

RealBridge Teams of 8 Setup

A team of 8 match can be setup in advance by anyone with access to your clubs RealBridge Admin account. One person can setup any number of team matches, they don't need to be playing in a match. Any number of team matches can be setup in a single RealBridge session with any number of Directors/Deputy Directors, but here we'll be looking at 1 match per session.

You don't have to have a camera and a microphone to play on RealBridge, you can play without both and the experience will be very much like playing on Bridge Base Online (BBO). See this link [RealBridge with Real People](#)

Realbridge accounts are free, you only pay for the games you play. If you don't already have a RealBridge account, to get one all you have to do is play a couple of times on RealBridge and attend a RealBridge training session on Zoom (approximately 1hr). RealBridge hold regular 8-board taster sessions for players, see <https://realbridge.online/try-realbridge.html>. It is probably as well that any players that have never played on RealBridge do a taster session.

You must have a "config file" downloaded to your computer before you start, a "config file" is available to download from the YCBA website or you can be emailed one. You don't need to open the "config file", you just need to download it to your computer then upload it to the session, if you do want to open the config file, it is a "json file" that can be opened with "Notepad".

Go to the RealBridge website.

Click on Club Admin and Login.

Create a session by clicking on the calendar icon and clicking on the date the session is to be played. Enter a "Session description" e.g. A for A Team. Click on the "Start session" button and it will generate 3 links at the bottom of the screen for the Players, Deputy Directors, and Directors.

The Director's link is used by the person setting up the match, which we will look at next, and by the home team captain during the match, which is covered in the Home Team Captain guide.

To setup a match click on the Directors link. Put your full name in the "Full Name" box, and your EBU number in the "ID number" box, then click "Login".

You will see the default setting is for 1 table playing a "Mitchell" "Pairs".

Don't go into Session Settings.

Upload the config file by clicking on the "Advanced" button (top right) then on "Choose File", select the config file from wherever you saved it, and click OK, then close the Advanced settings window.

You will now see that it is setup for a Round robin teams, with 4 tables, playing 4 rounds of 8 boards, with the home team sat on tables 1 and 3, and the away team sat on tables 2 and 4.

You can change the names in the title and on the tables to the team names if you want.

If you "don't" play in one of the top 3 division, you are not required to play the same hands as the other teams in your division, so you don't need to do anything about the hands, RealBridge will generate a random set of hands and ensure that everyone plays the correct hands, all the home team captain must do is see that their players swap seats between rounds 2 and 3, i.e., North/South move to East/West on their own table and vice versa. The away team (even numbered tables) must remain seated as they are.

If you "do" play in one of the top 3 divisions which requires you to play the same hands as the other teams in your division, you will receive the pbn file by email which you must download to your computer ready to upload to the session, this can be done during or after the session set up. When you receive the pbn file downloaded it to your computer, go into "Session Settings", click on "Choose File", and select the pbn file from wherever you saved it, click OK, then click OK again to close the Session Settings window. RealBridge will ensure that everyone plays the correct hands, all the home team captain must do is see that their players swap seats between rounds 2 and 3, i.e., North/South move to East/West on their own table and vice versa. The away team (even numbered tables) must remain seated as they are.

Click on "Open session"

We must now send the home team captain the Directors and Deputy Directors links and make a link available for the players. Go back to the RealBridge Admin, right click on the Players link, and click "Copy link", then paste the link onto your website.

Right click on the Directors link and click "Copy link", then paste the link into an email, repeat for the Deputy Directors link and make it clear which link is which, send the email to the home team captain.

Alternatively, all the links can be emailed to the home team captain instead of putting the Players on the website.

Repeat the setup for however many teams you have.

After the match has been played

Go back into the session using the Director link and click on the "USEBIO" button this will put the xml and pbn files into the chat window. Download the xml and pbn files to your computer, these can then be uploaded to your website if you want. Please note the results in these files will be slightly different to those submitted to the EBU because they will have been calculated using the online method of combining 2 table then converting to imp's whereas the results submitted to the EBU should have been calculated using the F2F method of combining all 4 table then converting to imp's.

Once you have downloaded the xml and pbn files to your computer you must delete the session, don't worry players will still be able to use their links to access the results. To delete the session, click on the "Advanced" button then click the "Destroy session" button twice.