

BBO Friends Bridge Ladder

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1. All pairs wishing to participate will initially be ranked randomly on a ladder.
2. Any pair joining the challenge ladder after the start date of Sunday 19th July 2020 will join the ladder at the bottom.
3. The playing week is Sunday to Saturday. The ladder will be updated once a week and published sometime between Sunday and Wednesday evening .
4. A pair will be able to challenge another pair up to three places higher in the most recently published ladder.
5. After an unsuccessful challenge, the defeated pair may issue a re-challenge once the ladder has been updated, provided the challenge still complies with Rule 4.
6. Once a challenge has been made and a date and time agreed, the challenging pair should confirm the challenge date and time by email. Do not send a copy of the email to the administrator.
7. If due to personal circumstances (holidays etc) the challenged pair is unable to agree a match date within three weeks of the challenge, the challengers can claim a match concession, They should advise the challenged pair of their intention to do so. The claim should be emailed to the administrator no sooner than three weeks after the date of the challenge, with a copy to the challenged pair.
8. The scorer for the challenger pair should host the table and issue invites to the other players at the start of the match. The host is responsible for ensuring that the table is set for Match Point scoring. However all four players should check this on the table screen before play commences. Once the match is in progress the scoring method cannot be changed.
9. The host is responsible for ensuring that all four players are in position and communicating by chat before the match commences, and for restoring play in the event that one or more players is disconnected. To assist the host in restoring play, each player should have their phone and the contact numbers of the other players to hand.
10. Failure of a player to arrive at the table within 10 minutes after the agreed time will result in a forfeit of the match, except in extenuating circumstances accepted by your opponents. Forgetting is not a good reason for asking for a delay in the start time.
11. A match shall consist of at least twelve boards, but can be more subject to agreement prior to commencement of the match. If due to unforeseen circumstances a match terminates before twelve boards have been completed then, provided at least eight boards have been completed, the pair leading at that point are deemed to have won the match. If fewer than eight boards have been completed then the match shall be declared void.
12. The result of the match will be either WIN or LOSE, based on the final Match Point score Although the score box on the screen gives a good indication of which pair has won the match, the final binding result is that which is shown in the BBO Hand Record for the match. As a precaution in case the Hand Record System goes down, you should agree a provisional result with your opponents using BBO 'Chat' before leaving the table.
13. The scorer for the winning pair should email the result to the administrator within 24 hours, with a copy to the other three players of the match. The result should just how the match date and time, the names of the two pairs, who won, and the match score (Pair A + 54%, Pair B -46%).
14. Results will be collated and the ladder updated and published on the NG34Bridge website sometime between Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. The ladder update process will be carried out match by match in the order in which matches have been played.

