

III. International Mixed-Teams Tournament

- When? (01st) 02nd-03rd. January 2021
- Where? BBO
- What? Mixed-Teams Tournament organized by German Bridge Federation (DBV)
- How? Registration in teams of at least 4 players. You can add unlimited players during the event. There must always be two mixed partnerships playing. The timetable is flexible. There are fixed sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, each team can play any number of optional rounds. Optional are the whole Friday, early morning, break and evening rounds.
- Procedere: Each team must submit its individual schedule by Thursday (Dec 31st). Coordinate with your team members in advance. A subsequent change is very difficult to make and could lead to a bye for another team. We set up a timetable and make sure that all teams get roughly equally strong opponents and, of course, only play in rounds that they have previously selected. The fixed rounds on Saturday and all optional rounds are thus scheduled in advance. The fixed rounds on Sunday are played using the delayed Swiss system. There will be a cut after the last preliminary round. Then the average of the VP achieved so far counts. At this point the extra points are calculated (*) --> see page 2! The first eight teams play one more round Swiss, other teams may play another optional round for places 9-x.
In the last round the teams 1-2 and 3-4 will play each other. (**) --> see page 2!
- Implementation: We have two professional tournament directors with EBL and WBF approval. Kuba Kasprzak (BBO-Nick: kubusiu), Aleksander Krych (BBO-Nick: Krych)
Organizing team members are:
DBV Chairperson Marie Eggeling (BBO-Nick: marabelle)
Thomas Gotard (BBO-Nick: Tomi2)
And the BBO-Germany Team with Michael Gromöller (Blade) and Dominik Kettel (DBV_07)
- Each team nominates a captain. You get access to Google documents where you can enter your team, and find all relevant Information. We play ten boards per round.
- The directors will setup a website with all information about matches, results, hand records etc. Your captain enters your line-up at least 15 minutes before the start of your match. Our TDs will set up the matches for you.
- Costs: To allow three days of smooth running and to give the tournament a certain seriousness, we would like to charge an entry fee of 40€ from each team. This covers essentially the costs for the tournament leaders (expense allowance). Junior teams may play free of charge. Should we end up with more income than expenses, the winning team may name a charitable purpose to which the difference will be donated.
- Prize money: There is no prize money.
- Details: Before the cut, we will check if you have an above average number of strong or weak
Opponents (*) opponents during the tournament. This can happen due to the movement. For every match you play against an opponent with a tournament average of over 12 VP, you receive "his average minus 12" VP bonus. For each match you play against an opponent with an average of less than 8 VP, you get "8 VP minus his average" VP deduction. For example, if you played a round against a team with a 13.5 VP tournament average, you will receive 1.5 bonus points. For example, if you played two rounds against a team with 7.5 VP tournament average, you receive $2 \times 0.5 = 1.0$ VP deduction

Number of matches:	<p>There are 8 fixed rounds on Saturday and Sunday and two final rounds. If you cannot participate in all of them, it would also be possible to add another pair to your team or join an existing team. There are also a total of 18 optional rounds, in which those teams that like to play a lot can play against like-minded teams.</p> <p>10-12 is the optimal number of matches in this period. Teams that would like to play less might have an advantage, because it can be easier to achieve a high average if you play fewer matches. For the teams with an average of more than 10 VP who have not played rounds 9, and 10 will receive an artificial score of 10 VP for these matches. As a result, the average for these teams may fall slightly. Teams that want to play (significantly) more than 12 rounds will find it mathematically more difficult to maintain a high average. From the 13th match onwards, bonus points are therefore awarded: 0.1 VP for match 13; 0.2 VP for match 14, 0.3 VP for match 15 etc. but limited to 1VP/match A team that plays all 26 rounds gets 9.5 VP bonus</p>
Bonus points:	All positive bonus points and negative deductions are added after the last preliminary round and used to set up the final rounds.
Final rounds	<p>Sunday, 18:00 (CET) top 8 teams play one more round Swiss. Teams who missed the cut may play another round optionally. Teams, who sit out, get an average score (but maximum 10 VP).</p> <p>At 19:30 (CET) Teams 1+2 play for the gold and silver medal, teams 3+4 play for the bronze medal. These matches count twice to determinate the final average.</p>
Late changes to the schedule:	<p>During the tournament, it is difficult to cancel a scheduled match Up to four hours before the match, you can ask the tournament directors for a change. schedule We will then try to find another opponent for the team without opponent. Your team will receive 8 VP for this round (or your average if it is <8)</p> <p>Unexcused non-appearance leads to a 12-0 score in favour of the innocent team. (AVE+) If one of your team members drops out at short notice, you can spontaneously name and set up a substitute player. The tournament directors may be able to find you someone.</p>