

Conditions of Contest for SIMS run by the SBU.

These are based on the following Conditions of Contest for the World Bridge Federation World Wide Bridge Contest 2019.

Minimum Number of Tables and Number of Boards

The minimum number of tables in play at a heat should be 3 for all events unless otherwise stated. If you are going to have less, please [email](#) for advice. We will normally score it initially with less tables, then we can make special arrangements to send the result as a "snapshot" before we remove it from the rankings.

The minimum number of competition boards to be played by each participant is 18. (This means that if you have a half table, the length of the session must be longer than 18 boards, so that even those that sit out will have played 18).

Apart from this, there are no special requirements for participation. For example there is no restriction on the choice of movement: you can run a Howell or a Mitchell movement, two-winner or one-winner. Please use whatever is most suited to your club. Just note that the overall results will be expressed as a single winner so your players may find it less confusing if you play a one-winner movement (i.e. a Howell or a switched Mitchell)

Integrity of Hands

It is particularly important with simultaneous pairs events being held at different times that clubs ensure that security is observed - for example if your club is playing during the morning or afternoon, your players must be aware that they cannot go to a different club later in the day and play the hands again!

It is also important that clubs do not upload their results to their own sites, where the hands and frequencies will be visible, until the hands and frequencies appear on the main ECatsBridge site - to check the time (and in the case of World events the day) that these will appear, just go to the results pages for the event and click the link at the top to Frequencies - if they are not live it will tell you the time and date (in UK time) when they will appear. Please ensure you do not publish yours until that time.

SBU Additional Conditions

The preference should be to play heats face to face. Heats may be played online on BBO or Real Bridge. Heats starting prior to 6.00 pm each day may only be played face to face or on RealBridge as there is no provision to delay the posting of hand records on BBO.

This is an SBU event and if BBO is used the following rules must be followed: Kibbitzing is not allowed, all players must be members of the SBU including subs, and robots are not allowed. (NB BBOtoXLM allows the removal of a pair and the results recalculated. This allows the use of subs or robots to avoid a pair having to sit-out but does not count that score in calculating the result.)

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