

Welcome to the Sydney BC Labour Day Online Swiss Pairs Congress

*This is Sydney BC's first online Congress. We hope you have an enjoyable time.
Please read the following information carefully.*

Note: Daylight Saving comes into operation in NSW on Sunday, October 4

Preparation

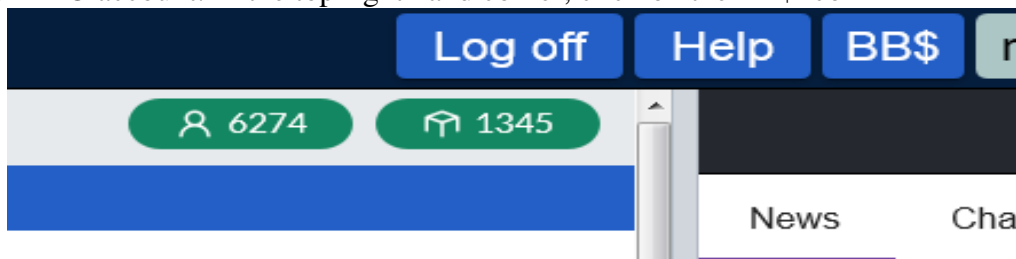
1) If you do not yet have a BBO account, you will need to create one. <https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>
Click on "Become a member (free)"

2) Make sure that your username is registered on the ABF Mailing List. To check, go to:
<http://www.abfevents.com.au/bbo.asp>

If your username is not registered, go to: <http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/>

3) Make sure that you have at least BB\$12 in your BBO account in order to pay your entry fee for the Congress

Log in to your BBO account. In the top right hand corner, click on the BB\$ icon



Enter the details as required to make your purchase.

4) Enter the Congress:

To do this, you need to log on to BBO at any time after 8.00am on Saturday. Both you and your partner need to be logged on in order to enter.

- Click on Virtual Clubs



- Click on ABF - Australia



Under the Pending heading, click on either:

vABF9946

#59245 Pairs Sydney BC Open Swiss

Starts: 10:15 Mon Oct 05 2020

or

vABF9981

#59259 Pairs Sydney BC Restricted Swiss

Starts: 10:15 Mon Oct 05 2020

or

vABF9982

#59282 Pairs Sydney BC Novice Swiss

Starts: 10:15 Mon Oct 05 2020

***** 5) **VERY IMPORTANT** *****

Both you and your partner must be logged on to BBO at 10.15 am. When you log on, make sure that the *Invisible* box is NOT ticked. Also, do NOT go to the Casual area on BBO while waiting for the game to start. This is because if you are in the Casual area, BBO thinks that you are not logged on.

If you are not both logged on at start time, your entry will be cancelled. Unfortunately, if this happens, the BBO technology is such that there is nothing we can do to let you play. You will not be charged.

Other information

Format

Six 8 board rounds with a lunch break of about 40 minutes after Round 3.

IMP scored Swiss Pairs, but with a small difference to usual Swiss - you may play a pair more than once. (For each new round, first always plays against second, third v fourth, etc.)

Round start times

You will be automatically taken to your table at the start of each round. Just like at a real life Congress, there will be a delay between rounds. *Please do not log off from BBO during the day.* If you are disconnected at any time, just log back in and you will be returned to your table.

The round start times are:

10.15

11.15

12.15

1.45

2.45

3.45

We will finish before 4.45

Systems

Open: Yellow systems are not permitted.

Restricted and Novice: only Green and Blue systems are allowed

Tablet users

As a courtesy to your fellow players and the directors, if you are playing on a tablet, please change the display settings so that the time before it goes to sleep is at least 20 minutes

Appropriate behaviour

The highest level of ethical behaviour is expected of all players. It is illegal for the members of a pair to communicate during a hand via any means other than chat to the full table. The BBO software includes facilities for identifying examples of potential illegal communication. Players who are subsequently found to have engaged in illicit or unauthorised communication will be the subject of disciplinary action under the NSWBA Congress Disciplinary Regulations.

Results

Unofficial results will appear on the BBO website soon after you finish. Official results will be available about 15 minutes after the last table finishes at:

<http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/res.asp?yr=2020&dir=congress/sbc>

The official results website can only be updated once the event is over. We regret we are unable to produce live round-by-round details.

Interstate Entries

Please note that in general, New South Wales online Congresses are restricted to players with a home club in NSW or the ACT. Exceptions will be made for players who have recently relocated from interstate and still retain an interstate home club. Also, clubs in border areas may accept entries by players from interstate clubs who would commonly play in their real life Congresses.

Technical problems on Monday

If you experience problems on Monday, please log in to BBO, search for vABF9981 and send a chat message which will be answered. Do NOT use the Sydney Bridge Centre contact phone numbers on the day. Either the call will not be answered or, if it is, they will not be able to help you.