

DIRECTORS' ZOOM SEMINAR 2025 RUNNING SHEET

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I'm assuming everyone has had experience with using CS3. Rather than running through the mechanics of running a session or event, I'll be focusing on a number of specific topics that clubs and directors have difficulty with.

Lots of data on **altosoft.com.au/cs3faqs.asp** – Resources page

Where is the data?

BM → Server → BWS → CS3

If problem, data could be at any point along the line.

Errors in flow of data

- BM error “cannot send” – server has stopped (USB lead?) – recovery steps: channel interference, fine tuning
- Session finishes but not all scores import in CS3 – 2 possibilities
 - BCS was closed – do a relaunch to have the BCS copy the scores from the server, then import in CS3
 - The BWS file that CS3 is linked to isn't the same one that ran in the room – identify and edit the BWS file in Session Setup

Catastrophic failure (data is in BMs only) – data remains in Bridgemates only until the next time a session is launched. (Not the case with BM3's.)

Need to server to have batteries – if not and it gets disconnected from the PC, its data is lost. Percentage displayed – apparently 57% is flat.

Once results and names have been imported, the BWS file serves no further purpose.

Deal Files and importing them into CS3

Why? Souped-up anomalies testing, loaded to web site without needing separate upload, lead validation.

When importing deals into a session and not relying on uploading the TXT file, they can go straight into \Archive

Import deal file via Session Setup (NBC719) – looks at

- \Deal Files\
- \Archive
- Alternate deal file path in Setup.

Also, can be loaded via Advanced Functions

Check with “Show Deal” button

Print hand record from Session Reports or Advanced Functions

If using BA web site, can also include PDF and/or PBN of deal

Lead validation in BMs – Setup in CS3, what if lead is rejected (NS-SN change declarer, load correct deal file, or turn off lead validation (send preferences)

BMPlayerDB database

What is the purpose: Show names on BMs when player enters ABF Numbers

Check CS3 and BCS settings synchronisation

Editing a Movement

Why? Late pair, director error, pair leave through session.

Edit movement, and answer dialog questions, watching what round to update from – must be an unstarted round as existing data is cleared.

Curtailing a movement

Not via Setup form – go to Advanced functions

If last round in progress, you can use the Curtail button on the Reports / Web tab.

Session is deleted accidentally in CS3

Import from web CSV or if not available create a new session and reconnect to the BWS that was actually used. Click “C” and then “Import”.

Misc Tips and Tricks

- Pair Movement reports, especially in Howells
- Importing no play’s – policy and CS3 settings
- Auto-upload to Pianola and Bridgewebs
- Backing up - within CS3 and outside
- Purging old sessions and extinct players, compacting
- Bridgemate 3’s - coming soon
- Remote displays – External UNC’s, Remote CS3, “Saved Report” folder concept
- Check Resources page on Altosoft web site – full manual and manual 2-pagers on specific topics

Templates

- Used for Howells, Mitchells (usually webs) and Teams
- Look at 5 Table Howell
- “Test” button
- Identifying missing pair number when setting up Howell with sit-out