

Rules for on-line Pairs Congress "Felicity Bridge into New Year"

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GENERAL

You will get the opportunity to focus on bridge. I will not disturb your concentration and use tournament chat only when it's needed for the progress of the tournament.

I have directed a lot of tournaments and have met a lot of friendly players, who

- don't forget to alert when it's needed,
- behave friendly to their pd, opps and TD,
- don't talk as a dummy,
- don't leave a tourney after a bad result,
- don't speak during bid and play in a language which other players don't understand.

This is quite normal when playing bridge in real life and that's what I like to have on congress pairs „Felicity Bridge into New Year” and all my other tournaments.

Some players like to behave in another way. When I'm aware of that, first I will give warning. If such behaviour repeats oneself, I will remove players from tournament, blacklist them and in severe cases report them to abuse@bridgebase.com.

TIME

We play 2 boards per round, 14 min per round.

- 7 min per board should be enough if all players have good connections.
- I will adjust unfinished boards. Only if too many tables haven't finished their boards and adjusting would require too much time, some time will be added to the round.
- if needed, I will sub players who have bad connections

The time per board is

- in the title of tournament,
- in the Tournament Rules Specific for this Tournament and
- in welcome message after the start of the tourney.

ALERTING

WBF Alert Policy as playing with screens APPLY.

Please self-alert all following classes of calls:

- Conventional bids should be alerted, non-conventional bids should not.
- Those bids which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization). See Law 40(b).

- Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and nonforcing new suit responses by an unpassed hand to opening bids of one of a suit.

ADJUSTMENTS

The software will assign automatically A-- to unfinished boards. TD will try to adjust as soon as possible. Don't bother about that A--, just wait for the adjustment or a TD-decision. Calling TD or chatting in private to a TD will only delay the adjustments.

After reviewing an unfinished board I will adjust to the most probable result. Once you have seen the popup-window with the adjustment and you disagree, please give me private note and tell me the way to make the result you expected. I will review the board once again and if necessary discuss it with you.

Please stop chatting to me after I have told you the final decision.

UNDO's

Undo's are not allowed.

However, when you misclick very obviously during bidding, ask your partner and opponents immediately to stop bidding and call TD.

I will help you by enabling undo temporarily

- if the misclick is VERY OBVIOUS TO ME and
- if your partner hasn't bid after your misclick.

Please don't call if you misclick during play.

CLAIM's

If you claiming, please explain correctly, how you take the tricks you expected. If opponents dispute your claim, STOP the play and give message to TD: „ Disputed claim”

WELCOME MESSAGES

After the start the next messages will be given to the players

- Self-alert all conventional bids; explain bids clearly. (WBF Alert Policy with screens APPLY).
- Available time is 7 minutes per board.
- Only English allowed during bid and play.
- Be friendly; avoid rude talk to anyone.