

# THE NEW ALT COMPETITION 2021

*Preliminary information – all details will be in the Conditions of Contest*

Dear Friends,

The Alt Team has the honor to introduce to you the **New Alt Competition** which starts in January 2021 and will consist of 10 independent team tournaments being played once a month.

Each tournament will be played during one week from Monday to Friday within the range between 10:00 EDT (16:00 CET) till 15:00 EDT (21:00 CET); 32 boards per day.

We anticipate our sessions to **not overlap** with other popular open category events.

Please kindly note the dates of all tournaments:

01 – January 25-29	05 – May 24-28	09* – October 25-29
02 – February 22-26	06* – June 21-25	10* – November 8-12
03 – March/April 29-2	07* – August 23-27	reserve – December 13-17
04 – April 26-30	08* – September 20-24	

*\* subject to confirmation*

## **The Format:**

Each tournament will be played in several (most likely three) groups. In that case:

- Group A and Group B will consist of 6 teams which will play double Round Robin: 10 matches of 16 boards; 2 matches per day.
- The last group will consist of an unlimited number of teams and the format will be either Round Robin or Swiss (with possible Danish in the last rounds).

The initial composition of the groups will be decided by the Alt Team. Starting from the second tournament the first 4 ranked teams from Group A and the winner of Group B of the previous tournament are **guaranteed** to play in Group A of the next tournament.

The same approach is applicable to the groups B and C.

The competition is **always open** to new teams.

After each tournament Alt will assign two types of Alt points: participating points (same for all teams participating in the particular tournament) and result points (in accordance with the ranking). The exact point scale will be published in the conditions of contest.

After all 10 tournaments the best 6 teams with maximum sum of the Alt points will be invited to play the Grand Final of the New Alt Competition 2021.

### **Few things that might be important:**

- The matches of Group A will be open to the spectators; the matches of the other groups might be closed at the discretion of the organisers.
- Commentary during the VG matches (on BBO) will be assured by Alt's commentators.
- The entry fee will be flexible with a discount of 5% respectively 10% when registering in advance for 5 respectively 10 tournaments.
- There is **no** obligation to play every month; any team can join at **any** moment and play **any** tournaments. From the Competition global point of view the more sessions, the better chance to get to the Grand Final and ultimately win the whole event.
- Apart from the New Alt Competition we intend to organise various "standalone" Alt events; some of them will be completely new. Currently we are working on our calendar and as soon as we have news we will immediately inform you.

Thank you for participating in the Alt events!

Your Alt Team