

Advice for holding knockout matches on BBO

The following advice is based on experience of playing many matches on BBO. Organisers and captains may feel free to ignore it if they wish.

The toss: in most knockout matches the choice of opponents is based on the toss. In Welsh events the winner of the toss can choose their opponents in every odd numbered set, or they can choose their opponents in every even numbered set.

The way I have found satisfactory to arrange the toss is for the two captains/organisers to agree who has heads and who has tails, then ask someone not connected with the players to toss for them. They should not tell the person making the toss who has heads and who has tails, and they should ask that person to communicate the result to both of them.

In some events I understand the home captain makes the arrangements on BBO. I think this is a very poor idea in knockout events with seating choices which can lead to mixups over seating. I strongly recommend that whoever has choice in that stanza sets up the match in BBO. In effect that means that the two organisers alternate in Welsh events. Incidentally, the home team is always mentioned first in the draw but I do not think it makes any difference with online matches.



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