

Online Baltic Cup 2021 (8 nations - 16 teams)

1. Place

The matches will be played on the Real Bridge platform.

2. Organization.

Tournament is organized by Belarusian, Estonian, Finish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian and Swedish Bridge National Federation.

Chief tournament director – Denis Dobrin.

3. Right to enter.

Every National Federation is entitled to participate with two teams (4-10 players each). Names of the players, as well as the team rank in the National Federation should be sent to Organizers before 14.05.2020.

4. Entrance Fees

Entrance fee is EUR 100 from the National Federation.

5. Programme

Date	Time (CET)	Programme
draw in groups		
17.05.2021 (Monday)	18:00-19:45	Round robin, 1 st round (12 boards)
17.05.2021 (Monday)	20:00-21:45	Round robin, 2 nd round (12 boards)
18.05.2021 (Tuesday)	18:00-19:45	Round robin, 3 rd round (12 boards)
18.05.2021 (Tuesday)	20:00-21:45	Round robin, 4 th round (12 boards)
19.05.2021 (Wednesday)	18:00-19:45	Round robin, 5 th round (12 boards)
19.05.2021 (Wednesday)	20:00-21:45	Round robin, 6 th round (12 boards)
20.05.2021 (Thursday)	18:00-19:45	Round robin, 7 th round (12 boards)
20.05.2021 (Thursday)	20:30-22:15	Play off, 1 st segment & Consolation, 1 st round (12 boards)
21.05.2021 (Friday)	18:00-19:45	Play off, 2 nd segment & Consolation, 2 nd round (12 boards)
21.05.2021 (Friday)	20:00-21:45	Play off, 3 rd segment & Consolation, 3 rd round (12 boards)
22.05.2021 (Saturday)	16:00-17:45	Final, 1 st segment & Consolation, 4 th round (12 boards)
22.05.2021 (Saturday)	18:00-19:45	Final, 2 nd segment & Consolation, 5 th round (12 boards)
22.05.2021 (Saturday)	20:00-21:45	Final, 3 rd segment & Consolation, 6 th round (12 boards)

6. Format

Before the tournament there is a draw in the groups. The groups are composed in such a way that there are no teams from the same Federation in the group.

Round robin comprises the 12-boards matches against each team in the group. The scoring is by IMPs converted to VPs, according to the WBF scale. Two top teams from each group qualify to the play-offs, the remaining teams play consolation tournament.

1st team of Group A plays semi-final against 2nd team of Group B and 2nd team in Group A plays semi-final against 1st team in Group B. Semi-finals and Finals are played as the 36-boards matches with changing seats after every 12 boards. In the semi-finals, carry-over makes 0,1 IMP in favour of the teams finished 1st in their groups. There is no carry over in Finals. If there is a draw after 36 boards in the Final, then both teams are the winners.

The Consolation is the full round robin, 12 boards in a match. Every team keeps their score from the group stage against other teams from the same group.

The teams in Round Robin and Consolation are placed according to the VPs. If two or more teams have equal VPs, then issue will be settled with following tiebreakers:

- 1) Head-to-head match by IMPs (the team with bigger amount of IMPs is placed higher);
- 2) Total IMPs (+/-);
- 3) Draw.

7. Convention cards and systems

The HUM systems are not allowed. WBF alerting policy applies.

8. Place points.

Every team gets points according to their place:

Final four

1st place – 21 points

3rd place – 16 points

2nd place – 18 points

4th place – 14 points

Consolation

1st place – 13 points

3rd place – 10 points

5th place – 8 points

7th place – 6 points

9th place – 4 points

11th place – 2 points

2nd place – 11 points

4th place – 9 points

6th place – 7 points

8th place – 5 points

10th place – 3 points

12th place – 1 point

9. Prizes

First 3 teams receive (**NOT!!! virtual** 🏆) medals and Cups. The best National Federation, according to the place points, receives Cup. If two National Federations have equal Place points, then the highest-ranking Federation is the one whose first team is higher in the rankings. There are no cash prizes.