



7th EBL NBO Officers' Seminar

EBL Championships' Format

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Team Championships

Decided changes:

- From 20 to 16 board matches in all categories.
- Starting Saturday instead of Wednesday.
- Partial carry-over of score against non-qualifiers into 2nd Round Robin.

Contemplated changes:

- Fix overall duration to 7 days both for Women and Seniors?
This would necessitate a preliminary stage, as in the Open category, if 23+ teams registered, but eliminate uncertainty and reduce costs for all.
- Reduce overall duration also for the Open category to 7 days?
This would necessitate a split into two divisions, with promotion/relegation between each championship, but reduce costs for all and allow a reduction in the entry fees.



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Open Championships

New Format in 2013:

- Somewhat shorter events, particularly Teams, minimizing overlapping of Teams with Pairs events.
- Eliminating the "consolations" and "B-Finals" in favour of separate side events.
- Daily side events (apart from those substituting for consolations) aimed at more casual visitors not wanting to play multi-day events.

What was good and what was not?

Champions' Cup

Contemplated changes:

- Qualifying in a full Round Robin of 11 shorter matches rather than the present two-group format (5 longer matches).
- Starting earlier first day and arrange play-off so as to allow finish after lunch on Sunday (allowing players return home on Sunday).

Opinions?