Using Bridgemates II and Bridgemates Pro Together

Bridgemates II (with a USB Server) and Bridgemates Pro (with a serial server) may be used together in a single event. This requires Bridgemate Control Software (BCS) version 2.3.25 or higher.

If you have both a Bridgemate Pro and a Bridgemate II system, it is possible to use both systems together to score a single event. As Bridgemates II only communicate with a Bridgemate II USB server and Bridgemates Pro only with a Bridgemate Pro 'serial' server, it is a requirement that both servers are connected to the computer.

To use both Bridgemate Pro and Bridgemate II in one event:

1. Connect both a Bridgemate II USB server and a Bridgemate Pro serial server to your computer. The Bridgemate Pro server can be connected through the USB-to-serial "dongle." Please refer to the Bridgemate Pro manual for operating instructions of the Bridgemate Pro server.

2. Start the Bridgemate system from your scoring program. This will start the Bridgemate II system first.

3. After BCS has been loaded and Bridgemates II have been activated, click on Session → Run Bridgemate Pro concurrently. This will load a second copy of BCS and this copy will start the Bridgemate Pro server. Both systems may now be used together.

4. When the session is finished, manually close both instances of BCS.

Please keep in mind the following when working with both systems together:

*   All tables will be loaded into the Bridgemate II server and the Bridgemate Pro server. You decide which tables are used by the Pro system, and which by the II system. As a consequence, both systems may show that certain tables are not activated yet within their server, since these units are logged into the other server.

*   You may wish to use Bridgemate Pro's and II's in separate sections, e.g., Section A uses Bridgemates II, and Section B uses Bridgemates Pro. However, the units may even be "mixed" within a Section.

*   Scores are exchanged between the two systems. Scores entered in Bridgemate Pro will also appear on the Bridgemate II scoring devices, and vice versa.

*   A scoring-program movement update will first be carried out by Bridgemate II, and a few seconds later by Bridgemate Pro. This is done automatically.

*   If the second instance of BCS is accidently closed, it can be started again by using the same BCS menu: Session → Run Bridgemate Pro concurrently. It will remember that it has already been started before and will not start from round 1 but instead continue from where it was when the program was closed.

*   Since Bridgemate II has more settings than Bridgemate Pro, Bridgemate Pro will only use those settings that are for Bridgemate Pro. For example, names may appear on Bridgemates II but will not on Bridgemates Pro.