

# **BARBU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2020**

## **FORMAT:**

A qualifier, two semi-finals and a final each consisting of four tables playing a duplicate simultaneously (or as close to simultaneously as possible). Each game is scored by total team points. The two teams with the highest team points progress to the next round.

Teams have been seeded and the top 6 teams will go straight to the semi-final and the remaining 4 will play a 2 game qualifying round with the two leading teams qualifying for the semi-final. Seedings were based on the total cumulative score of the 4 highest ranked players in each team using the most recently available current playing strength from the [barbu.co.uk](http://barbu.co.uk) ladder.

The qualifier is now over and was won by ATLANTIS with ITALIA 1 in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The draw for the Semi-Final is therefore:

## **SEMI-FINALS:**

BELGIUM [1]

CROATIA [2]

USA JUNIORS [4]

USA WEST [3]

ITALIAN DRAGONS [5]

CANADA [6]

ITALIA 1 [7]

ATLANTIS

The semi-final and final will be 4 games.

All games will be served using the web based barbu program written by Stephen Frechette. Will all captains make sure that their players are familiar with this program and able to connect without difficulty.

In the semi-finals, tables BWC 1 to BWC 4 are for semi-final 1 and tables BWC 5 to BWC 8 for semi-final 2. In the final, tables BWC 1 to BWC 4 are in use.

Not less than 48 hours before a game is due to commence, Captains should indicate which 4 players they are fielding for each game. You may indicate which is to play N,E,S or W but the table number will be allocated by a random draw. Please indicate by Emailing or messaging Chris (Email address below)

## IMPORTANT

Players should make sure that they connect to the right table. After doing so, you will see options to SIT in any of the 4 seats. Please make sure that you sit in the correct seat. The table will be started when all players are in the correct positions.

## TIMETABLE

The Semi-Finals will take place on Saturday and Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the following times,

Game	PDT	EDT	UK Time	European Time
1	10.00 AM	1.00 PM	6.00 PM	7.00 PM
2	12.30 PM	3.30 PM	8.30 PM	9.30 PM

At least 1 hour before the time when a game is due to start, players should connect to:

[www.barbuonline.co.uk](http://www.barbuonline.co.uk)

Select the option 'Table Positions by Team' to find out the table and position at which you are due to play.

Semi-Final games will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Games 1 and 2 will be on Saturday, games 3 and 4 on Sunday. Starting times as above.

The Final will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June following the same schedule.

## RULES

1. Undos – no undos are permitted for any reason
2. Targetting (Israeli Rules). Captains – please make sure your players are aware of the rules.

Assuming EQUAL DOUBLING ACTION

- a) No H – when discarding, the Ace should be discarded first
- b) Barbu – The KH must be discarded at the first opportunity
- c) No Q – The last Queen must be discarded at the first opportunity
- d) No Q – When you judge your hand to be 100% safe, queens must be discarded at the first opportunity.

Any other double or play is permitted

If a rule is broken, then play should be continued and the score will be adjusted after the results are submitted if all captains agree.

All disputes/rulings are settled by a committee consisting of Chris, BHP and Anne.

3. Late arrival for games. Please arrive in punctually for the games and it is vital that you are sure of which table you should be at and in which position. Please check this very carefully. We will have a 5 minute grace period for late arrivals after which a substitute may be installed.
4. Please do not discuss anything about any of the hands with anyone until all the tables have finished.
5. Kibbitzers are permitted subject to the following:  
  
No chat is allowed  
  
Kibbitzers must leave the table if requested because too many kibitzers may affect the network speed and cause lag.
6. A 'zoom' session may be organised for kibitzers in which chat is permitted.
7. A zoom session may be organised for the 4 players – no kibbitzers are permitted to join the players' zoom sessions.

These rules are subject to change or additions as required.

## **ONLINEBARBU.CO.UK**

This is the website you should use for seeing details of the draw, the scores for each table and the overall results analysis: The options are as follows:

BWC Regulations and Information	Display this file
BWC Help	Use guide for these web pages
BWC Show Teams	Display entries and all players in each team
BWC Draw by Table	Show draw for each table for each round
BWC Draw and Results by Team	Show draw and results for each round. This is the more useful option for seeing the draw and results. After a round is complete, you may view or download the detailed score file by clicking on the table number.

BWC Individual Leaderboard

Load this program to show a leader board by individual. You will have the option to restrict the list to a specified round, or show all rounds. The score shown is the average score and includes details for each separate discipline. The column labelled 'Relative' shows the average score by others playing on the same seat as you.

BWC Hand and Hand Result Analysis

This page will allow you to browse all hands played showing the players, choices, doubling and scores at each table.

Join or Start a Table

Connect to web site for playing a game

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Brain Exercise

A bit of fun

The program will display the current round (which may be the one you last viewed), but you can select one of the others by clicking on the green coloured box for the round you would like displayed.

Any problems or questions, please contact Chris Dixon

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