



1st on-line
**TRANSATLANTIC
SENIORS CUP**
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Dear Friends

It's been almost one year since the pandemic broke into our lives mercilessly, unfortunately also into the bridge world. Practically there is no possibility of face-to-face meetings and the game moved to the Internet. Luckily, thanks to vaccine in the summertime we may have a chance to meet at real tables, not only virtual ones.

In order to make the waiting time more enjoyable, we decided, in collaboration with PBU and CBF, to invite national senior teams from Europe, Africa and both Americas for the on-line competition - TRANSATLANTIC SENIORS CUP. We hope that the experience gained in October during the seniors' tournament ESC, played in a similar formula, will help us to organize a friendly and high-level event that all the participants will truly cherish.

Such goal can be achieved only if the competition will follow fair play principles. So let's be polite to each other and play fair. None of us wants to bring shame itself at the finishing line of ones bridge career.

There are six days left - good luck to everyone!

Włodek Starkowski
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Marek Wójcicki

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please, remember that all **older versions of BBO software** do not work. Latest version has some new features which work in a different way than earlier, so it is better to try and get used to it.

Tournament Directors and website need to know the persons who are responsible for Line Up of each team. Please, check the website and complete it if necessary.

Conventions cards of all partnerships of the team should be provided before the start of the tournament. Please, check the website and complete if necessary.

LINKS

Website of the tournament:
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2021/tsc/web/>
Teams rosters:
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2021/tsc/web/players.php>
Convention cards:
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2021/tsc/web/cc.php>
Conditions of Contest
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2021/tsc/web/coc.php>

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JULIAN KLUKOWSKI (1939-2017)

Włodek Starkowski



Julian Klukowski was born in Warsaw on 29th July of 1939. He started to play bridge in high school and soon became so fascinated with the game that he started to deal the hands at home and to bid, declare and defend oneself.

Pretty soon he was discovered by Zbigniew Szurig – the guru of young Warsaw players – who recognized his talent and showed the charm of competitive bridge to young Julian. It was a step to a new world.

Szurig and Klukowski formed a partnership and playing together they won Polish Team Championships four times. Their most important international result was the 2nd place at World Par Contest 1961 (after T.Reese - C.Rodrique) and bronze at European Teams Championships in Baden-Baden (1963).

Bridge did not disturb his academic career – he started to work as the Mathematics lecturer at Warsaw University and worked there till retirement. One of his non-bridge books was „Algebra for Students”.

When the partnership with Szurig ended up, Klukowski played for a longer periods with Krzysztof Wągródzki, Andrzej Macieszczak and Aleksander Jezioro. Together with Jezioro they won gold medals in European Open Teams in Bridgton 1981 and bronze at Bermuda Bowl 1981.

Last partner of Julian at open competitions was Krzysztof Moszczyński (*TSC POLAND 1*). Once again in the partnership won European Championships and bronze at Bermuda Bowl in 1989.

Then seniors time started. Here there were plenty medals, and for a few years Julian Klukowski became number one at WBF Seniors Ranking. Most of those titles were won in a partnership with Victor Markowicz. (*TSC POLAND 1*).

His last medal was bronze of 2015 European Seniors Teams Championships in Budapest. It was 52 years after the first one of Baden-Baden 1963!

Klukowski was the author of bridge books also, One of them is classic „Art of Defending” (defense was his favorite part of the game).

Julian Klukowski died on 5th April of 2017.

In the seventies of 20th century top Polish players, although they played excellent bridge, were not widely recognized, as our stars of today are. This was one of the reasons why Polish bridge was shown at bridge press rather rarely.

One of the exceptions was the article of Omar Sharif and Charles Goren „Polish Expert Leads The Way”, published at New York Times.

They have shown one of the boards of the Poland - Greece match during 1976 Bridge Olympiad.

Board 12 West/NS	♠ J542	
	♥ K2	
	♦ K852	
	♣ 1092	
♠ K96	N	♠ A10873
♥ Q8763	W E	♥ 109
♦ Q643	S	♦ 97
♣ 3		♣ J654
	♠ Q	
	♥ AJ54	
	♦ AJ10	
	♣ AKQ87	

W Klukowski	N	E Macieszczak	S
pass	pass	pass	1♣
pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
2♠	dbl.	pass	3NT
all pass			

It is the comment of the authors:

„West position was occupied by one of the veterans of Polish bridge – Julian Klukowski. He is Mathematics lecturer and professional commitments do not leave him enough time to play bridge too often. But during Olympiad he has shown that he is strong point of the Polish team.”

Klukowski analyzed the bidding in details and of course led a spade, but his choice of first lead was the king! It was a real killer. When the queen appeared at trick one, destiny of the contract was determined.

The first leads were not registered during the event, but the reporters asked 44 players being on the first lead to find who had led a king.

They found out that the only one who led the king was Julian Klukowski and the hand was presented at Daily Bulletin.

THE LOCKDOWN LEAGUES

Mark Horton

During the past few months I have spent a significant part of my time watching events unfold online in the OCBL and ALT events. While searching on BBO for the matches I planned to feature I have been impressed by the sheer number of contests taking place at any one time. You quickly recognise those events that take place on a regular basis. One of them rejoices in the title Lagos Ladies Past and Present and at the end of December I decided I must report at least one of their deals. No sooner had I logged on when this deal appeared:

Board 13 North/All	♠ 8 ♥ QJ98 ♦ K10983 ♣ J42	
♠ A1097653 ♥ 3 ♦ A2 ♣ 863	N W E S	♠ KQJ ♥ 5 ♦ QJ654 ♣ A1075
	♠ 42 ♥ AK107642 ♦ 7 ♣ KQ9	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
dove16	ElenaCos	pushpasm	JudiW13
	pass	1♦	1♥
1♠	2♥	pass	4♥
4♠	all pass		

Superficially it appears that 4♠ will fail, but with clubs 3-3 declarer can always get home as long as she is careful. It was not long before +620 was entered on the score sheet.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
SNGee	kanchan	Kay2019	Shalls153
	pass	1♦	1♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
pass	pass	5♠	dbl.
all pass			

5♠ appears to have no chance, but North led a trump and declarer won in dummy, drew the last trump (on which North pitched a diamond) and ran

the ♦Q. North took the king and switched to a heart and when South two rounds of the suit declarer had been given a ruff-and discard. She ruffed in hand, pitching a club from dummy, unblocked the ♦A, crossed to the ♣A, pitched a club on the ♦J, ruffed a diamond and could get back to dummy with the ♠K to discard her remaining club, +850 and a 5 IMP swing.

Once North had discarded a diamond declarer should have played a diamond to the ace and a diamond. As the play went, the defenders only needed to switch to clubs at some point (although North might also have ducked the ♦Q).

Playing on BBO is for some players some kind of search for glory. Look at the rather sad story:

At the end of a match that has gone badly you hold at game all:

♠ – ♥ A8743 ♦ Q10762 ♣ 965

sitting East and see this auction:

W	N	E	S
pass	1♣	pass	1♥
pass	1♠	pass	2♦*
pass	2♠	pass	3♣
pass	3♥	pass	4♦
pass	4NT*	pass	5♠
pass	6♣	?	

Perhaps hoping that your partner can ruff the second round of hearts (or perhaps forgetting the opening bid!) you double and lead the ♥A:

	♠ AK104 ♥ Q2 ♦ 98 ♣ A10874	
♠ 987532 ♥ 106 ♦ KJ53 ♣ 3	N W E S	♠ – ♥ A8743 ♦ Q10762 ♣ 965
	♠ QJ6 ♥ KJ95 ♦ A4 ♣ KQJ2	

Which is how to lose 1540 and 13 IMPs!

ALPHA ZERO PLAYS BRIDGE

Mark Horton

I had been planning to publish this at the beginning of April, but now is as good a time as any!

Chess players among you will be aware of the awesome strength of *Alpha Zero*. It has a unique playing style, combining a deep understanding of the game along with a highly aggressive approach in which material is frequently sacrificed for long term gains that are not always immediately apparent. No human player could expect to defeat it in a match.

When the bridge playing version of the software is launched we can expect plenty of fireworks, especially in the initial phase of the game. Meanwhile I have been given access to some of the deals that are being used during the extensive pre-release trials that are being conducted.

Board 10 East/All	♠ AKQ763 ♥ – ♦ AK872 ♣ Q8	
♠ – ♥ KQ10963 ♦ Q4 ♣ J9542	N W E S	♠ J10 ♥ A874 ♦ J963 ♣ 1076
	♠ 98542 ♥ J52 ♦ 105 ♣ AK3	

W	N	E	S
		pass	pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	6♣
pass	7♠	all pass	

Human players are generally conservative in situations where they consider that guess work is involved. *Alpha Zero* expects partner to be void in hearts and to have a good spade suit. It bids 6♣ because it considers it highly likely that partner will have a diamond control and that 6♠ will be playable. Then *Alpha Zero* decides that there will be a good play for a grand slam when partner has a suitable diamond holding.

I asked a few human players what they would do with South's hand. Most were afraid of going beyond 5♠, but some were happy to bid 6♣.

Board 8 West/None	♠ K3 ♥ K9853 ♦ KQ974 ♣ 9	
♠ J8654 ♥ 10 ♦ A ♣ K108642	N W E S	♠ AQ109 ♥ A64 ♦ 532 ♣ AQ5
	♠ 72 ♥ QJ72 ♦ J1086 ♣ J73	

W	N	E	S
pass	1♥	1NT	2♥
3♠*	pass	4♠	pass
5♣*	pass	5♥*	pass
5NT*	pass	6♦*	pass
6♠	all pass		

3♠ – game forcing;

5♣, 5♥ – cue bids;

5NT – there are chances even for grand for *Alpha Zero*

Facing a passed hand *Alpha Zero* saw no point in bidding 4♣ as East, but West saw every reason to make a try. It 'sees' that with as little as:

♠ AQ109 ♥ A64 ♦ 532 ♣ QJ5

6♠ will have play. Most human players find it difficult to evaluate distributional hands – they can't hope to compete with the analytical powers of a super computer.

The programme is also on a different planet when it comes to opening leads:

South/NS	♠ A932 ♥ J10 ♦ A74 ♣ 8753	
♠ KJ8754 ♥ Q65 ♦ Q105 ♣ K	N W E S	♠ 106 ♥ 942 ♦ 862 ♣ J10964
	♠ Q ♥ AK873 ♦ KJ95 ♣ AQ2	

W	N	E	S
			1♥
1♠	dbl.	pass	3♦
pass	4♥	all pass	

It is easy enough to exclude the possibility of leading a red suit, but leading either black suit is clearly fraught with danger. *Alpha Zero* solved the problem by leading a spade - but not any old spade - it went with the ♠K!

That kept the defence in the game, and when declarer failed to divine the club position the defenders came to four tricks.

In the other room the human West also found the lead of the ♠K, and *Alpha Zero* won in dummy and

ran the heart jack, West winning with the queen and exiting with a spade. *Alpha Zero* ruffed, crossed to dummy with a heart and took a losing diamond finesse. Winning the trump exit, *Alpha Zero* cashed two rounds of diamonds ending in dummy and played a club – to the ace! It knew West was either 6-3-3-1 or 5-3-3-2. With the former holding, leading a singleton club would be more attractive than the speculative ♠K unless it happened to be the king, and if West was 6-3-3-1 without the ♣K he would surely have over-called 2♠.

If you enter a tournament in 2021 and see *Alpha Zero* listed as one of the competing teams, be ready to settle for second place.

TEAMS RANKING

(Teams are ranked according to average WBF Senior ranking points of all players of the team; teams with all players without WBF Senior points were ranked according to WBF Open points)

1. USA LALL - 725.
2. LITHUANIA - 618.
3. USA LEVINE - 462.
4. USA WOLFSON - 381.
5. ENGLAND MOSSOP - 380.
6. SWEDEN - 343.
7. POLAND I - 342.
8. ITALY - 216.
9. ENGLAND PRYOR - 169.
10. FRANCE MARILL - 166.
11. USA SIMSON - 130.
12. CANADA FERGANI - 87.
13. NETHERLANDS II - 85.
14. TURKEY - 58.
15. CANADA MURRAY - 51.
16. IRELAND - 43.
17. BELGIUM - 42.
18. SCOTLAND BLUE - 40.
19. ARGENTINA - 33.
20. GERMANY I - 31.
21. POLAND II - 28.
22. GERMANY II - 25.
23. POLAND IV - 22.
24. ISRAEL - 10.
25. AUSTRIA 7.
26. POLAND III - 5.
27. NORWAY - 3.

28. BRAZIL - 2.
 29. SOUTH AFRICA (0/161).
 30. PORTUGAL LARA (0/19).
 31. FRANCE ROSSARD (0/8).
 32. PORTUGAL (0/4).
 33. SCOTLAND WHITE (0/2).
 34. LATVIA (0/1).
 35. ROMANIA (0/0).
 36. NETHERLANDS I (0/0).
 37. HUNGARY (0/0).
 38. ESTONIA (0/0).
- 1st round draw:**
 USA LALL - LITHUANIA
 USA LEVINE - WOLFSON
 ENGLAND MOSSOP - SWEDEN
 POLAND I - ITALY
 ENGLAND PRYOR - FRANCE MARILL
 USA SIMSON - CANADA FERGANI
 NETHERLANDS II - TURKEY
 CANADA MURRAY - IRELAND
 BELGIUM - SCOTLAND BLUE
 ARGENTINA - GERMANY I
 POLAND II - GERMANY II
 POLAND IV - ISRAEL
 AUSTRIA - POLAND III
 NORWAY - BRAZIL
 SOUTH AFRICA - PORTUGAL LARA
 FRANCE ROSSARD - PORTUGAL
 SCOTLAND WHITE - LATVIA
 ROMANIA - NETHERLANDS I
 HUNGARY - ESTONIA

TEAMS ROSTERS

ARGENTINA

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Pablo Lambardi	lambarg1
Walter Fornasari	conex44
Luis Palazzo	pala
Martin Monsegur	martinsila
Willie Mooney	wmooney
Jorge Gueglio	canalla
Eduardo Scanavino	ejotaese

AUSTRIA

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Sylvia Terraneo	sterraneo
Kurt Feichtinger	ennser
Robert Franzel	dr_crazy
Theresa Weigkricht	tewe4
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Heinrich Berger	Wuzi5
Hubert Obermair	Kwizda
Sussanne Grumm	sgruemm

BELGIUM

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Alain Moulart	amoulart
Zvi Engel	hros

BRAZIL

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Gordon Campbell	doubler
Nicholas Gartaganis	DoctorJ
Jurek Czyżowicz	czyzyc
Dan Jacob	Drhook
Nader Hanna	Darth
John Rayner	rayndear

CANADA MURRAY

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Allan Graves	algraves
John Carruthers	jgc
Pierre Daigneault	Pierre Da
Mike Hargreaves	mikeh
Martin Kirr	kirp
Piotr Klimowicz	piotrk
Robert Lebi	rlebi
Gordon McOrmond	Stider65
George Mittelman	mittmouse

ENGLAND MOSSOP

Paul Hackett	paulhac
Brian Senior	malmol
John Holland	Wjh21
Alan Mould	Alan1719
Gunnar Hallberg	Rerack
David Mossop	davidmosso

ENGLAND PRYOR

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David Kendrick	dkendrick1
John Hasset	pademelon
Trevor Ward	tww604
Rob Cliffe	simbiari
Alan Mayo	alanmayo
Richard Chamberlain	rmchamb
Patrick Shields	patr1cks

ESTONIA

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Aarne Rummel	aarne
Toivo Jullis	mustjaak
Tõnis Pleksepp	comb3
Avo Trommel	konn2
Uno Viigand	sixbeer
Alesander Ostapenko	ostapb1
Jaak Simm	diamond_j
Priit Vöhandu	PriitV
Endel Kivioja	ojaku
Peeter Kiloman	37tyz
Jaak Känd	kastan88



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Philippe Soulet	phisou9
Dominique Pilon	cap51
Michel Abecassis	mik22
Philippe Cronier	phicro2
Marc Bompis	iglou
Philippe Marill	cortex
Michel Bessis	besbes
Bernard Cabanes	tonel34

FRANCE ROSSARD

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Dominique Bourdin	corali
Daniel Delestre	tkcpdd
Thierry De Luna	tdl41
Alain Lepertel	DISTR1
Francis Lobry	fl03
Jerzy Romanowski	jrom
Martine Rossard	Biglum

GERMANY 1

Nedju Buchlev	nb49
Reiner Marsal	reiner13
Herbert Klumpp	cloumpfi
Norbert Schilhart	stier58
Jacek Leśniczak	lesny
Jurek Kozyczkowski	jurekk
Nikolas Bausback	0

GERMANY 2

Waltraud Vogt	fres
Berhard Straeter	bstraeter
Ulrich Kratz	ukratz
Loek Fresen	lgfr
Hans Frerichs	duku
Ulli Wenning	frew
Christian Schwerdt	forum

HUNGARY

Andras Fogaras	FogA
Jozsef Foldi	Jocoka
Peter Gal	galim
Sandor Jakab	kopakopa
Sandor Zold	kudri1
Gyorgy Kuttner	kuttner
Gabor Demeter	tarhonya

IRELAND

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LITHUANIA

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Apolinary Kowalski	bambik
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Bogusław Gierulski	bogier
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Paul Cardwell	rovers
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NETHERLANDS 2

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Odd Frydenberg	oddalfred
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Aasmund Stokkeland	stokken
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Serban Draghicescu	serban191
Eugen Chelu	donatoru
Lucian Breaban	ledace
Radu Gliga	radug
Cornel Matei	martelatul

SCOTLAND BLUE

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Brian Short	brianshort
Alan Goodman	arg98
Jim Hay	ahh
Derrick Peden	derrick O
Derek Diamond	derekd
Martin Diamond	diamondm44
Barnet Shenkin	Barnets
Victor Silverstone	Odyseus69
Anne Perkins	traqupolly

SCOTLAND WHITE

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David Shenkin	dshenkin
Cameron McLatchie	mclatchie
Bob McKinnon	bobmfc
Cathy Ferguson	cathyf
Liz McGowan	cuttysark
Tim McKay	timmckay
Jim Forsyth	sooth
Nigel Guthrie	nigel
Anne Perkins	traqupolly

SOUTH AFRICA

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Neville Eber	eebs
Chris Bosenberg	bosiel

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Bengt-Erik Efraimsson	berik56
Mats Axdorph	Axdorph63
Bjorn Wenneberg	TopBjorn
Goran Sellden	sellden
PG Eliasson	pgeliasson
Gunnar Elmroth	turnip1
Christer Bjaring	ChristerBj
Johnny Ostberg	Johnny33
Carina Wademark	aco

TURKEY

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Mehmet Emin Çopur	profdoktor
Huseyin Avcioglu	phantoma
Mehmet Ali Ince	mimali
Namik Kokten	naumoski
Mesut Karadeniz	karames
Ali Orhan Ekinici	sansar1905

USA 1 WOLFSON

Jeff Wolfson	jwolfson
Mike Becker	ultimike
David Berkowitz	mikeyb
Larry Cohen	larryco
Steve Garner	garner
Bruce Rogoff	Gargoyle1
Bob Sartorius	Bobsart
Howard Weinstein	howiew

USA 2 SIMSON

Doug Simson	dougs
Jeff Aker	jaker
Allan Falk	Allan Falk
John Lusky	Pachyderms
Glenn Milgrim	grimreaper
Barry Rigal	BarryRigal
Drew Casen	Drewsky
Jim Krekorian	jimkrek

USA 3 LEVINE

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Mark Lair	mslair
Jeff Meckstroth	jjmeck
Bob Morris	0
Mike Passell	passell
Eric Rodwell	bumporant
Eddie Wold	womoco

USA 4 LALL

Hemant Lall	hemantlall
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Naren Gupta	nareng
Zia Mahmood	zia
Reese Milner	reesem
Michael Rosenberg	scotty
Peter Weichsel	deo

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

I. General Rules and Format

FORMAT

A. QUALIFICATION SWISS

First 12 matches, starting on 18th Jan. till 30th (Sunday free) Jan are the qualification stage, played as the Swiss, 20-board matches.

The seeding to the 1st round matches will be based on the average ranking of the team players according to average WBF Senior Masterpoints of all team

10.00 - 10.00 tie	14.20 - 5.80 18 imps
10.28 - 9.72 1 imp	14.39 - 5.61 19 imps
10.55 - 9.45 2 imps	14.58 - 5.42 20 imps
10.82 - 9.18 3 imps	14.76 - 5.24 21 imps
11.08 - 8.92 4 imps	14.94 - 5.06 22 imps
11.34 - 8.66 5 imps	15.11 - 4.89 23 imps
11.59 - 8.41 6 imps	15.28 - 4.72 24 imps
11.83 - 9.17 7 imps	15.45 - 4.55 25 imps
12.07 - 7.93 8 imps	15.61 - 4.39 26 imps
12.30 - 7.70 9 imps	15.77 - 4.23 27 imps
12.53 - 7.47 10 imps	15.92 - 4.08 28 imps
12.76 - 7.24 11 imps	16.08 - 3.92 29 imps
12.98 - 7.02 12 imps	16.23 - 3.77 30 imps
13.19 - 6.81 13 imps	16.37 - 3.63 31 imps
13.41 - 6.59 14 imps	16.52 - 3.48 32 imps
13.61 - 6.39 15 imps	16.66 - 3.34 33 imps
13.81 - 6.19 16 imps	16.79 - 3.21 34 imps
14.01 - 5.99 17 imps	16.93 - 3.07 35 imps

B. KNOCKOUT PHASE.

ROUND OF 16

The team placed 1st at the end of the Qualification Swiss has the right to choose their opponent among the teams placed 8th-16th. Then, the team placed 2nd will choose their opponent among the teams placed 8th-16th, etc.

Round of 16 will be played on Sun, 31st Jan and Mon, 1st Feb

QUARTERFINALS DRAW

Among the winners of the Round of 16 matches, the team which was highest placed in the Qualification Swiss will choose the opponent of the Quarter-final of all available teams, later the highest placed in the Qualification Swiss will choose, etc.

If 4 teams of one country qualify to QF, the highest placed in Qualification Swiss team will choose

members (1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th etc.) .

After 12 rounds of Swiss, first 16 teams will play the play-off. All play-off matches will be played during two days, each day two 12-board sessions.

The rest of the teams will compete in the Swiss for the 3rd place, which will be also joined by the losers of play-off matches.

For the Swiss phases, each result will be converted from IMPs into VPs according to the WBF 20 boards VP Scale:

17.06 - 2.94 36 imps	19.00 - 1.00 54 imps
17.19 - 2.81 37 imps	19.08 - 0.92 55 imps
17.31 - 2.69 38 imps	19.17 - 0.83 56 imps
17.44 - 2.56 39 imps	19.25 - 0.75 57 imps
17.56 - 2.44 40 imps	19.33 - 0.67 58 imps
17.67 - 2.33 41 imps	19.41 - 0.59 59 imps
17.79 - 2.21 42 imps	19.49 - 0.51 60 imps
17.90 - 2.10 43 imps	19.57 - 0.43 61 imps
18.01 - 1.99 44 imps	19.64 - 0.36 62 imps
18.12 - 1.88 45 imps	19.72 - 0.28 63 imps
18.23 - 1.77 46 imps	19.79 - 0.21 64 imps
18.33 - 1.67 47 imps	19.86 - 0.14 65 imps
18.43 - 1.57 48 imps	19.93 - 0.07 66 imps
18.53 - 1.47 49 imps	19.99 - 0.01 67 imps
18.63 - 1.37 50 imps	20.00 - 0.00 68 and
18.72 - 1.28 51 imps	more imps
18.82 - 1.18 52 imps	
18.91 - 1.09 53 imps	

its opponent of 3 other teams, while 2 remaining will play one against another.

If 3 teams of one country will qualify to QF, general rules apply till 2 teams will remain or if one, having first right to draw will choose as the opponent another, it is over; if it will choose team of another country, remaining teams are paired automatically. If all three teams are subject to draw, when one of them is chosen, remaining teams are paired automatically.

QF will be played on Tue 2nd Feb and Wed 3rd Feb.

SEMI-FINALS.

Among the winners of the Quarter-Finals, the team which was highest placed in the Qualification Swiss will choose the opponent of the Semifinal. If two teams of the same country qualify to semifinal, they will play against each other.

SF will be played on Thu 4th Feb and Fri 5th Feb.



CARRY OVER.

Carry over in R16, QF and SF matches is 0.1 imp for the team higher placed in Qualification Swiss.

FINAL

Final will be played on Sat 6th Feb and Sun 7th Feb
There will be no Carry-Over. In case of tie after 48 boards, it will be solved by 1-board Sudden Death.

C. SWISS FOR THE 3RD PLACE

Swiss for the third place starts on Monday, 1st Feb. Carry over is 1/6 of VP from the Qualification Swiss. Draw to the first round is done according to the carry over. Last round (Sun. Feb. 7) of 3RD PLACE SWISS will be played as Danish (matches can be played between the teams, which have played against each other in earlier rounds);

20-board matches will be played.

Each day one round will be played

Losers of the Knock-out matches will join 3RD PLACE SWISS (according to the rank in Qualification Swiss – highest ranking team the lowest place)

– after round of 16 – to the 17,15,13,11,9,7,5,3rd places with number of VP equal to the average of 3rd and 4th team after a previous round

– after quarterfinal – to the 9,7,5,3 places (according to the rank in Qualification Swiss), with number of VP equal to the average of 3rd and 4th team after a previous round;

– after semifinal - to the 5th and 3rd place (according to the rank in qualification Swiss) with number of VP equal to the average of 2nd and 3rd team after a previous round.

KIBITZERS.

Kibitzers are allowed only at the vuegraph tables, which will start with 30 minutes delay. We believe that the spirit of the game in seniors society excludes chances of cheating so all the Swiss matches are played on the same boards and there are no restriction in closing match time etc. Our experience from European Seniors Tournament, played according to those conditions confirmed that we can rely on fair-play of the Seniors bridge society (no suspicious cases were reported to the TDs and other bodies)

Coaches and npc can be allowed to kibitz the match of their team. The TD must be informed by e-mail about it before the start of the match and will manage the technical requirements.

The choice of the Vuegraph match will be announced in the Daily Bulletin.

STARTING TIMES.

The starting time of each Qualification Swiss match is 8.00 pm (CET). All players should be logged in at least 10 minutes before. We hope all of us can accept a few minutes in some cases. Vuegraph from Swiss match starts at 8.30 pm CET (from Knock out at 7.30 pm CET).

Knock-out matches will start 7.30 pm CET (first 12 boards of a day) and 9.30 pm CET (second 12 boards).

SUBSTITUTES.

After the first 10 boards (1-10) each player/pair can be substituted with another player/pair for the second half of the match (boards 11-20). Substitutions will be allowed for each SWISS match. Changes should be provided with the line up. Later changes will be allowed only in case of emergency.

At play off matches substitution during session is allowed only in emergency cases and must be accepted by the Chief Tournament Director.

II. Line-Up Procedure

Website of the tournament will provide the system for entering the line up.

Detailed instruction will be sent to all persons responsible for line up of their teams.

QUALIFICATION SWISS, 3RD PLACE SWISS - blind line up

Line up should be entered no later than at 6 pm CET of the day when the match will be played.

In case of any problem with line up system, please contact tournament director:

aleksander.krych@pzbs.pl

PLAY OFF

Players of the team placed higher at the Qualification Swiss sits as second in first and last segment of the match.

Time schedule for line up:

1st segment of the day – first sitting team no later than at 6 pm CET, second sitting – no later than 6.30 pm CET

2nd segment of the day - first sitting team no later than at 8.30 pm CET, second sitting – no later than 9 pm CET

In case of any problem with line up system, please contact tournament director:

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PENALTIES.

Delaying or not providing the line-ups will be subject to VP penalties, starting from a 0.5 VP penalty for the first lack and increasing each time by 0.5 VP (1, 1.5 and so on).

LINE-UP CHANGES.

It is possible to change the submitted line-up only for emergency and must be communicated through e-mail or a phone call if less than 30 minutes left to the start of the match (also WhatsApp but not a message) to the organization.

III. Anti-Cheating rules

We assume full trust to all players, kibitzers, and other members of the bridge society. All the disciplinary violations will be solved by the Disciplinary Commission of Polish Bridge Union. The captains of all participating teams will be its advisory body at more complicated cases.

If somebody wants to report about suspicious hands it should also be forwarded to the Disciplinary Commission of Polish Bridge Union (e-mail piotr.ilczuk@pzbs.pl). All proceedings will be carried with the appropriate discretion and confidentiality. Ruling of the PBU Disciplinary Commission will be final.

IV. Zero tolerance for rude comments or behavior

Zero tolerance for rude comments or behavior. If you need to ask something to your opponents, please use the private chat instead of the table chat.

V. Convention Cards

Before the start of the tournament all teams should send their convention cards, preferable in the WBF standard to tournament directors (aleksander.krych@pzbs.pl). The cards will be available at the tournament website TSC 2021 (pzbs.pl). In more complex cases (like brown sticker, HUM, etc. the appropriate rules of World Teams Championships 2019 will be applicable).

VI. Starting time and missing players

All players are kindly asked to log in on BBO at least 10 minutes before the starting time of their match.

We are playing pre-dealt duplicate boards. Delays can affect the event schedule as we are playing all the matches using the same boards, therefore all delays will be penalized (unless the late start is not responsibility of the team, e.g. BBO's server issues, etc.).

If at some point during a match a player loses his/her connection, the partner of the missing player must immediately call at the table the tournament director (by pressing the usual button) who will find together

with the team's captain another player of the team available for a prompt substitution.

Only in case of BBO's server issues when it is not possible to start some matches, the delays matches will not play pre-dealt boards, but we are confident that this will not happen too often.

VII. Players of the team

Because the tournament is played online, there the number of the players registered for the team is limited to 12. Players can be added/replaced during the tournament.

VIII. Undos

UNDO is available and fair. We strongly encourage you to accept UNDOs. If you feel that there is a damage due to the UNDO you can call the director at the table but we will be very happy if you play this tournament in a friendly way and allow UNDOs because most of the time it is a true misclick.

UNDOs are allowed and encouraged, but only for misclick.

UNDOs for correction of errors are not appropriate and should not be requested. If the opponent questions the reason for an undo, they should call the director as long as it becomes evident that this may have been the case.

IX. Alerts

Bids must be alerted before being entered. In such way, the left hand opponent knows about the alert before making his/her bid. If you don't alert before sending your bid, your opponent may think that your bid is natural, make his/her bid, then see the Alert and legitimately ask for an UNDO in case the information changes his/her perspectives. This may lead to unauthorized information.

Thus, you need to click the Alert button before entering your bid. Also, during this procedure it is very important to include the explanation in the proper box. During each match, players are not allowed to click on an unalerted bid of the opponents in order to have more information. If they want information, they can privately ask the opponent (by chat). The reason is that it is important to avoid any possible UI between partners. If you note this please call the director that will explain this rule to the opponents (BBO software allows this but it could lead to some issues).

X. System Notes

Every player is given the right to check his/her own bidding system during play.

XI. Tournament Director and rulings.

The Tournament Director can be summoned to a table as soon as attention is drawn to an irregularity. After the Director has given the ruling, the only appeal against such ruling can be addressed to the Chief Tournament Director. The decision of the Chief Tournament Director is the final one.

XII. Tie-breaking procedures

According to the WBF Tie-breaking procedures:

Two Teams

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken as follows (in the sequence shown):

a) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:

b) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:

c) Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains then:

d) Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains then:

e) One board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

Three Teams

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

f) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with the previous section. If the three teams remain tied, then:

g) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with sub-section 19.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

h) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with the previous section. If the three teams remain tied, then:

i) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particu-

lar event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with the previous section.

In all other cases, ties shall be broken in accordance with the following:

j) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with the previous section. If the three teams remain tied, then:

k) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with the previous section. If the three team remain tied, then:

l) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with the previous section. If the three teams remain tied, then:

m) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner. Four Teams or more If four or more teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

n) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with the previous sections if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:

o) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with the previous section, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:

p) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with the previous sections if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:

q) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

r) In case of “sudden death” match, the appeal (protest period) is over when the “sudden death” match begins.

XIII. In all cases, not specified in this CoC, appropriate rules of 2019 World Senior Teams Championships will be applied.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

QUALIFICATION SWISS

18-23 Jan., 8 p.m. CET
6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
25-30 Jan., 8 pm CET
6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
Vue graph matches start at 8.30 pm CET

PLAY-OFF

Sun 31st Jan & Mon 1st Feb 7.30 pm CET
Round of 16, 2x12 boards each day
Tue 2nd Feb & Wed 3rd Feb 7.30 pm CET
Quarterfinals, 2x12 boards each day
Thu 24th Feb & Fri 5th Feb 7.30 pm CET

Semifinals, 2x12 boards each day
Sat 6th Feb & Sun 7th Feb 7.30 pm CET
Final, 2x12 boards each day
Vue graph matches start at 7.30 pm CET

SWISS FOR THE 3RD PLACE

1-6th Feb, 8 pm CET
6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
7th Feb, 8 pm CET
1 round Danish, 20-board matches
Vue graph matches start at 8.30 pm

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