

## **WBF Launches Robot Tournaments**

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## New Robot Tournaments set to launch on 1<sup>st</sup> February

"We are delighted to announce an exciting new venture – indeed a new adventure – with the launch of Robot Tournaments with WBF Masterpoint Awards and titles under a new category described below. Robot tournaments are increasingly popular and we feel sure that by adding a new category of competition bridge scope and popularity will be further enhanced.

Come and join the competition through our Providers, BBO, Funbridge and Ourgame, all offering you this great opportunity – we look forward to some challenging tournaments!" Gianarrigo Rona, WBF President

Various companies (called Providers in this document) are licensed to run **WBF Robot Tournaments** (WRT). **WBF Robot Bridge Points** (WBFRBP) will be allocated at the time of play based on the number of participants and tournament boards.

The data from the provider tournaments will be sent to a **WBF Server**, and combined with existing data to give an overall WBF ranking based on **Robot Bridge Points**.

The top players of this overall ranking of Robot Bridge Points will, periodically, be awarded **WBF Masterpoints** in this new category.

WBF Masterpoint totals will appear in a separate **WBFRT Ranking** with titles of **World Robot Tournament Master and World International Robot Tournament Master**, in the same way as 'conventional' bridge tournament awards. At the start of the WBF Masterpoint year (just after the WBF World Championships) the **top 20 players** will be awarded WBF Masterpoints in the main **WBF Open Masterpoint rankings**.

More information on the WBF website WBF Robot Masterpoints Page