

RealBridge Teams of 8 Setup

A team of eight 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 for teams of eight it is best to keep it to one match per session.

You must have a 'config file' downloaded to your computer before you start the setup. Config files use the 'json' format, unfortunately, 'Json' and 'txt' files cannot be uploaded to the YCBA website, if you need a 'config file' please contact a member of the League Committee, and we will email you 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 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 three 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 one table playing a 'Mitchell' 'Pairs'.

Don't go into Session Settings.

Upload the config file by clicking on the 'Advanced' button then on 'Load & export', then on 'Load config 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 (2x½), auto-switch T8" with 4 tables, playing 2 rounds of 16 boards, don't worry that it 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 twenty-four boards, go into the 'Session settings' and change the number of boards per round to twelve.

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

Matches played on RealBridge will not be included in the XIMP analysis, so you don't need to do anything with the hands, RealBridge will generate a random set of hands and ensure that everyone plays the correct hands.

Click on "Open session"

You must now distribute the Directors, Deputy Directors, and Players links. To do this go back to the RealBridge Admin.

All the links can be emailed to the home team captain for them to distribute, but one of the advantages of putting at least the Players link on your website is that anyone will be able to use that link to go into the match afterwards and look at the results. Another advantage of putting the Players link on your website is that if the captain's email out the Players link, some players will claim they haven't received the email when it has gone into their junk folder.

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 and Player's link's and make it clear which link is which, explain how to find the Players link on your website, and send the email to the home team captain.

Send a second email to the home team captain to let them know you have sent the email with the links and if they haven't received it to check their junk folder.

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.

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 'End session' button, then click the 'Destroy session' button twice.