

Midland Counties Congress & National Swiss Teams Congress



Terms and Conditions

Agreed to upon entry to, or playing in, any part of the Congress.

The Congress Organiser reserves the right to change the published format if conditions dictate the need so to do.

In the absence of any specific condition, EBU regulations will apply.

1. Appeals

- a) Appeals are in accordance with EBU procedures except that:
 - i) An appeal against a TD's ruling during a session must be made before the start of the next session (ie before the end of a published break).
 - ii) Appeals on the Sunday must be lodged with the TD within 5 minutes of both tables finishing the match in which the ruling was given.
 - iii) Appeals will be arranged at the venue by the Director in Charge.
 - a) If a suitable appeals committee cannot be arranged then the Congress Organiser will act as referee.
 - b) The appeals committee, or referee's, decision will be final in terms of the event and prizes/trophies.
 - c) Appeals to the National Authority are in accordance with EBU regulations, but will not affect the final event result.

2. Licence

- a) The Congress is licensed by the English Bridge Union and is a Level 4 event.

3. Master Points

- a) Master Points for Friday (Blue Points) Events are awarded at County Level. Master Points for Saturday and Sunday will be Green Points

4. Photographs

- a) Photographs will be taken of prize winners and published on the Internet. In addition general photographs will be taken and published. Photos may be used in promotional material. Anyone not wishing to have their photograph taken should speak to the photographer, or congress organiser.

5. Prize Money

- a) The value, and number, of prizes will depend on the overall entry to each Congress, and the entry into individual categories (eg Mixed Pairs).
- b) Cash prizes are awarded per pair, or team, as detailed in appendix I.

- c) Only one prize (the higher in value) is awarded to any pair, or team, in any one event.
 - i. Where a pair in a stratification category wins an overall prize they will receive the higher value prize, with the lower value prize being awarded to the next highest pair in the stratification category.
- d) In the event of a tie the prize money will be shared, eg a tie for 2nd place will share the prizes for 2nd and 3rd places equally. The prize for the final prize position will be shared equally between all those tied for that position.
- e) Prize money for Friday and Saturday events will be awarded during the following day. Prize money for Sunday events will be paid by BACS, to one player of the pair/team, within two days of receiving the relevant banking details. In the event of hosts being part of a pair/team, or pairs being paired up at the event, prize money may be distributed individually.
- f) The Congress Organiser reserves the right to make changes to the above prize structure should the need arise.

6. Refunds

- a) Refunds of entry fees and meal orders are normally made in full to anyone who has entered and cannot attend due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of an abnormal number of cancellations refunds will be made at the discretion of the Congress Committee.

7. Refreshments

- a) Refreshments are available at the venue, and dietary requirements can be accommodated. Only food and drinks purchased on the premises may be consumed on the premises.

8. Scoring

- a) Any scoring error must be communicated to the Tournament Director in Charge before the start of the subsequent event. Any scoring error in Sunday events must be communicated to the Tournament Director in Charge before leaving the venue. Scoring errors communicated outside of these times will be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director in Charge, and Congress Organiser.
- b) For Sunday events players must be very careful when entering, and checking, results in the final match, as trophies will be awarded based on this result. Errors resulting in the need to redirect a trophy awarded incorrectly may be charged against any prize money intended for one, or both, offending pairs/teams.

9. Split Ties

- a) Split ties (excluding prize money - see prize money, and wine prizes) will be in accordance with EBU regulations.

10. Trophies

- a) Trophies are awarded to the winning pair, or team, as detailed in appendix I.

- b) Holders are asked to arrange the engraving (at a reasonable cost and with the Congress Organiser's prior agreement!) and to obtain a receipt. Please arrange reimbursement with the Congress Organiser.
- c) Holders are also responsible for keeping the trophy safe, and returning it for the next congress.

Appendix I – Prize Awards – Midland Counties Congress

Friday Afternoon Pairs

Cash prizes* will be awarded for the overall ranking, and trophies will be awarded for the winners of the:

- Mixed Pairs - **Peter Millar Plate** & Flitch – **Standish Salver**
 - The highest Flitch pair ie Married Couple (Male and Female!) will receive the Flitch prize* and trophy (unless winning the Mixed Pairs, when they will receive the Mixed Pairs prize* and trophy only). In the case of the latter the Flitch prize* will go to the next highest ranked Flitch pair.
- Ladies' Pairs – **Allen Cup**
- Men's Pairs – **Hudson Cup**

Open Teams

Cash prizes* will be awarded for the overall ranking, and the **Hayward Bowl** trophy for the leading team.

Swiss Pairs

Overall Prizes* and Stratification Prizes* (where both players are at the stated NGS ranks) will be awarded along with the specified trophy, as follows:

- Stratification A – NGS A, K or Withheld - Edgar Foster Cup
- Stratification B – NGS Q or J - Cooke Porter Cup
- Stratification C – NGS 10 or below - West Midlands Trophy
- Per match wine prizes for the pair with the highest percentage (one prize per pair only)**

Swiss Teams

Overall Prizes* and Stratification Prizes* (where both players are at the stated NGS ranks) will be awarded along with the specified trophy, as follows:

- Stratification A – NGS A, K or Withheld - Hayward Cup
- Stratification B – NGS Q or J – Littleford Healey Cup
- Stratification C – NGS 10 or below – Joyce Hare Plate
- Per match wine prizes for the team with the highest IMP score (one prize per pair only)**

* Please see prize money

***Any tie for wine prizes will be resolved by coin toss, with the lowest numbered team calling.*