

***Here are some points to note, and for those who played in the face-2-face WPL, there are a number of changes which you should be aware of.***

- WPLO is played on Bridgebase Online (BBO), so you must have registered on BBO and set up an account. For each session BBO will charge \$5 per player at the point of entry into that evening's session.
- For each Session you will have to register for the session and you will need to navigate to the correct Division (see above for your pair). Entering the wrong Division will cause a lot of problems so this bit is very important and there are serious penalties for getting it wrong, well 3VPs! You and your partner will need to be online to register, and one of you will register both of you. The person registering can choose whether to pay for both players. If not, the player invited will be promoted to pay when they accept.
- The first match of each evening is a random assignment. The movement for matches 2 and 3 is then Danish Swiss (not straight Swiss). This means that there is a likelihood of playing against the same pair multiple times in a Series, and even a Session, since BBO usually assigns the pair in 1st place against the pair lying 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> against 4<sup>th</sup>, etc for each match whether they have played each other or not! We have no control over any of this, sorry.
- There are no Pair Offs. Substitutes can be used but they must be members of the Warwickshire Online Club. You need to let Darren ([WPL@Warwickshirebridge.co.uk](mailto:WPL@Warwickshirebridge.co.uk)) know in advance if you are going to send a substitute player or pair and provide their name(s), BBO name(s) and email address(es).
- If you are not going to play and are not sending substitutes that is fine. We will use a robot pair to make up any half table. **You still need** to let us know that you will not be playing and who the substitute player/pair is/are. All plays must be members of WOC or they will not be able to register in the event on the evening.
- There will still be 2 Series per Season, each of 5 Sessions. You will be expected to play in 4 or 5 Sessions in a Series. If you play in fewer than 4 Sessions (possibly including the use of a substitute pair/player in 1 Session) then you are going to be relegated at the end of the Series, or will not be eligible for promotion if you are in the lowest Division.
- Matches will be 3 x 7 board matches per session (this is a change to the previous format). Your total Cross IMPs per Match will be converted to VPs using a formula! The conversion varies with the number of tables in play.
- Scoring - The basic form of scoring is cross-imps (xIMPS). Cross-imps is basically like scoring normal teams, but with multiple teammates (ie, Each NS's score is impeded against all other EW scores). Each board is then factored (ie, your score on each board is cross-impeded and divided by the number of other scores, (the number of tables minus 1); this being the xIMPS score you see on the BBO results. Your net total xIMPS for each 7-board match is then converted into the final form of scoring, Victory Points (VPs) using a predetermined

scale. To convert the total xIMPs in a match to VPs the BBO scores for the match are totalled. Then they are divided by 0.7 - this is per EBU guidance to simulate a standard teams match score. The result is then rounded and converted to VPs using the EBU table for 7 board teams matches. There is further information in the [WPLO Rules](#).

- Rulings will be made by the Tournament Director (TD) on the night. After due investigation the TD's ruling will be final and there will not be any appeal available. This is part of the more friendly and relaxed approach, as well as taking some of the workload out of running the event online, which creates difficulties in communicating with the players.
- You will get master points and NGS will be applied (not before in WPL), but there are no prizes! The glory will have to be enough!
  - NGS is applied for each session.
  - Masterpoints are credited (manually) at some point after each series.
- For those who aren't totally au fait with BBO and WOC Rules it is worth reading the guidelines at:  
<https://www.bridgewebs.com/warwickshire/Rules%20-%20WOC%20General%20Guidance%20200816.pdf>
- For those who like to see the details of the rules this is a link:  
<https://www.bridgewebs.com/warwickshire/Rules%20-%20WPL%20Online%20210122.pdf>