

## YCBA online Spring Swiss Pairs 2020

Starting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, the YCBA will be running a Spring Swiss Pairs event open to all players who are members of affiliated clubs. As our bridge clubs are closed for the foreseeable future, this will be taking place on Bridge Base Online and master points will be awarded based on each pairs' final position. The rules for the event can be found in the attached conditions of contest.

The event will run for 3 weeks and each pair will play 2 matches a week in a swiss format with match pointed scoring which will be converted on the Victory Point scale to a score of up to 20-0 in line with the EBU conversion chart as happens in the normal swiss pairs events. This method has been trialled with members of Leeds Bridge club and has been both very successful and enjoyable.

Matches can be played any time to suit all 4 players involved from the time the draw is produced until the closing time. Due to the nature of the event, players will not play the same hands as other competitors.

Match assignments will be issued on a Sunday evening and a Thursday evening each week and the deadline for sending in results will be 7pm on the closing day allowing time for the new assignments to be issued. If all results are in before the deadline, the next assignments will be posted earlier.

At the end of 3 weeks, each pair will have played 6 matches and have a score out of 120VPs as they would have at the end of a 6 round swiss event that would normally be played over 1 day.

### Schedule

Match 1 - 1-4 June

Match 2 - 5-7 June

Match 3 - 8-11 June

Match 4 - 12-14 June

Match 5 - 15-18 June

Match 6 - 19-21 June

There is an entry fee of £5 per player and an entry form is attached. Please note that the closing date for entries is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We have a **limit of 300 pairs** for this event so it is advisable to get entries in sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. The latest event open only to players from Leeds Bridge club attracted more than 50 pairs.

On the evening of Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, there will be a zoom call to officially launch the start of the event and an invitation will be issued when entries close to all those taking part. This will be a chance to ask any questions and cover off any final points. If necessary, I will run more than 1 zoom call on that evening to allow all who want to be involved to join in.

If you have any questions, please email me at [onlinecomps@ycba.co.uk](mailto:onlinecomps@ycba.co.uk) and I will endeavour to respond on the same day.

Best regards and stay safe,

Oliver Cowan  
Online Tournament Administrator

