



# Swiss Teams Starter Info

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## The Team Assignment Board

The Team Assignment Board has pockets labeled with all the possible team numbers. Locate your team number on the board. Focus on that pocket for the entire event.

Round-by-round assignments are posted by placing a card with a color-coded table number into each team's pocket. (The format is: Section#, e.g. A2.) That table is the team's "home" table, where its N-S will play that round. That table may be in Section A or Section B / or C or D / or E or F.... The E-W pair will go to the corresponding table in the "complementary" section.

This procedure is repeated for each round (/match) of the event.

Summary:

- Find your team number on the assignment board
- The color-coded table number (Section#, e.g. B3) in your team's pocket is your "home" table for that round
- Your N-S pair plays at your home table
- Your E-W pair plays at the same table # in the "complementary" section. Complementary sections are: A & B, C & D, E & F, etc.
- When all boards have been played, E-W return to their home table to compare results with their partners

## General Team Strategy Tips

- Stretch to bid Vulnerable games.
- Stretch to Invite game/slam, but not to Accept the invitation.
- Bid the safest slam or game or part score if game is not possible. Don't worry if it's a minor, a major or no trump.
  - With a long (minor) suit and a likely wide-open suit, don't sit for 1NT; pull to 2 of your long suit.
- Don't double a low-level contract into game, unless you're 120% sure you're going to beat it, even if the opponents have highly distributional hands. (You cannot be doubled into slam; you must bid to the slam level to earn the slam bonus.)
- Because the opponents are reluctant to double low-level contracts, be aggressive (but not foolish) in competing for part scores.
- Don't risk the contract to make overtricks.
- When defending, don't worry about overtricks; go all out to defeat the contract.
- Try to absorb these tips, but don't become preoccupied by them; better to play your normal game than to introduce confusion trying to remember one of these tips.

### Victory Points Addendum

- Playing Victory Points, don't go all out to win a particular match, with the possible exception of the last one.
- In Victory Points, every board counts. Don't let up, don't lose your concentration, don't feel sorry for your opponents. Work to maximize your result on every board.