

Home Team Captain

When you play teams of 8 F2F the match is usually directed by the members of the teams. On RealBridge any number of home and away team players can be designated as Directors who must login using the Deputy Directors link so that they can visit any table (visiting another table is done by leaving their own table and clicking on the middle of the table they want to visit).

The Players can login using the Players link, but the Home Team Captain must login using the Directors link so they can click the 'Start/Continue round' button at the start and after 8, 16, and 24 boards, the home team captain doesn't need to be a Director, but they must login using the Directors link.

At the outset agree with the opposition captain who the Designated Directors are, if the timer is to be used, and if Self-alerts and written explanations are to be used.

The home team captain will receive by email from the person who has set up the match, the Players, Deputy Directors, and Directors links, and an explanation of how to find the Players link on the home team website (if applicable).

The home team captain must email the home team players and the away team captain with the Players link and let them know where to find the Players link on the home team website (if applicable).

The home team captain will also have to email their designated directors and the away team captain with the Deputy Directors link.

The away team captain will need to email their players with the Players link and let them know where the Players link is on the home team's website (if applicable) and email their designated directors with the Deputy Directors link.

If you want to set the timer in a Round Robin 2x½, after the config file has been uploaded, set it for half the number of boards in a round. So, your timer will need to be sufficient for 8 boards, so roughly 60 mins, or whatever you are comfortable with. You can set this in session settings.

If you want 'Self-alerts and written explanations' in a Round Robin 2x½, after the config file has been uploaded, go into session settings then 'Options' and put a tick in the box for 'Self-alerts and written explanations'.

All links can also be used to access the results on RealBridge after the match has finished.

Play

Login about 15 minutes before the match start time.

Don't worry that the setup says 2 rounds of 16 boards, RealBridge will automatically switch opponents halfway through round 1, at the start of round 2, and halfway through round 2, so after 8, 16, and 24 boards, so you will effectively be playing 4 rounds of 8 boards.

If you are playing a rescheduled match and you want to play 24 boards, go into the "Session settings" and change the number of boards per round to 12 if it hasn't already been done.

A team of 8 players is made up of 2 tables of 4 players. The home team sit at the home team tables, and the away team sit at the away team tables.

The home team captain must ensure that all players are seated correctly.

When everything is ready the Home Team Captain will click 'Start Round 1'.

All the players will be returned to their home tables halfway through round 1 (after 8 boards).

When everything is ready the Home Team Captain will click "Continue Round" and the round will restart with new opponents.

At the end of round 1 (16 boards) all the players will be returned to their home tables again, and there will be a break.

After the break, when everything is ready the Home Team Captain will click "Start Round 2".

All the players will be returned to their home tables halfway through round 2 (after 24 boards).

When everything is ready the Home Team Captain will click "Continue Round" and the round will restart with new opponents.

Scoring

The IMP scores in RealBridge can be used because they are now calculated in the same way as when you are playing F2F. Convert to VP's using the "Amended VP Scale 01 July 2021-" and agree the score with your opponents.

Post-Match

To check the Scores, cross-IMPs, hands, optimum contracts, bidding, and replay a hand on RealBridge use the link you used to login, and login again.

In the top righthand corner click on "Scores" to see the scores.

In the top lefthand corner of this new window click on "the 3 bars" to see the cross-IMPs.

In the new window, scroll down to see the boards, click on a board to see the results for that board, the hands, and a matrix of the optimum contracts, use the arrow buttons in the top righthand corner of the new window to move to the next or previous board.

Click on a contract in the "Contract" column to see the hands, bidding, and to replay the hand using the forward and back buttons or the slider at the bottom of this new window.

Alternatively, when you have logged in click on your seat, and if your teammates do it at the same time you can discuss it with them and the same functionality as above is available from there.