up the boards shall only see the hands that are being made up at their own table, and they will not then play these particular boards during the course of the event.
- c) Alternatively (usually in the case of a club wishing to use a Howell, rather than a Mitchell movement), the package containing the travellers/current cards is to be delivered sealed to a **non-participant** in the event, who shall set the hands in boards and retain the boards and the hand records in a place of security. If a Duplimate file is requested, then it may be sent by email or on

diskette to the person who is to deal the boards, who must be a non-participant in the event. The boards must then be retained in a place of security; no information shall be divulged to any third person, and no access shall be allowed to the boards or hand records.

Security

No person shall participate in the competition who has had access to the hands.

Arrangements shall be made for the made-up boards to be delivered securely to the club in which the heat is to be played; this shall be done preferably by a non participant.

Scoring (after the end of the Play Period):

- a) The score slips should be collected the Director or two officials of the Club; if people who have played collect in the score-slips this shall be done jointly by members of more than one partnership.

Then either:

- b) In the case of clubs who are unable to score using the scoring program provided, the original score-slips are to be forwarded to the Anna Gudge, Simultaneous Pairs Organiser, in the condition in which they are collected. Nothing may be written on them and no alteration made to the entry made on them by the players; any such alteration is improper and contrary to Law. If the club wishes to retain copies it may require the players to enter two score-slips, so that two score-slips exist for each board. If the official score-slip has no result recorded for a round nothing shall be entered on it, but the Director should provide whatever details he is able in his scoring report. The results must be posted to the organisers within 48 hours of completion of the play period. If there is any reason, such as an appeal, why the results cannot be sent straight away, Anna Gudge must be informed immediately.
- c) When the club is able to score the event using the program provided (or other program suitable for the purpose) and upload to the ECats Scoring System in accordance with the General Instructions provided, the travellers are to be retained by the club for at least one month in case of query. If required, they are to be sent to the Simultaneous Pairs Organiser.

Score Corrections

If it is suggested that any score is incorrectly entered, details are to be supplied on a separate sheet of paper signed by the Director. This may take the form of rewritten match point score slips, showing the correct scores, stapled in each case to the original slip. The Director MUST NOT alter the actual score slips himself, and the scorer of the competition will apply Law 79 etc.

Master Points

Affiliated Clubs are expected to give local points at local club duplicate rate. If for any reason they are not intending to do so it must be announced in advance to the competitors. They are not obliged to award points for the BGB Simultaneous Pairs events.

Master Points on a specially formulated National Scale will be awarded by BGB to the top third of the field on the overall ranking.

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Supplemental Regulations and Information

The Laws

(applies to all Simultaneous Pairs events)

The events are played in accordance with the **Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 1997** supplemented by any published regulations for the specific events and any other Conditions posted to the web site at www.ecatsbridge.com or any website designated for specific events, which are deemed to have been read by the organisers. The EBL reserves the right to modify or add to these conditions as it sees fit. Interpretation and application are the responsibility of the relevant Organising Committee, whose decision is final.

Minimum Number of Tables and Number of Boards

The minimum number of tables in play at a heat should be 4 (**BGB events**) or 5 tables (**WBF and EBL events**). If you are going to have less, please contact Anna Gudge or the relevant organiser for advice. Normally heats with less than the required number of tables can be scored, and Master Points awarded, but the players will not receive the overall prizes.

The minimum number of competition boards to be played by each participant is normally 20. If less boards are played for any reason, please contact Anna Gudge or the relevant organiser. If this has been unavoidable for some reason, the results can still be scored, and Master Points awarded, but the players will not receive the overall prizes.

The Session Numbers

(applies to all Simultaneous Pairs events scored by ECatsBridge)

It is essential that the correct session number is put into the scoring program for each event, to ensure that they are uploaded to the correct place on the server.

Checking the Frequencies & making corrections

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After the event, all the frequencies will be checked by a qualified Tournament Director and unusual scores will be queried. We fully accept that in many cases these will actually be correct, but for the ones that are not, it is important that we correct them before finalising the ranking. If a score is found to be wrong, the organiser will be asked to correct it locally and re-upload the corrected results to the server. **It is very important, therefore, that the results are kept on a computer locally until the results are finalised so that any changes can be made easily and re-uploaded Changes that may be made by the Organisers**

In the event of scores that are **impossible** at the vulnerability on the board (for example a +50 on a board where N/S are vulnerable), the organisers will endeavour to contact the club to ensure that the board was not fouled (e.g. by being switched) but if the club cannot be contacted or does not respond to email within a very short period, the score will be changed to the correct score for the vulnerability - i.e. a +50 would be changed to +100, a +420 to +620 and so forth.

In the event of a club uploading scores with a "Pass" scored for a phantom pair, it will be assumed that the scorer has inadvertently included this pair in the scoring, and these will be deleted from the results as soon as is practically possible. If an email address for the club is available, that club will be informed.

Provision of Contact details

(applies to all Simultaneous Pairs events scored by ECatsBridge)

All heat organisers are requested to provide a contact **email address** in case of queries that may arise during the checking of the scores. There is a place in which this can be entered in the scoring program. **Please be sure to enter it accurately.**

Finalising of Results

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We hope that all heat organisers will upload their results as quickly as possible so that we can start work on checking frequencies etc and get the results finalised quickly. We expect it to be at least two weeks before results are finalised, but will keep you posted on the scoring site to let you know how everything is going.

Non-Competing Pairs

(applies to all Simultaneous Pairs events scored by ECatsBridge)

We regret that we cannot accept non-competing pairs in the Simultaneous Pairs events

Master Points

Master points will normally be awarded to the top third of the field at the end of the event. In the case of the BGB events, the top award is 1000 local points. For the WBF and EBL events, the top award is also 1000 local points for the overall ranking in each competing British Home Union. The awards vary for the English, Scottish and Welsh Simultaneous pairs events, and the organisers of those should be contacted for more information

2002 Calendar of National and International Simultaneous Pairs

January	Tuesday	8th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
January	Wednesday	9th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
February	Tuesday	26th	English*	Contact: Marian Edwards
February	Wednesday	27th	English*	Contact: Marian Edwards
February	Thursday	28th	English*	Contact: Marian Edwards
April	Wednesday	10th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
April	Thursday	11th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
April	Friday	12th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
May	Wednesday	1st	English	Contact: Marian Edwards
May	Thursday	2nd	English	Contact: Marian Edwards
May	Tuesday	7th	Welsh	Contact: Rob Charlesworth
June	Friday	7th	World Wide	Contact: Anna Gudge
June	Saturday	8th	World Wide	Contact: Anna Gudge
July	Monday	29th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
July	Tuesday	30th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
September	Monday	16th	English	Contact: Marian Edwards
September	Tuesday	17th	English	Contact: Marian Edwards
October	Wednesday	9th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
October	Thursday	10th	British	Contact: Anna Gudge
October	Tuesday	29th	Scottish	Contact: Horst Kopleck
October	Wednesday	30th	Scottish	Contact: Horst Kopleck
November	Thursday	21st	Welsh	Contact: Rob Charlesworth
November	Monday	25th	European	Contact: Anna Gudge
November	Tuesday	26th	European	Contact: Anna Gudge
November	Wednesday	27th	European	Contact: Anna Gudge
November	Thursday	28th	European	Contact: Anna Gudge

*Special Fund raising events for the European Youth Championships
Results from the British, English, European and World events will be at

www.ecatsbridge.com

Results from the Scottish events will be at

www.sbu.dircon.co.uk

Results from the Welsh events will be at

www.wbu.org.uk

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