



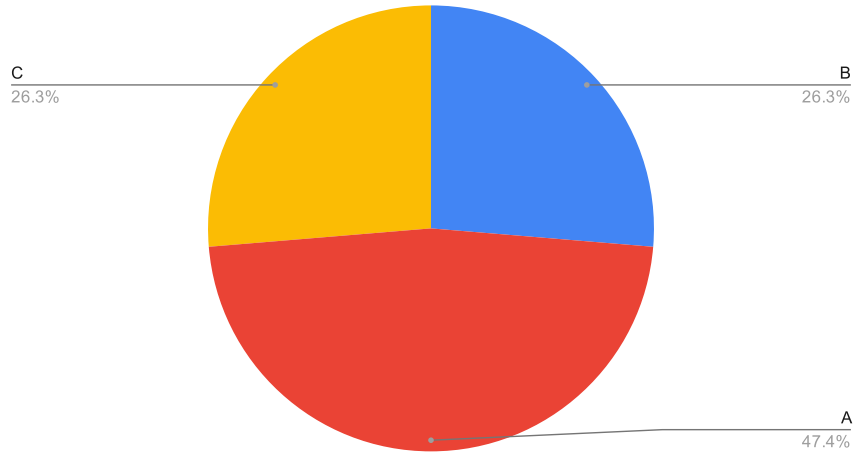
# WPLO Feedback - June 2022

**Thank you to those of you who were able to provide feedback. Below are your comments and our response to them, along with a summary of the question answers.**

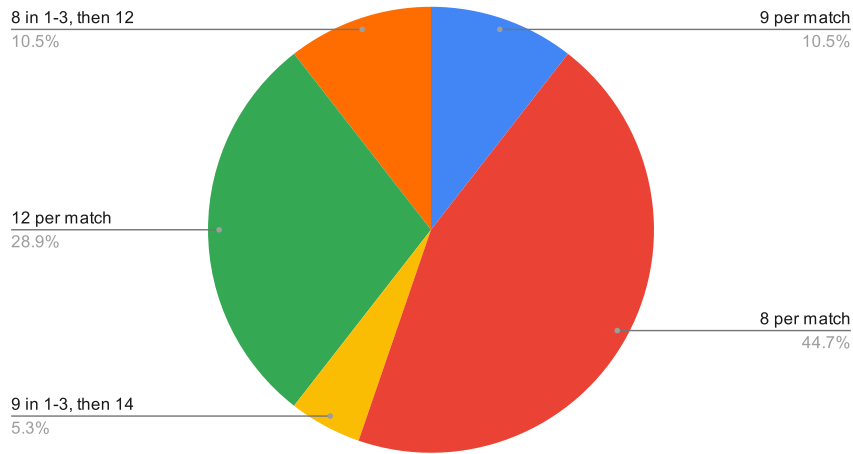
**We will be reviewing the data over the next couple of weeks and announcing any changes to the format for September in due course**

What you said	Our response
I like real bridge with screens	Noted
No, all satisfactory	Thank you.
I would like to do away with the need for substitutes	The alternative to this would be the potential, by design, of long sitouts. We did consider this, but decided the lesser of two evils was to require substitutes or allow pair offs.
Prefer requirement to use cameras and microphone	The organisers considered this, but felt that an individual's right to privacy in his or her own home is not something that should be violated for anything other than the most extreme of circumstances, and a pastime is just not one of them. The option is there for anyone who chooses to use it, with text chat remaining the default form of communication.
7pm start time?	Noted, but the 7.15pm start time seems to work for most people. Sorry.
What are the chances of returning to f2f	For WPL probably zero. There are a number of factors, but a few that stand out are 1) The geographical area covered by the current players being wider than when f2f, 2) The travel time from the outer areas of the county is no longer an issue, 3) Bad weather does not affect attendance.
No preferences at all. Quite happy. Prefer the good old days as for platform and number of boards no preferences at all	Indeed.
I do not enjoy playing on 'realbridge'. Would prefer F2F.	We are sorry about that. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons (please see above), we envisage WPL remaining online. Please see the answer to another question if the interface is causing a problem/distraction.
I find self alerting confusing. Would it be possible to announce as if we were playing f2f?	Sorry about this. We believe that applying the f2f alerting rules will bring about more confusion online where players are now largely used to self-alerting. There is also the issue that we do not require the use of audio, so people may not hear. Chat is the default form of communication.
BBO	Unfortunately, BBO does not provide the event/movement functionality that RealBridge does, which is why we moved to RealBridge.
Too much background feedback noise on Real Bridge. I won't be playing in this again	The default communication method for WPL is text chat. It is possible to switch off each person's video feed around your table and also turn down their individual volumes so the background noise can be vastly reduced, or even switched off. If anyone speaks and does not receive an answer, they should revert to the text chat. The use of cameras and microphones is not a requirement for WCBA events. It is also possible to change the animation of calls and cards to lessen the transition effects.
Three matches leads to over-swissing	It does, which is why we reset the swiss for the 4th session of the series.
All good. I prefer 3 matches per night all day through (either 8 or 9 is fine). More sociable than two matches as per last two sessions.	Noted.
I know this must be difficult, but it would be nice not to meet the same opponents twice.	Impossible given the current format of WPL. We have tried other formats and they have not proved popular and we do not want to mirror BPL and CPL with "all-play-all" divisions. This does mean that the resetting of the Swiss is required in session 4, but at least on RealBridge you can only meet the same pair twice in any one series (on BBO it could be twice a night!).
I would have to reconsider playing in event if it returned to f2f. My working hours mean I need to start early so traveling any distance for my bridge would be a negative. The likelihood is I would stop playing in the event.	Noted. This would affect a number of players, so it is unlikely that a return to f2f will occur for this event.
I would prefer that the Swiss format continues through all weeks without a restart in week 4, so that we will have played most pairs by the end of five weeks, making a fairer competition. If necessary to make such an approach feasible, I would prefer that we play two 12 hand matches every week placing priority on playing a different pair in every match.	If we want to maintain the enjoyment that promotions/relegations brings (ie having one overall group of players) we have to keep the divisions smaller. When we do that the swissing becomes an issue and other than changing to a simple round-robin, we have to reset it. A round-robin would create an event too similar to BPL and CPL. Even playing 10x12 board matches would over-swiss the event, with 10 opponents out of 14 being played.
The present scheme seems to work well, so continue with it	Noted.
Perhaps screens in Div A, but not below, When do we revert to face to face? I am yet to find anywhere in Warwickshire where you can do for a decent game of face-to-face bridge.	The benefits of screens are equally important in all divisions, so it is just the fundamental decision of whether to use them or not; the result of the poll suggests not, although there was more interest in division A than in divisions B & C. The question of returning to f2f for WPL is unlikely, please see other question.
There were 13 matches played in Div A where there was a mismatch sub used. As I understand it a score deduction is made from the pair using the sub. I think there is a case for crediting that deduction to their opps. If for example a match was played at the end of the season in the relegation part of the table, and the mismatch team won, then their opps could feel aggrieved at having had to play against a much stronger team than they might reasonably have expected.	The mismatch rules where both pairs are affected applies in division B and C. However, the feeling is that in division A (the strongest division), a pair should not be able to gain an advantage from improving their partnership. Conversely, a pair in division A (the strongest division) should always expect to play against strong partnerships, and so the mismatch should only apply to the pair fielding a substituted stronger pair or player.
Thanks very much for all the organisation that goes into this - it is much appreciated	
Glad it is still running - thanks for those involved	Thank you.

### Responses by Current Division



### Number of Boards Per Match



### Screens?

