

ONLINE MASTER POINTS – EBUSCORE/JEFF SMITH SCORER

The WBU have now authorized the awarding of Master Points for all online platforms (currently StepBridge, BBO). Many clubs are now running virtual club events, and these notes give guidance on how to practically issue these points. They assume the use of EBUScore (Jeff Smith Scorer), but the principles apply also to ScoreBridge (I'm unable to provide the details for ScoreBridge).

(Note: if more than 30 tables, the following will need to be repeated for two pseudo section of approximately equal size, and then combining them)

1. This first pre-step is prior to any event being run. Within EBUScore, enter your club members' names into a player database. You can use your existing database, or if preferred create a separate database. I suggest creating a separate database if your virtual club is based on a number of combined clubs.

When adding a player's real name, ideally in the 'Tag' field enter their online moniker (only 4 characters allowed). StepBridge and BBO have different monikers, choose the one relevant to whichever platform your club is using (if using both, you should have two almost identical databases, except for the moniker).

It's important to also add their WBU number. If they are not yet a WBU member, use a temporary number 9999xx, where 'xx' is a unique number within your club (this enables the Master Point secretary to back-allocate Master Points if they hopefully eventually join the WBU).

2. For each event, create an event in EBUScore.
3. From the online ranking list, determine the number of pairs in the event.
4. Choose any movement for that number of pairs (I suggest a normal Mitchell), ensuring that you tick (if necessary) the 'one winner' option.
(There is a limit of 30 tables for a single session event. If more than 30 tables, create two sections, and then merge).
5. Enter their pair names, such that the pair who is 1st is pair 1, 2nd is pair 2, etc. When entering their names, if you've previously entered their moniker in the 'tag' field, this can simplify the (moniker) names input.
6. Go to 'Enter Scores', and for each board, enter '0' for every pair's score (this is the equivalent of 'passed out'). At the end of this process all pairs will then have the same score (i.e. equal first).
7. Go to 'Properties (for the specific event). In the 'Adj' column, award '[the number of pairs]' for pair 1; '[number of pairs – 1]' for pair 2, etc. (ensure you press 'enter' after each pair input). So for example with 17 pairs (8½ tables), the first pair adjustment will be '17', the second pair will be '16', ... last pair '1'.
8. You now have the correct ranking list (the actual scores are irrelevant), so the procedure from thereon is exactly the same as awarding points within your real club
9. The WBU at this time are unable to provide an alternative 'Club Code', so clubs should use their existing code. You will be invoiced against your existing code at the 'normal' rate.

Currently, Virtual Clubs from BBO are looking into uploading result files from duplicate sessions directly to the WBU database in a similar fashion to the existing FtoF events. Will advise when available.

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