

SBU Winter Fours 2023 Playing Schedule

We have 22 teams participating which is not the easiest of numbers to deal with.

Saturday Jan 28th (Rounds 1& 2) We have allocated the teams into 4 groups of 4 and one group of 6 as follows.

Group A – Seligman, Outred, Clow, Campbell

Group B – Pryor, Hay, Rozman, Thomas

Group C – Boehlke, Philip, Shenkin D, Piper

Group D – Sanders, Stevenson, McKinnon, Pritchard

Group E – McGowan, Murdoch, Marshall, Masojada, Greenwood, SBU Juniors

Starting at 11.00 GMT (12.00 CET)

Groups A – D will play 3 rounds of 16 boards against the other teams in their group. Each match will be of 130 minutes duration. There will be a break of 50 minutes after 1 round (approx. 13.10 GMT) with play resuming at 14.00 and the remaining 2 rounds played with a finish time of approx. 18.30 GMT.

Group E will play 5 rounds of 10 board matches against the other teams in their group. Each match will be of 80 minutes duration. There will be a break of 50 minutes for this group after round 2 at approx. 13.40 GMT and play will resume at 14.30 for the remaining 3 rounds. The finish time will be approx. 18.30 GMT.

At the finish of play on Saturday 28th, **the 4 winners from Groups A – D plus the 2 best second placed and the top 2 in Group E will be considered undefeated - 8 in total undefeated.**

Group winners are decided on WINS, followed by H2H, followed by total Imps. Best second placed are decided on WINS, followed by total imp.

The remaining 14 teams will be considered once defeated.

Team captains may substitute pairs at the end of a round with advance notification to the TD via the Google docs line-up sheet they will be asked to submit.

Sunday Jan 29th (Round 3) All teams will play Head to Head matches of 24 boards in 2 x 12 board stanzas with a time allocation of 96 mins per stanza.

A draw will be made for the 4 matches between the 8 undefeated teams ensuring that re-matches are avoided. These matches will result in 4 undefeated teams and 4 who are once defeated.

The 7 matches between the 14 once defeated teams will avoid rematches if possible. These matches will result in 7 teams remaining as once defeated, and 7 who are now twice defeated. However, as we need to deal in even numbers, the team among the twice defeated with the best imp average over rounds 1 – 3 will remain and be considered still to be once defeated. The 6 twice

defeated will now play in the Drop-in Swiss event where they will play 3 x 8 board matches and have the chance to qualify for the Consolation Final. There will be an approx. 1 hour lunch break at the end of these matches with Round 4 beginning at 15.00 GMT.

Sunday Jan 29th (Round 4)

The **4 undefeated teams** from round 3 will play a further 24 board H to H match in 2 x 12 board stanzas again avoiding rematches if possible. This will give us 2 undefeated teams and 2 once defeated.

The **12 once defeated teams** will also play a further 24 board H to H match in 2 x 12 board stanzas. This will give us 6 once defeated teams. The 6 twice defeated teams will join the Drop-in Swiss to give 12 teams there on Saturday Feb 4th and will have a carry forward based on their scores.

Play will finish by 18.30 GMT

2nd Weekend Saturday Feb 4th (Round 5) Undefeated teams – 2 teams will be undefeated and will play each other in a 24 board match in 2 x 12 board stanzas. The remaining 8 once defeated teams will play 24 board matches avoiding re-matches where possible. Break for 1 hour

Saturday Feb 4th (Round 6) The 4 twice defeated teams from round 5 will go into the Drop-in Swiss (now with 16 teams) with a carry forward of score and play 3 x 8 board matches.

¼ finals – the one remaining undefeated team gets their choice of opponent from the 5 once defeated teams. There are 3 matches in the ¼ final each playing 24 boards in 2 x 12 board stanzas. If the undefeated team loses this match, there will be 2 semi-finals on Sunday morning. If the undefeated team wins its match, they go straight through to the final getting the morning off, and there will be just one semi-final match.

Sunday Feb 5th **1 or 2 semi-finals** (see above) of 24 boards in 2 x 12 board stanzas. **Play will start at 10.30 GMT.**

The **Final** will be a **32 board match in 2 x 16 board stanzas** starting at **14.30 GMT**

The **Consolation Final** will consist of the **losing ¼ finalists** and **5 or 6 teams from the Drop- in Swiss** to give an **8 team event**. This will be a Round Robin match of 56 boards (7 rounds of 8 boards) starting at 11.00 GMT.

Teams who do not qualify for either final are invited to play in the **Winter Swiss event** which this year is on Realbridge where they will play teams who have only entered this. There is no additional charge for teams from the Winter 4's.

All this information, Google Docs links, Convention Cards and results etc. will be available on the SBU website at www.sbu.org.uk

Kibitzing will be available each day on Realbridge with a 30 minute delay.

Good luck to everyone and enjoy our event.