

# THE ALT PLANS 2021

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

Dear Friends,

We would like to provide you with a brief update on 2021 Alt plans.

Recently we introduced to you the **New Alt Competition** (NewCo) – a cycle of the team tournaments being played once a month. We consider NewCo central event of the Alt calendar for next year and we are happy to inform you that as of today we already have **27** excellent teams expressed their wish to take a part in it.

Each tournament will be played in several groups with further promotion and/or relegation, so the best teams from each division will be promoted to the upper group.

Because of a point-system every team is also competing for a Big Final at the end of the year.

Important note: there is no obligation to play every month; any team can join at any moment and play any tournaments.

You can find information about NewCo as well as pre-register your team on our webpage: <https://alt.bridgeresults.org/>

Apart from NewCo the Alt team will organize for you various “standalone” events. As you know today there are many good online bridge tournaments organized by different companies or people on different bridge platforms, so our idea is to bring to your attention something really special. Let us introduce our next two projects.

We open the year with our first **Alt Board a Match Invitational** which will take place **from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021**. The exact format of this event will very much depend on the number of teams participating but our concept is to play ~100 boards of qualification (Round Robin or Swiss) and ~50 boards of KO. The scoring is classical BAM.

The pre-registration for the Alt Board a Match Invitational is open on our webpage: <https://alt.bridgeresults.org/> and we are looking forward to receive your application.

The second event we are dreaming to organise for you is **Alt Swiss Pairs Invitational**. This event will take place **from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021**. It would be a pair event consisting of 10-board rounds (3 rounds per day). The scoring is IMP converted into Victory Points in

accordance with the WBF scale 20:0 for 10-board matches. We understand that it might be difficult to reserve 5 days for the bridge event, so we introduce the following unique condition of participating: each pair will consist of two "anchor" players and might also add up to two "replacement" players. The rule would be simple: in each round at least one of the "anchor" players should be playing at the table. So, if you register A and B as the anchor players and C and D as the replacement players you can choose who will play in each round among the following combinations:

**A+B   A+C   A+D   B+C   B+D**

We believe it would be important to underline that the above events will be played during one week from Monday to Friday from 10:00 EST (16:00 CET) till 15:00 EST (21:00 CET) and we anticipate our sessions to **not overlap** with other popular open category events.

Thank you for participating in the Alt events!

Your Alt Team