



A brief guide to Point-a-Board teams

Point-a-Board teams' events are usually run with multiple teams' movements, although there are other possibilities such as Swiss, but the real difference comes in the scoring.

For each board you get two points if you win it (ie if the sum of your two pairs' scores is positive), one for a draw (exactly the same score at each table), and none if you lose.

This is just like matchpoint scoring, but only two tables are being compared - what the rest of the field does is of no importance to you at Point-a-Board. For this reason your tactics should be much more like those at match-pointed pairs than at IMP-scored teams.

Small differences matter a lot, meaning that over-tricks are very important, as is bidding the right game. If you score +630 in 3NT+1, and at the other table they played in 4H= for +620, you have won the board.

For a more detailed analysis of Point-a-Board teams, see [David Gold's article](#) in the June 2013 edition of *English Bridge* or [Brian Senior's article](#) on the EBU website.

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