



The Semi-Finals: The Road to Marrakesh

The last day of the Round Robin was not without drama. In the Open Championship South Africa went into the last match assured of first place but with the amazing record of having won the previous fourteen matches. They were pitched against their nearest rivals Egypt. With five boards to go South Africa were 10 IMPs ahead but Egypt won back 19 IMPs to win by the slim margin of 9 IMPs. Pity poor Reunion, at the beginning of the day they were 20 VPs adrift of Morocco. They fought hard during the first two matches and were facing Morocco in the final match needing to score 13 VPs to qualify in the top four. With one board to play they had amassed 15 VPs but on the very last board Team Morocco bid and made a slam which meant Reunion failed to qualify by 1.25 VPs.

In the Women Championships life was a trifle calmer. Egypt was a comfortable winner while South Africa having a bye in the last round had to wait to see how Tunisia fared to see if they retained second spot which they did when Tunisia had a bad result against Egypt.

In the Open Teams the semi-finals are South Africa vs. Morocco and Egypt vs. Tunisia.

In the Women Teams the semi-finals feature Egypt vs. Morocco and South Africa vs. Tunisia.

In all four matches the first named team will have a 0.5 IMP carry-over, additionally they will be the home team in sessions 2 and 4.

The semi-final winners will be going to Marrakesh.

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Round Robin Final Standings

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RR 3	Team		Previous RRs		S. 01		S. 02		S. 03		S. 04		S. 05		Total		PEN.	R
			IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P		
	South Africa	RSA	226	148.42	54	19.52	49	19.07	58	19.85	53	19.43	-9	7.45	431	233.74		1
	Egypt	EGY	140	127.36	31	16.88	6	11.76	81	20	2	10.61	9	12.55	269	199.16		2
	Tunisia	TUN	106	125.50	23	15.56	-6	8.24	-2	9.39	-53	0.57	36	17.59	104	176.85		3
	Morocco	MOR	-22	84.60	-23	4.44	13	13.52	-58	0.15	-2	9.39	-8	7.71	-100	119.81		4
	Reunion	REU	-119	78.09	-31	3.12	-49	0.93	2	10.61	13	13.52	8	12.29	-176	118.56		5
	Kenya	KEN	-331	36.03	-54	0.48	-13	6.48	-81	0	-13	6.48	-36	2.41	-528	51.88		6

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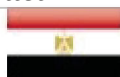
ABF Trials 2023 - Women Teams

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RR 3	Team		Previous RRs		S. 01		S. 02		S. 03		S. 04		S. 05		Total		PEN.	R
			IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P	IMP	V/P		
	Egypt	EGY	100	127.49	0	12.00	2	10.61	11	13.04	15	13.97	22	15.38	124	192.49		1
	South Africa	RSA	77	114.16	25	15.92	22	15.38	-37	2.28	-15	6.03	0	12.00	124	165.77		2
	Tunisia	TUN	24	119.43	0	10.00	-22	4.62	0	12.00	18	14.60	-22	4.62	-20	165.27		3
	Morocco	MOR	-63	101.29	-25	4.08	0	12.00	-11	6.96	-18	5.40	23	15.56	-65	145.29		4
	Kenya	KEN	-138	57.13	0	10.00	-2	9.39	37	17.72	0	12.00	-23	4.44	-163	110.68		5

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Some Team Photos



Morocco Open and Women's Teams: (L to R) Ikhadija Marrakchi, Hayat Hachimi, Leila Kabbaj, Leila Benmlih, Chafika Tak-Tak, Stephane Dahan, Fatim Lahlou, Mohammed Ammor, Ismail Chamar



Kenya Open Team (L to R) IRamula Shah, Chandrakant V Shah, Aruna Shah, Bhanumati Shah, Samina Ismail, Saleem Ud Deen



Reunion Open: (L to R) Gabriel Melin, Régine Wan Hoi, Patrick Hamel, Catherine Aouate, Jean-Luc Neulat, Christian Giraud



Egypt Women: (L to R) Nada Moussa, Nada Wattar, Catherine Pascal, Hoda Soliman, Marguerite Homsy, Dina Ali



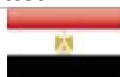
Kenya Women: (L to R) Sejal Shah, Vimla Virjee, Punam Shah, Bijal Shah, Samira Dedhia Soni, Rupal Shah



South Africa Women: (L to R) Nicola Bateman, Carol Stanton, Tas Nestoridis, Roz Bernstein, Sharon Lang, Venessa Armstrong



Tunisia Women: (L to R) Hedia Sellami, Jalila Ghodhbane, Meriem Daldoul, Maissa Farhani, Aicha Daldoul, Ferdous Trabelsi





Open Championship Day 4 Session 3 Egypt v Tunisia

The last match on Day 4 in the Open Championships, second and third placed teams, saw Egypt and Tunisia sit down to do battle.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 103		
♥ J1098		
♦ QJ95		
♣ 1043		
♠ AK72		♠ J85
♥ K754		♥ Q2
♦ 3		♦ 64
♣ J962		♣ AKQ875
	♠ Q964	
	♥ A63	
	♦ AK10872	
	♣ —	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ali	Hussein	Anis	Fouda
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
Double*	3♦	Pass	4♦
5♣	All Pass		
Dble	Both majors		

South led the ace of diamonds and switched to a small spade. To make your contract you must not lose a spade trick. What are the distributions that will allow this? Basically just two; doubleton ♠Q or ♠109 in the North hand. However with the lead of a spade you can play for South to hold the card, surely a better chance than the a priori probabilities. However declarer rose with the king and drew trumps while ruffing a diamond. He ran the rest of the trumps while South discarded four diamonds. At this point declarer can still make the contract if he plays a small heart towards dummy but he chose the queen and so South rose with the ace and played another heart locking declarer in dummy and so had to play spades from the top and so South made his ♠Q and took the contract one off

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hammam	Laassad	Noshy	Meddeb
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
Double	2♦	3♣	3♦
5♣	All Pass		

Declarer was not given the chance to show his skill at card reading as South led the ace of diamonds and followed it with the ace of hearts, thus giving declarer a discard of his losing spade. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A543		
♥ Q94		
♦ Q6		
♣ KQ98		
♠ KJ		♠ 10962
♥ 10		♥ J732
♦ KJ107432		♦ A9
♣ 432		♣ J105
	♠ Q87	
	♥ AK865	
	♦ 85	
	♣ A76	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ali	Hussein	Anis	Fouda
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♦	Double	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The Double was not alerted but was obviously a support double. West led a small club to the ♣8, jack and ace. Cashing the ace of trumps, noting the ♥10 on his left declarer unblocked the ♥9, a second trump to dummy's queen revealed the 4-1 split but declarer was able to finesse against East's jack and draw the last trump thanks to his foresight of playing the ♥9. He now cashed the clubs, noting with satisfaction that they broke 3-3 so a diamond loser was discarded. He now played the ace of spades and ducked the next round to West's king. Declarer knew the spade honour was there as





he had overcalled and he did not hold the ace and king of diamonds (he would have led that combination). Good reading for an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Laassad</i>	<i>Noshy</i>	<i>Meddeb</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Double	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Again a club was led and won in hand. The ace of trumps was cashed but declarer failed to unblock the ♥9 and so when the second heart was won in dummy the next heart was the ♥9 and when East refused to cover declarer was stuck in dummy and so tried a spade to the queen which lost to the king. Another club left declarer in dummy so a diamond was played, East rising with the ace and played another to West's king who put declarer back in dummy with yet another club. Declarer tried the thirteenth club but East ruffed and waited for his spade trick to take the contract down. 11 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ –		
♥ J874		
♦ QJ853		
♣ KJ62		
♠ KQ1076		♠ AJ542
♥ KQ1095		♥ 32
♦ 9		♦ 10762
♣ 109		♣ Q4
		♠ 983
		♥ A6
		♦ AK4
		♣ A8753

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ali</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>Anis</i>	<i>Fouda</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Double*	Redble	2♣*	Double
2♦*	5♣	5♠	Double
All Pass			
Dble	Clubs or majors		
2♣	relay		
2♦	majors		

Declarer lost his four top tricks and another heart in the wash and so was three off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Laassad</i>	<i>Noshy</i>	<i>Meddeb</i>
–	–	–	1♣
2♦*	Double	4♠	Double
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			
2♦	Majors		

The opening king of spades lead was ruffed in dummy. When trumps split 2-2 he could ruff another spade and had thirteen tricks. The Tunisian pair were the only ones to bid the slam and they gained 10 IMPs.

At the end of the match Egypt just edged it 11.76-8.24 VPs.

On Board 18 in this session the Kenyan ladies did well.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ AJ9863		
♥ 3		
♦ AKQJ6		
♣ Q		
♠ K105		♠ Q72
♥ 1064		♥ 9875
♦ 1074		♦ 852
♣ K942		♣ 1083
		♠ 4
		♥ AKQJ2
		♦ 93
		♣ AJ765.

West	North	East	South
<i>Moussa</i>	<i>S Shah</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Virjee</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
4♣	asking		
5♣	asking		

I assume asking means Blackwood. Declarer could ruff a spade in dummy and quickly wrap up thirteen tricks. These ladies were the only pair to reach a slam on this board – well done.





Open Championship Day 5 Session 1 Reunion v Tunisia

At the start of the last day of the Open Championship Reunion were lying in fifth position about 20 VPs behind Morocco who were in the important fourth spot. Reunion's first two matches were against lower placed opponents than those of Morocco and for the final match the two would be head to head, so a good chance for Reunion to reach the semi-finals. Their first hurdle was Tunisia.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ A653	
	♥ —	
	♦ A962	
	♣ KJ543	
♠ J1082	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ Q4
♥ 109863		♥ KJ752
♦ 1043		♦ QJ87
♣ 6		♣ AQ
	♠ K97	
	♥ AQ4	
	♦ K5	
	♣ 109872	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Touil</i>	<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Meddeb</i>	<i>Hamel</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
3♣ Game forcing			

The opening lead of the ♥10 was ducked and the continuation taken with the queen. A club finesse failed and another heart established the suit for the defence. Declarer tried another club but after taking the ace two more hearts were cashed to take the contract down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Melin</i>	<i>Ali</i>	<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Anis</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	2♥	Double*
4♥	5♣	All Pass	

The heart lead made it easy for declarer as he could now discard two spades in dummy and so only lose two trump tricks. On a spade or diamond lead can make the contract if he ruffs two hearts and two diamonds, cashes the top two spades and then exits in trumps and East has to give a ruff and discard. It would not be easy for declarer to read the cards so but it might well be his best chance. Note if West leads his little club declarer is without resource as East can take his trumps tricks and exit safely leaving declarer with three losers. 10 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 8		
	♥ A106542		
	♦ A75		
	♣ 843		
♠ KJ63	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ AQ94	
♥ 7		♥ K83	
♦ 84		♦ KJ1096	
♣ AKQ652		♣ 9	
	♠ 10752		
	♥ QJ9		
	♦ Q32		
	♣ J107		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Touil</i>	<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Meddeb</i>	<i>Hamel</i>
1♣	2♥	Double	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

I cannot understand West going on to the slam – his partner has basically said we are missing a couple of keycards. It will come as no surprise that the defence took two tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Melin</i>	<i>Ali</i>	<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Anis</i>
1♣	2♥	4♦*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
3♦	Game forcing 4+♠		





North led the ace of hearts and switched to a small diamond and declarer misguessed and so only made ten tricks. 12 IMPs to Reunion.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A83
♥ AQ1075
♦ 62
♣ A54

♠ 10764
♥ 9
♦ J1074
♣ J983

♠ K52
♥ J3
♦ AKQ93
♣ KQ7

♠ QJ9
♥ K8642
♦ 85
♣ 1062

W N E S

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Touil</i>	<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Meddeb</i>	<i>Hamel</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West showed three aces and the queen of hearts. It appears to me that West had only promised five hearts. If you want to play in slam it might well play better in no-trumps if the heart suit does not behave as is the case on this hand. The defence did not get off to the best of start when North led the ♥9 to the jack, king and ace. Declarer cashed the heart queen getting the bad news about the trump suit. He now played four rounds of diamonds, ruffing the fourth while South discarded two clubs. He then cashed his two black aces. Correctly believing South was now void in clubs he crossed to dummy

with a spade and led the established ♦9, ruffed by South, declarer discarding a club. South could now force declarer with another spade and make the last trick with his longer trump. Counter intuitively to succeed after cashing his aces declarer should lead a club, South must ruff this but has to give dummy the lead with a spade and there is now a trump coup against South's trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Melin</i>	<i>Ali</i>	<i>Neulat</i>	<i>Anis</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		
2♦	Game forcing		
2NT	Relay		

The superior contract was reached and after the queen of spades lead taken in hand the jack of hearts held the next trick which was followed by a heart to the ♥10. Declarer intended to duck a diamond to ensure his contract on a 4-2 diamond break but was pleasantly rewarded when the ♦9 held the next trick giving declarer all thirteen tricks. 14IMPs to Reunion.

At the end of the match Reunion had just held on to beat Tunisia 10.61-9.39 VPs. The good news for Reunion was that Morocco had near blitz and so the difference between the two teams was down to only 10 VPs.





Open Championship Day 5 Session 2 Egypt v Morocco

At the penultimate match of the Round Robin Egypt held a healthy lead but they were not yet sure of finishing in first place. A good win in this match against Morocco would remove any doubt for the final match.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A6	♠ QJ10752	♠ 93
♥ K7632	♥ J85	♥ Q9
♦ A109	♦ 64	♦ QJ73
♣ 653	♣ 87	♣ K10942
	♠ K84	
	♥ A104	
	♦ K852	
	♣ AQJ	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meddeb	Eber	Lasaad	Fick
1♥2♠	Double	4♠	
All Pass			

The opening queen of hearts was taken by dummy's ace. Small spade from dummy to queen held the trick. Another spade saw West take his ace, cash his king of hearts and exit in the suit. In hand with the ♥J a successful club finesse was taken, a trump back to hand allowed a second finesse and the ace of clubs provided a parking spot for one of the losing diamonds, meaning declarer had ten tricks. West needed to rise with the trump ace on the first round and then cash the king of hearts to give his partner a heart ruff and then the queen of diamonds will ensure two diamond tricks for the defence and the contract would have been two light.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Ali	Gower	Anis
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2NT	Strength ask		
3♣	Minimum		

As an aside if you are going to game regardless of partner's response why not go directly and not tell the defence anything about declarer's hand. The defence started with the ♦Q and declare was now without hope. When it held East tried his other queen which was taken in dummy. When a small trump was played West went in with his ace, cashed the king of hearts and gave his partner a heart ruff before they cashed another diamond for two off. 13 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q76	♠ K10852
♥ 103	♥ 96
♦ J1073	♦ K52
♣ K965	♣ J73
♠ A943	♠ J
♥ J8	♥ AKQ7542
♦ A64	♦ Q98
♣ AQ82	♣ 104

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meddeb	Eber	Lasaad	Fick
–	Pass	Pass	4♥
Double	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Two top hearts were followed by the ♦J taken in hand with the ace. A spade to the ace and third round to North's queen. A diamond exit went to dummy's ace and a small club was taken by North's king, the setting trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Ali	Gower	Anis
–	Pass	Pass	4♥
Double	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Two rounds of hearts were cashed before switching to the ♣10, taken immediately by dummy's ace. The ace of spades was cashed and declarer finessed against North's queen to bring the trump suit in





without loss. Dummy was entered and a club led towards hand saw North rise with his king. Now declarer had a discard for a losing diamond. 12 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 96	♠ K 10 5	♠ QJ8732
♥ A762	♥ 84	♥ KQJ95
♦ K	♦ J42	♦ 53
♣ KQ6432	♣ AJ987	♣ —
	♠ A4	
	♥ 103	
	♦ AQ109876	
	♣ 105	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meddeb	Eber	Lasaad	Fick
—	—	—	1♦
2♣	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	3NT	4♥	All Pass

The ace of diamonds was followed by the ♠10 covered by the queen and ace then ruffed in hand. A diamond ruffed in dummy and then a spade from table saw North play the ♠10 and declarer ducked. The jack of clubs went to dummy's king and a spade was won by South's ace. The diamond exit was ruffed in hand. A spade saw South ruff with the ♥10 and be overruffed with the ace. Declarer had a momentary blip when he decided to finish on a cross ruff and forgot that the ♥8 was still at large and ruffed a spade for one off. 12 IMPs to South Africa.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Ali	Gower	Anis
—	—	—	1♦
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Double	3♥	Pass
4♥	Double	All Pass	

South led the ♥3 and it was followed by the ♥2, ♥4 and declarer had the inestimable pleasure of winning the first trick with the ♥5! The queen of spades from hand was taken by South's ace. Taking the trump exit in hand with the king declarer played a diamond taken by South with his ace. The diamond continuation was ruffed in dummy and

a spade played towards hand and when North rose with ace declarer was home. 12 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 63	♠ J107	♠ A2
♥ AQ	♥ J10875	♥ 9642
♦ A74	♦ Q5	♦ 108632
♣ AJ7632	♣ 1054	♣ Q8
	♠ KQ9854	
	♥ K3	
	♦ KJ9	
	♣ K9	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meddeb	Eber	Lasaad	Fick
—	1NT	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

A small diamond lead to the ♦9, queen and ace, a small spade towards dummy saw East play his ace and continue with a diamond but West did not have a singleton diamond and when the trumps behaved kindly declarer had twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Ali	Gower	Anis
—	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

The poor slam (only about 33%) was not reached, but of course the same favourable trump lie was here and so declarer made twelve tricks but lost 13 IMPs to South Africa.

At the end of the match South Africa had taken advantage of every opportunity and won handsomely 19.43-0.57 VPs to guarantee themselves first place.





Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:



Play Links

Each category will have its own playing link (Open teams link – Women teams link .. etc.
Play links will be posted to the captains' WhatsApp group and will be also posted to the ABF website at the following link

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page24

Click the Match number, official start time or Session open time of your category to join the game. The game will be open to players 30 min before the official start time.

1. Open, Women & Mixed Categories.

For the Semi-final, Final and play-off sessions, It has been decided that:

- The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 2 and 4 in the Semi-final match.
- The team ranked lower after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 1 and 3 in the Semi-Final match.
- The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in session 2 in the Final or Play-off match.
- If Morocco team qualify to the final match in any category, there will be a 4 Segments play-off match between the semi-final losers to determine the team to qualify to Marrakesh.

2. All Africa Pairs tie-break procedure

If two pairs or more have the same cumulative score after the end of the 2nd session or 4th Session, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- A. The pair with the higher score in the 2nd / 4th session shall determine the final ranking.
- B. Mutual boards between the tied pairs - if applicable -

3. Teams Events ... Last RR

The last Round Robin for all categories shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played rounds.

4. Click the link below for instructions

[Alert Procedures - Undo Procedures - General Instructions](#)

5. Play instructions and Schedule of play ...

- A. When you log on to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team name written in one of the Tables.
- B. All team members are required **to sit at their table (all together)** in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.





that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

8. Time delay and hesitation

- It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.
- It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

9. Home & Visiting teams

- When you log in to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.
- All team members are required to sit at their table (all together) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.
- In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)
- NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs NS and EW), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

10. Headphones / Earphones

In order to minimize the noise in the venue as much as possible...

- It is mandatory for each player to have his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play
- Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.
- Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.
- You need to be very careful when using the table chat as you might give an unauthorized information to your partner which could results in adjusted score by the TD.

11. Kibitzers

- Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at 1) the playing venue, 2) RealBridge online playing room.
- All players are required to immediately leave the playing area when they finish their session, players are also kindly asked to keep their seats and not roam around the playing area.
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determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

8. Time delay and hesitation

- It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.

- It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

9. Home & Visiting teams

- When you log in to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.
- All team members are required to sit at their table (all together) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.
- In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)
- NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs NS and EW), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

10. Headphones / Earphones

In order to minimize the noise in the venue as much as possible...

- It is mandatory for each player to have his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play
- Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.
- Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.
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- At the RealBridge kibitzer website, you can find the live broadcasted matches and also all the other matches scheduled for broadcast.
- For security reasons, all broadcasted matches will be delayed by 30-45 min.

12. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

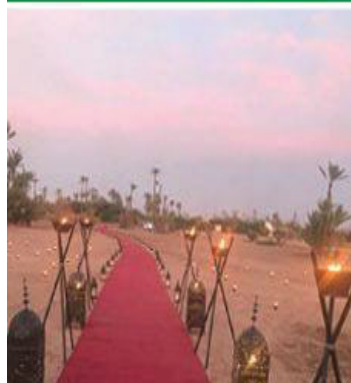
We must act as if we were playing these championships "live", therefore, the following is strictly forbidden during play:

- Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the monitor.
- Eating (even if only biscuits)
- Drinking Alcohol
- Smoking
- Going to the WC without permission
- Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defense.

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**Registration and Opening Ceremony on 19 August*





Roster - Open Teams

Egypt

Captain

Ahmed Zayed

Wael Adel

Raafat El Sayyad

Ahmed Hussein

Motaz Fouda

Sherif Noshay

Moaz Hammam

Kenya

Captain

Bhanumati Shah

Samina Ismail

Ramula Shah

Samina Esmail

Saleem Ud Deen

Aruna Shah

Chandrakant V Shah

Morocco

Captain

Fatim Lahlou

Mohammed Adnane Ammor

Ismail Chamar

Stephane Dahan

Fatim Lahlou

Pierre Sibony

Reunion

Captain

Patrick Hamel

Patrick Hamel

Christian Giraud

Gabriel Melin

Jean-Luc Neulat

Catherine Aouate

Régine Wan Hoi

South Africa

Captain

Hennie Fick

Neville Eber

Hennie Fick

Alon Apteker

Craig Gower

Bernard Donde

Robert Stephens

Tunisia

Captain

Hassouna Ben Abdelmalek

Skander Touil

Ahmed Meddeb

Anis Ghodhbane

Mohamed Ali Lakhdhar

Omar Meddeb

Lassad Jedidi





Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain

Dina El Awady

Nada Wattar

Catherine Pascal

Hoda Soliman

Hoda Soliman

Marguerite Homsy

Nada Moussa

Kenya

Captain

Bijal Shah

Bijal Shah

Punam Shah

Samira Dedhia Soni

Rupal shah

Sejal Shah

Vimla Virjee

Morocco

Captain

Hayat Hachimi

Hayat Hachimi

Leila Kabbaj

Samira Teber

Grazellia Nabil

Leila Benmlih

Khadija Marrakchi

South Africa

Captain

Roz Bernstein

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Vanessa Armstrong

Carol Stanton

Nicky Bateman

Tas Nestoridis

Tunisia

Captain

Mohamed Rebai

Ferdaous Trabelsi

Maissa Farhani

Hedia Sellami

Jalila Ghodhbane

Meriem Daldoul

Aicha Daldoul





RealBridge Playing Instructions

First : Log in , Lobby, at the table and Settings

1. To join any RealBridge game you will need a **LINK**

2. All the play links will be available on ABF website

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page24

AND you might also receive it by mail.

3. Click the link and you will be redirected to the log on page of our game which looks like the next figure ...

Notice that your video should appear in the right bottom corner of the page and mic volume showing that it works.

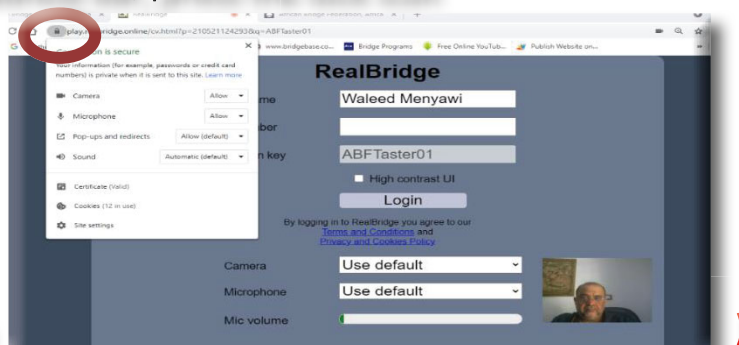
4. If you can't see your video then you need to allow your browser to use your cam and mic, do as follows to allow it

5. From Goggle Chrome and just before the address bar, press the lock icon

6. Allow cam and allow mic.

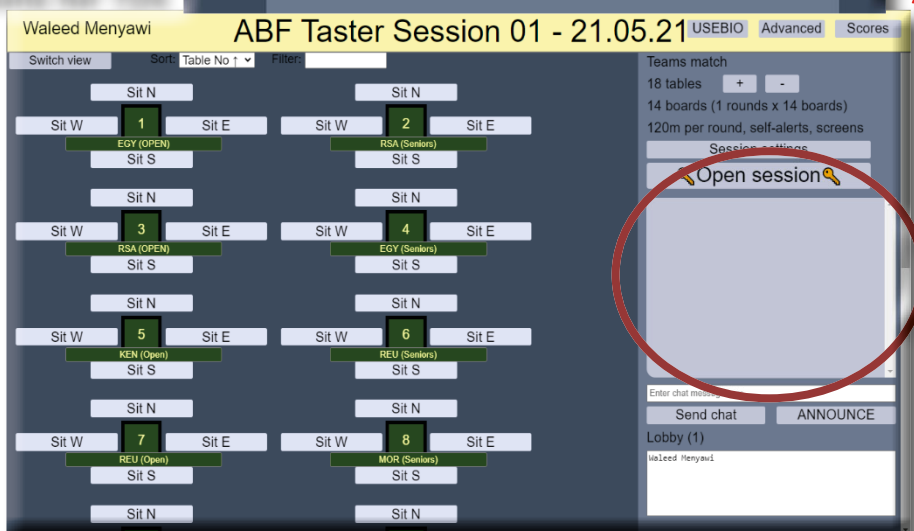
7. Write your name in the required field and press login – nothing else is to be done- **NO ID number will be used, (leave it blank)**

8. When you logged in you will see the lobby which almost looks like the following figure (**but this figure includes extra buttons for TDs**)



Notice the lobby chat window to the right.

Keep an eye to the Lobby chat
- **For important announcements**





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9. Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit (Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W)
10. Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.

Volume control for your partner.

Table 1
Rd 1 / 3
6m

WEST
12

4

5 NT 5♠ 5♥ 5♦
6 NT 6♠ 6♥ 6♦ 6♣
7 NT 7♠ 7♥ 7♦ 7♣

PASS X

Stephen Peterkin

Sam Punch

Private chat with left-hand opponent. You can chat privately only with the opponents, not partner

Volume control for left-hand opponent. You have a separate volume control for each player. This only affects what you hear.

Volume control for right-hand opponent.

Private chat with right-hand opponent.

Alert

Last trick Undo
Auction Director
Claim Leave

Andy Bowles

Disable/enable your video.

Disable / enable your microphone. Use this when you're on the phone!

Hide / unhide the other players' videos. Use this if you have a poor connection.

Redial. Restarts audio and video connections. Use it if the connection fails, or if your video or audio gets out of sync.

Settings

"Detailed cards" shows pictures of cards; "Simplified cards" are schematic and have larger symbols

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are defending.

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are declaring.

Choose the way you make bids and plays. With "Two taps", the first tap selects the card, then the second tap confirms. "Double click" means that you make two fast clicks.

Display style

- ☒ Detailed cards
- ☐ Simplified cards

As defender, see dummy

- ☐ Facing declarer
- ☒ Facing me

As declarer, see dummy as

- ☐ Vertical suits (facing declarer)
- ☒ Horizontal hand

Input style

- ☒ One click or tap
- ☐ Two taps (tablet)
- ☐ Double click (mouse)

Deal animation

Slide

Animation duration

This controls how a new hand arrives at the beginning of each deal. Choose an effect, or set to "None" to have the hand simply appear.

If you have an animation enabled, use the slider to control how long the animation lasts.

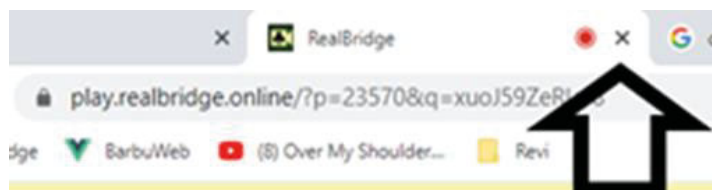
OK Cancel





11. After we play all boards



Leave RealBridge, close the tab. See the small X? just click it.



12. Can Use and Can't use

Can Use	Can't use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows laptop Windows desktop MacBook or another Apple laptop iMac or another Apple desktop Chromebook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smartphone Old iPads, older than 2018.

You must use one of these web browsers (you probably are using one of them!):

Can Use ü	Can't use û
<p>Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari. The logo must look like one of these – exactly as below. If it looks different, you are using an out-of-date version. <i><u>If you are choosing amongst your browsers, we advise that you chose something other than Firefox.</u></i></p>	<p>Internet Explorer (notice the gold band) The old EDGE (see shape of the e)</p>
	

Second : Bidding, Play, Alert and System

13. **At the start** of any session, All the team members are required to be seated at the same table (Table with the **team name label**), the system will automatically move the EW pairs to the opponents table when we start the session **and will send them back to their home table when both tables finish playing the boards.**

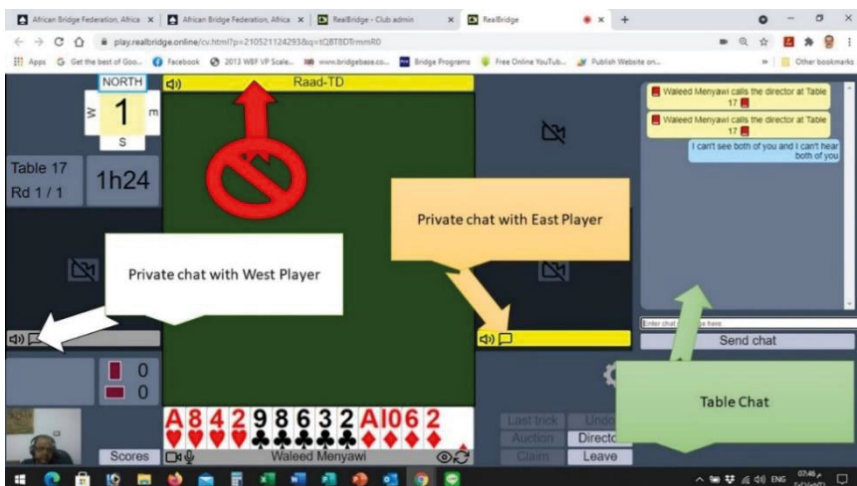
14. **Private chat and Table chat**

- It is strongly recommended to use the chat rather than the vocal chat; the TDs will not take into consideration any vocal explanation if you have any case.
- I will show you now, 2 figures and will appoint to you where to find the table chat (where the 4 players can see your chat) and where to find the private chat where you can chat privately with one of your opponents (not your partner of-course 😊).





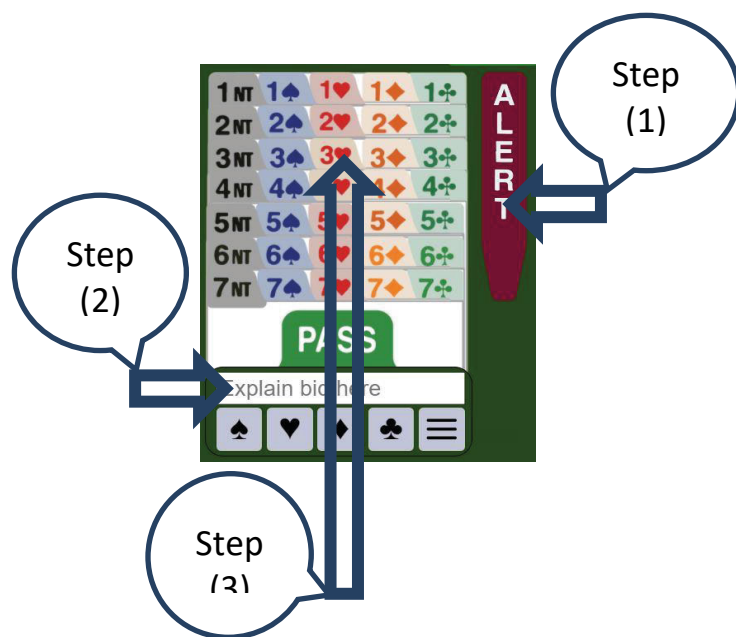
When you are at Full Screen mode



When you are at normal view (NOT Full Screen mode

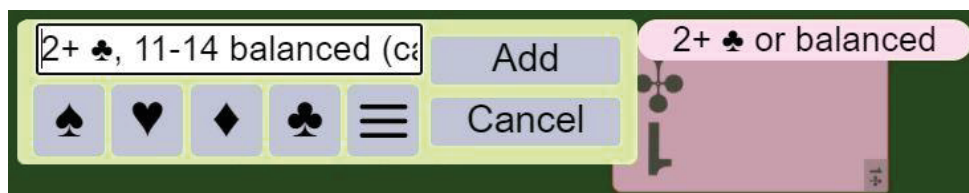
15. Self-alert and self-explanation proper procedure:

1. Click alert (if required)
2. Write / Put in explanation
3. Make bid

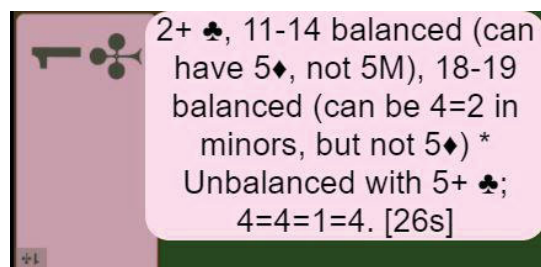




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.



The added text will appear after an asterisk *. The time in seconds between when the bid was **made** and the added explanation was **submitted** is presented after the added text in the square brackets, for this example, 26 seconds. The character limit on explanations is 200 characters.



16. System

All teams are required to write a brief about their system at the table chat box before the start of first board in each match.

