



Polish 5-table Mitchell

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Requirement of equipment:

1. Duplicating machine,
2. Sufficient number of boards but five times less than on barometer.

Strongly recommended for:

1. big pairs tournaments,
2. qualification rounds.

Procedure of Polish Mitchell:

1. Pairs should be spread among lines according to their strength,
2. Lines are changing to the next mini-session according to Howell method,
3. If more than 5 tables in the last section:
 - a) 6 or 7 – Appendix or reversed Appendix,
 - b) 8 – Appendix or reversed Appendix or Howell,
 - c) 9 – Rover.

Advantages:

1. flexible number of boards; in normal 13-table Mitchell we play 26 boards or 52 boards, now we can play 30, 40, 50, 60 boards – depends on...,
2. 10 boards = 80 minutes, players are kept on playing areas, nobody leaves,
3. flexible breaks – for coffee or for lunch,
4. quick results – during next round every player gets standings and his personal score (avoiding of mistakes).

Disadvantages:

1. Law 88 says that average plus could be greater than 60% in the session (in short 10-board session – 75% or even more is normal), so it requires or changing of name “session” for “mini-session” or changing of regulation of contest,

Experiences:

1. GP of Poland since 2003 (the biggest tournament – 359 pairs).
2. Poland Pairs Championship since 2001.
3. Pula Bridge Festival – 2005,
4. Russian Pairs Championship – 2005.