

A DUPLICATE COMPETITION

When you play at a club, the cards are placed in a *board* so that the same hand can be played many times. When a table has finished playing a hand the North player fills in the score on the traveling score sheet (*traveller*) that accompanies the board. If you are sitting N/S you are hoping to get a higher score than the other N/Ss who have played the same board. If you are sitting E/W you are hoping to beat the other E/W scores.

Below is a sample traveller for Board 1 in a seven table competition (fourteen pairs). At the end of the competition the director (or scorer) awards *match points* (the figures in red) for each board as follows:

A pair gets 2 points for each pair (**playing in the same direction**) that they beat and 1 point for each pair with whom they equal.

In this example N/S Pair 4 got the best score by playing in 3NT and making two overtricks. They beat all the other N/S scores (six other pairs) and so score 12 match points (This shows the importance of overtricks!)

E/W pair 14 got the best E/W score as they were the only E/W pair to defeat the N/S contract.

						Board No. 1		
Pair No		Cont	By	Tricks	N/S Score	E/W Score	N/S MPs	E/W MPs
N/S	E/W							
1	8	3NT	N	10	430		6	6
2	9	3NT	S	10	430		6	6
3	10	4S	N	10	420		2	10
4	11	3NT	N	11	460		12	0
5	12	3NT	S	10	430		6	6
6	13	4S	S	11	450		10	2
7	14	3NT	S	8		50	0	12

When the match points have been calculated for each board they are then transferred to a result sheet or 'recap sheet' and the total match points for each pair are calculated for the session.

		← Board Numbers →															
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Tot	Position
↑ P a i r N u m b e r s ↓	1	6	7	0	1	6	6	6	4	3	6	7	0	1	6	59	14
	2	6	7	4	9	1	6	6	12	8	6	7	4	9	1	86	7
	3	2	4	6	4	8	10	10	7	11	2	4	6	4	8	86	7
	4	12	11	5	6	5	0	0	2	2	12	11	5	6	5	82	9
	5	6	6	12	3	5	6	6	8	10	6	6	12	3	5	94	4
	6	10	6	10	10	6	2	2	6	9	10	6	10	10	6	103	1 st
	7	0	6	8	2	6	12	12	0	6	0	6	8	2	6	74	11
	8	6	6	4	3	7	6	6	0	1	6	6	4	3	7	65	13
	9	6	1	12	8	7	6	6	4	9	6	1	12	8	7	93	6
	10	10	8	7	11	4	2	2	6	4	10	8	7	11	4	94	4
	11	0	5	2	2	11	12	12	5	6	0	5	2	2	11	75	10
	12	6	5	8	10	6	6	6	12	3	6	5	8	10	6	97	3 rd
	13	2	6	6	9	6	10	10	10	10	2	6	6	9	6	98	2 nd
	14	12	6	0	6	6	0	0	8	2	12	6	0	6	6	70	12
		84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84			

For the final results sheet, the match point scores are converted to a percentage. The percentage is the actual match points scored out of the possible maximum match points.

In this seven table competition the maximum match points on a single board is 12 (6 x 2). So the maximum match points possible is 12 x 14 boards = 168.

Position	Pair	MPs/Max	Score
1	Pair 6	103/168	61.30%
2	Pair 13	98/168	58.33%
3	Pair 12	97/168	57.73%
4	Pair 5	94/168	55.95%
etc			