

# ONLINE

## Midland Counties Congress



### Terms and Conditions (DRAFT)

Agreed to upon entry to, or playing in any part of, the Congress.

The Congress Organiser reserves the right to change the published format if conditions dictate the need so to do. Definitions as per the Oxford English Dictionary.

In the absence of any specific condition, EBU regulations will apply. Where conflicting regulations occur priority will be given in the following order:

- i. Specific Event Information
- ii. Other displayed notice/website
- iii. These Terms and Conditions
- iv. EBU Regulation

#### 1. Entries

- a) Upon payment of entry fees, or playing in any part of the Congress, players agree to these Terms & Conditions.
- b) A pair entering the wrong event will automatically be ineligible to win that event (eg a Mixed Pair entering the Men's or Ladies' Pairs will not be able to win that event).
- c) The [WCBA Privacy Policy](#) forms part of these Terms and Conditions.

#### 2. Format

- a) Friday Events
  - a. Afternoon Pairs – Matchpointed Pairs.
  - b. Evening Pairs – Matchpointed Pairs.
- b) Saturday Events
  - a. Swiss Pairs with Danish Assignments (ie the assignments will always be based on rank with 1v2, 3v4, 5v6, etc)
  - b. Matchpoints – No VP conversion
  - c. Pairs may play the same pair multiple times.
- c) Sunday Events
  - a. Swiss Teams with Danish Assignments (ie the assignments will always be based on rank with 1v2, 3v4, 5v6, etc)
  - b. IMPS to VPs

#### 3. Appeals

- a) Appeals are in accordance with EBU procedures except that:
  - i) An appeal against a TD's ruling during a session must be made within 5 minutes of the end of the session.

- ii) Appeals will be arranged with a single referee
  - a) If a referee on the EBU panel of referees cannot be contacted, then the Congress Organiser will act as referee.
  - b) The referee's, decision will be final in terms of the event and prizes.
  - c) Appeals to the National Authority are in accordance with EBU regulations, but will not affect the final event result.

#### **4. Licence**

- a) The Congresses are licensed by the English Bridge is a Level 4 event.

#### **5. Master Points**

- a) Master Points for MCC Friday (Blue Points) Events are awarded at Regional Level. Master Points for Saturday and Sunday will be Green Points

#### **6. Prizes**

- a) Trophies will not be awarded, but winners will have their names engraved upon them.
- b) Prizes 2021 – Form and Value will be announced at the start of each event.  
*Appendix I.*
- c) Stratification – In the event that only one pair/team exists in any one stratification category, that category will be merged into the next highest category. Eg if only one Stratification C Pair/Team exists, any trophy and/or prize will be merged into Stratification B, with the trophy being awarded to the second place, and the prize money slotting relatively into the B Stratification list. The overriding principle is that a no prize can be won solely on the basis of the pair/team entering the event.
- d) Data for Stratification purposes is taken during each event (eg for a one-day Swiss Pairs, the data is taken on the day of the Swiss Pairs event, for a two-day teams event, the data is taken on the first day).
- e) The Congress Organiser reserves the right to make changes to the above prize structure should the need arise.

#### **7. Refunds**

- a) Refunds of entry fees are normally made in full to anyone who has entered and cannot attend due to unforeseen circumstances.
- b) In the event of an abnormal number of cancellations refunds will be made at the discretion of the Congress Committee.

#### **8. Scoring**

- a) Any scoring error must be communicated to the Tournament Director in Charge before the start of the subsequent event. Any scoring error in Sunday events must be communicated to the Tournament Director in Charge before leaving the venue. Scoring errors communicated outside of these times will be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director in Charge, and

Congress Organiser.

- b) For Sunday events players must be very careful to ensure claims are valid in the final match.

## **9. Split Ties**

- a) Split ties shall be in accordance with EBU regulations, unless otherwise specified.

## **11. Trophies**

- a) The relevant principles of 6 (Prizes) also apply to trophies.
- b) Trophies will not be awarded for online events. However, names will be engraved in preparation for the next face to face event.

## **12. General**

- a) *Website Disclaimer*

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- b) BBO
  - a. At least one member of the partnership must be able to answer questions and use the BBO chat facility.
  - b. In the absence of an alerts, a basic Acol system of weak NT, 3 Weak Twos, Stayman, Transfers may be assumed.

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# Appendix I – Prize Awards Midland Counties Congress

## Friday Afternoon Pairs

- **Mixed Pairs** (ie one male and one female): **Winners & Runners Up**
- **Flitch Married Couple** (Male and Female): **Winners**  
A flitch pair winning the Mixed Pairs, will be deemed the winner of the Mixed Pairs, with the Flitch prize going to the next highest ranked Flitch pair.
- **Ladies' Pairs** (two females): **Winners & Runners Up**
- **Men's Pairs** (two males): **Winners & Runners Up**

## Championship Pairs

- **Winners & Runners Up**

## Swiss Pairs

**Overall Prizes and B & C Stratification Prizes (where both players are at the stated NGS ranks, or below) will be awarded along with the specified trophy, as follows:**

- Stratification A – NGS A, K or Withheld: **Winners & Runners Up**
- Stratification B – NGS Q or J: **Winners & Runners Up**
- Stratification C – NGS 10 or below: **Winners & Runners Up**

## Swiss Teams

**Overall Prizes and Stratification B & C Prizes (where no more than one player is above the stated NGS ranks) will be awarded along with the specified trophy, as follows:**

- Stratification A – NGS A, K or Withheld: **Winners & Runners Up**
- Stratification B – NGS Q or J: **Winners & Runners Up**
- Stratification C – NGS 10 or below: **Winners & Runners Up**