

NVBA Lecture Series – Introduction to Swiss Teams

See Also:

ACBL Team Private Score -- <http://www.baronbarclay.com/product/168/team-supplies>

INTERNATIONAL MATCHPOINT SCALE		ACBL Team Private Score								Team Number			
Diff. in Pts.	IMPs	Bd. No.	Contract	Score +	Score -	IMPs +	IMPs -	Bd. No.	Contract	Score +	Score -	IMPs +	IMPs -
20 - 40	1												
50 - 80	2												
90 - 120	3												
130 - 160	4												
170 - 210	5												
220 - 260	6												
270 - 310	7												
320 - 360	8												
370 - 420	9												
430 - 490	10												
500 - 590	11												
600 - 740	12												
750 - 890	13												
900 - 1090	14												
1100 - 1290	15												
1300 - 1490	16												
1500 - 1740	17												
1750 - 1990	18												
2000 - 2340	19												
2250 - 2490	20												
2500 - 2990	21												
3000 - 3490	22												
3500 - 3990	23												
4000 and up	24												
20 VPs		Match # _____ Vs. _____				Match # _____ Vs. _____							
IMPs	IMPs	Result: We _____ They _____				Result: We _____ They _____							
6-8	9-11												
Bids	VPs												
0	10-10												
1-2	11-9												
3-4	12-8												
5-7	13-7												
8-10	14-6												
11-13	15-5												
14-16	16-4												
17-19	17-3												
20-23	18-2												
24-27	19-1												
28+	20-0												
30 VPs		Match # _____ Vs. _____				Match # _____ Vs. _____							
IMPs	IMPs	Result: We _____ They _____				Result: We _____ They _____							
6-8	9-11												
Bids	VPs												
0	15-15												
1	18-12												
2	19-11												
3	20-10												
4	21-9												
5-6	22-8												
7-8	23-7												
9-10	24-6												
11-13	25-5												
14-16	26-4												
17-19	27-3												
20-23	28-2												
24-27	29-1												
28+	30-0												

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BOARD VULNERABILITY AND DEALER

1N	8W	11S	14E	NONE	17N	24W	27S	30E	33N
2E	5N	12W	15S	NS VUL	18E	21N	28W	31S	34E
3S	6E	9N	16W	EW VUL	19S	22E	25N	22W	25S
4W	7S	10E	13N	BOTH	20W	23S	26E	29N	36W

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Swiss Team Assignment Card -- <http://www.baronbarclay.com/product/1602/team-supplies>

TEAM NUMBER		N/S _____
		E/W _____
ROUND	RECORD	PLAYED AGAINST
		NO. _____
RESULT: (Circle One)		
WE:	WON	TIED LOST
NET IMPs _____		
(not VPs) + or -		
If 5 or 6 man team, player(s) sitting out this round.		
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This card has many uses;
for reporting you score
the only fields to fill out are:

Team Number (yours),

Played Against No. (opponents' team number),

Results (circle one), and

Net IMPs (note: IMPs, NOT VPs)

Team Assignment Rack Jeffries Chart

For more reading, see

<http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/real-bridge/> (Henry Bethe)

*Imps and matchpoints are different in some ways. **Imps rewards the magnitude of the score.** Game swings, particularly vulnerable; slam swings. Going for 500 against a vulnerable game is not a significant gain, and going for 500 against a non-vul game is no great loss. If you make 90 instead of 110 or 140, no big deal. Down two, even vul, is not significant if the opponents can make a partial. On the other hand, **about one quarter of the boards are dominant in the scoring. These are the ones that involve double-digit swings, earned either in the bidding or in the play.** Often the lie of the cards determines which way the swing goes.*

***Matchpoint bridge is much less forgiving.** First of all, every board counts the same. **Frequency of gain/loss is the key, not magnitude.** Bidding methods were conservative (except in Canada, in my experience) because you did not want to reach games that were less than 50% to make. The score of -200 was known as "the kiss of death" because it loses to all partials. In addition, at matchpoints you don't really know your target as declarer or on defense. You are playing 3N; is it critical to make the hand, or do you risk the contract for an overtrick? On defense, are you looking to beat the hand or to stop overtricks?*

If you learned bridge playing primarily or exclusively matchpoints, it is scarcely to be wondered that your bidding tends to be conservative by more modern standards. If you play almost exclusively imp-scored team events you will tend to be far more adventurous.