

19th Serbia Cup – Official Regulations

General Competition Conditions

- The Serbia Cup is a team competition organized by the Serbian Bridge Federation (BSS).
- All players who are members of BSS or other NBOs may participate.
- Each team may register 4 to 6 players.

Teams Compete For

- Title – Winner of the National Cup of Serbia
 - Trophies for first 3 places and for best ladies/mix team.
 - Rating, Master Points, and BSS Titles (Winner = 1 GP, 2nd = 2 SP, 3rd = 1 SP)
 - Monetary awards
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Competition Format

A) When 16 or more teams are registered

Day 1

1st Round – Semi-directed draw, 12 boards (*top 6 seeds cannot meet*)

2nd Round – Swiss, 12 boards

3rd Round – Swiss, 12 boards

After Round 3, **top 16 teams** enter the **Knockout (KO)** phase.

Remaining teams play the **Danish (Danac)** system.

If the number of teams is odd:

- the weakest team (by coefficient) sits out in Round 1
 - in later rounds, the lowest-ranked team sits out
 - a team may sit out only once and the team then receives **12 VP**
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Day 2

All KO and Danish matches are played over **14 boards**.
Each KO match awards **2 VP** to both teams.

Round 4 – Knockout Pairings

- Table 1: 1 vs 16
- Table 2: 8 vs 9
- Table 3: 4 vs 13
- Table 4: 5 vs 12
- Table 5: 2 vs 15
- Table 6: 7 vs 10
- Table 7: 3 vs 14
- Table 8: 6 vs 11

Remaining tables play Danish system.

Winners advance in KO; losers move to Danish.

Round 5

- Table 1: Winners of Tables 1 & 2
- Table 2: Winners of Tables 3 & 4
- Table 3: Winners of Tables 5 & 6
- Table 4: Winners of Tables 7 & 8

Tables 5+ play Danish.

Winners advance; losers are going to Danish.

Round 6

- Table 1: Winners of Tables 1 & 2 (from Round 5)
- Table 2: Winners of Tables 3 & 4

Tables 3+ Danish system.

Round 7

- Table 1: Winners of Tables 1 & 2 (from Round 6)
All other tables: Danish.
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B) When fewer than 16 teams are registered

Day 1

- Round 1: Semi-directed draw – 12 boards (*top 6 seeds cannot meet*)
- Rounds 2–3: Swiss – 12 boards

Day 2

- Round 4: Swiss – 12 boards

After Round 4:

- **Top 8 teams** enter KO
- Remaining teams play Danish
- All KO matches award 2 VP

Round 5 – KO Pairings

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| • Table 1: 1 vs 8 | • Table 3: 2 vs 7 |
| • Table 2: 4 vs 5 | • Table 4: 3 vs 6 |

Tables 5+ play Danish.

All KO and Danish matches = **16 boards**.

Round 6

- Table 1: Winners of Tables 1 & 2 (from Round 5)
- Table 2: Winners of Tables 3 & 4

Tables 3+ Danish system.

Round 7

KO winners meet for final KO ranking.

Others play Danish.

After Round 7:

- **Top 2 KO teams + Top 2 Danish teams** advance to Semifinals.
- Remaining teams ranked 5th and below.

3rd Day – Semifinals and Finals

Applies equally to all formats.

- Table 1: Winner of KO (Winner from round 7)- second Team from Danish
- Table 2: Second from KO (loser from Round 7)– Winner from Danish

All matches:

- **24 boards**, scoring after 12 boards
- Lineups may be changed at halftime
- First half: *Team from Danish chooses opponents*
- Second half: *Team from KO chooses opponents*
- Same seating allowed in both halves

Tie in IMP:

- Winner is the *team from KO*.

Final & 3rd Place Match (24 boards)

Finals are played by the winners from semifinal, losers are playing for 3rd place.

Tie in IMP:

- Winner = better-ranked team after Day 2.

Additional Rules

If two or more teams have equal VP (in Swiss, Danish or KO):

1. Head-to-head (IMP)
2. More match points (MP) in direct matches
3. Higher total MP
4. Higher total IMP
5. Draw

VP Scale: Continuous 20:0 in qualifications, Danish system and KO.

Matters not covered are handled by:

- BSS General Competition Rules
- BSS Penalty Code

Authorized bodies:

- **Organizing Committee**
 - **Tournament Technical Committee (TTK)**
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Appendix – 19th Serbia Cup – Rade Antić Memorial

- Venue: **Belgrade, Hotel Србија (5.–7. Децембер 2025)**
- Team registration deadline: **5.12.2025, 12:00.**
- Entry fee: **30,000 RSD.** Members of the NBO Serbia have 50% discount
- Appeals require a **2,000 RSD deposit** and official BSS form
- TD is Mr Jurica Maričić.
- Mobile phones forbidden during play (automatic penalty)
- Smoking and alcohol strictly prohibited

Prizes

- Trophies for top 3 teams and best ladies/ mix team.
 - Cash prizes for top 4 teams:
 - **1st place 100.000 din; 2nd pl 50.000 din; 3rd pl 30.000 din; 4th pl 25.000 din.**
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Schedule – 16 or More Teams

Friday

- Until 16:30 – Team Registration
- 17:00–18:40 – Round 1 (12 boards)
- 18:50–20:30 – Round 2 (12 boards)
- 20:40–22:20 – Round 3 (12 boards)

Saturday

- 11:00–13:00 – Round 4 (14 boards)
- 13:15–15:15 – Round 5 (14 boards)
- 15:15–17:15 – Lunch Break
- 17:15–19:15 – Round 6 (14 boards)
- 19:30–21:30 – Round 7 (14 boards)

Sunday

- 10:30–14:00 – Semifinals (24 boards)
- 11:00–14:00 – Pairs Session 1
- 14:00–16:00 – Lunch Break
- 16:00–19:30 – Final & 3rd Place Match (24 boards)
- 16:00–19:00 – Pairs Session 2
- 19:45 – Awards Ceremony

Schedule – Fewer than 16 Teams

(Same Friday schedule)

Saturday

- 11:00–12:40 – Round 4 (12 boards)
- 12:50–15:00 – Round 5 (16 boards)
- 15:00–17:00 – Lunch Break
- 17:00–19:10 – Round 6 (16 boards)
- 19:20–21:30 – Round 7 (16 boards)

Sunday

Identical to schedule for 16+ teams

Organizing Committee