OPENING LEAD VALIDATION

There is now an option to have the Bridgemate system validate the opening leads entered by players at the table.

You will need to be on a version of Compscore2 with a build date on or after 15 June 2021, and have Bridgemate Control Software version of 3.8.21 or later.

How it works

Once this option has been selected in Compscore2 and the deal file has been sent to the Bridgemates, the opening lead entered to the Bridgemate will be validated to ensure that the card entered was in the hand that should have been on lead. If it isn't, a statement to that effect will appear on the Bridgemate screen when EW clicks Accept to agree the result (see pic).

This alert suggests that one of the following situations has occurred:

- the opening lead is incorrect
- the declarer is incorrect •
- the board has been fouled, or •
- the wrong deal file has been loaded. •

The first two situations can be corrected by the players; the third will probably involve the director awarding an artificial score; and fourth is dealt with below.

If the wrong hand has led and the declarer chose to accept the lead from the wrong hand, the declarer will need to be recorded in the Bridgemate as the declarer's partner in order for the lead to be accepted. The director can edit the declarer back to correct one in Compscore2 if this is deemed necessary – Compscore2 does not validate the lead card.

Setting up

In Compscore2, under Setup | Options – Bridgemates, tick the checkbox as pictured.

Once set up, if the deals are known to Compscore2, the deals will be sent to the Bridgemate Control Software. There's two ways that Compscore2 knows what the deals are: (a) when the deal file name is entered in the Session Setup screen and Compscore2 can locate the file, and (b) when the deal file is loaded under Setup Advanced | Deal Files (see below). You can always tell if Compscore2 knows the deals by seeing if there is a Show Deal button on the Bridgemate Results tab.

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Bridgemate Settings

Folder for BWS files: C:\BWS\

General Bridgemate Features

No Play entry requires TD PIN

✓ Show next round seating Show Player Names

✓ Use BMPlayerDB database

Full path and filename of BMPlaverDB.mdb: C:\Compscore2\BMPlayerDB.mdb

Automatic display of next board number

Type of tabletop scoring device being used Bridgemate II

Full path and filename of Bridgemate Control Software or equivalent (BCS): C:\Program Files (x86)\Bridgemate Pro\BMPro.exe

Let Compscore2 manage the scoring device settings (where applicable)

Bridgemate II Extras

Allow for BM Pro's and BMII's to run simultaneously (requires 2 Bridgemate se

Show ranking and cumulative percentage at end of session

. Location per BCS: C:\Compscore3\Svstem\BMPlaverDB.mdb

Allow players to recap current round scores Value Player numbers enterered are always ABF Nos Allow players to edit current round scores 🔽 Include ABF Number when sending names back

TD PIN Code (4 digits):

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✓ Import No Play as average (otherwise ignore)

Include inactive players

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Teams and Pairs Events

For Pairs and Teams events where Matches are created and sent to the BCS throughout the event, the deal file needs to be loaded into each Match via the **Setup | Advanced | Deal Files** tab.

For the first match in a new BWS file, it doesn't matter whether the deal file is loaded to the match before or after launching. For future matches, the deal

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should be loaded as soon as possible after creation of the match. The file should imported before the first result is entered of course, in order for the validation not to miss any entries.

Verifying that the deal file has reached the Bridgemate server

If you want to check that the deal file has reached the server, in the Bridgemate Control Software, click **Server**, then **Show Hand Records** (as

pictured). This will display the hands that the Bridgemates will use to validate the opening lead.

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Group	1, Doard 1	^
North	K74,JT,K9732,K96	
East	86532, AQ752, AJ, T	
South	Q9, K986, QT8, QJ54	
Nest	AJT,43,654,A0732	
Group	1, board 2	
North	, AT93, A742, QJ754	
East	AT9853,Q874,Q3,6	
South	KQJ, KJ, KJ95, AK32	
West	7642,652,186,198	
Group	1, board 3	
North	KQJ85, AKT6, 7, T86	
East	T74,98432,KT,AJ9	
South	A92, J5, AQJ8532, 5	
Nest	63,Q7,964,KQ7432	~



When all opening leads are being rejected

If a wrong deal file is accidentally entered, most/all opening leads will be rejected. You can rectify this by loading the correct deal file either by editing the deal file name on the **Session Setup** screen, or by loading the deal from the **Setup |Advanced** option, **Deal Files** tab – see above.

If you cannot load the correct deal file, perhaps because the correct file is missing, you can turn off the Opening Lead Validation by (a) unticking the option under **Setup | Bridgemate Options** and then (b) sending the updated Bridgemate Preferences to the BCS via the **Setup** tab**| Advanced** button|

BCS Functions tab, and then clicking the **Update** button alongside the Update Bridgemate Preferences section. Don't forget to reset this preference when the session has finished.

You can also create a new session this time without any deal file entered and launch the BCS again.

