



Automated Leagues

What are automated leagues?

Automated leagues are leagues that are not run or controlled by users of the site. Everything from the creation of the leagues, through to player forfeits is controlled without any interaction from a league organiser.

Automated leagues can be identified on the open tournament page, by a cog icon next to the game icon.

How do these differ from regular leagues?

The leagues are started as needed, there will never be more than one automated league of a particular type of game. For example, there will only ever be one automated Bug Words league on the open tournament page at a time, this ensures that the most popular games always have leagues for you to join.

What games are supported?

Currently we are supporting Bug Words, Backgammon, Bugzee, Canasta, Parcheesi, Towers, Mancala, Cribbage, Bug Boats (Cluster version)

There are no plans to offer Letterbug games, due to the large number of games available, Reversi, and the Anti games do not currently have the popularity to offer them, however should this change, then they will be considered.

How do automated leagues work?

For the most part, they work exactly the same as regular leagues. There are a few differences.

The number of games at a time is set at 3, in automated leagues, this is just an estimate. It is possible that you will have less than that at any one time, due to the fact that only one round is started in a day. Because of the algorithm used to determine if a new round needs to be started, it is also possible for slower players to have more than 3 games going at a time, Once you have played in a few you will get to understand how it distributes its

game starts and will be able to plan accordingly. In general, if game play is played regularly, you will end up with 2 games at a time.

How do forfeits and unlocks work?

Games will lock after 48 hours of inactivity, There is no organiser to contact in order to have your games unlocked, instead there is system in place allowing you to unlock your own games.

You will find the game unlock page located on the My Tournaments page (link in your manager)

Note that forfeits are automated as well, this means that once your game is scheduled for forfeiting it can not be reversed.

There is some built in leniency into when games are forfeited, potentially giving you time after the game has locked before it will actually forfeit. This is to give you time to get back home/online before it forfeits. At this stage, games forfeit after they are dormant for 5 days, this gives you 3 days after it locks to unlock the game. Be aware that this number is not set in stone and should not be relied upon, instead, you should unlock your games as soon as possible to avoid forfeiting the games, rather than expecting that you have more time in which to unlock the games.

You can not just unlock all of your games, There is a limit in place to limit the number of times you can unlock games in a specific league. You can use the unlock feature for a maximum of 6 times during an entire league. Once you have used up all 6 unlocks, you will not be able to unlock any more games in that league, and the remaining games will forfeit.

If you have any questions regarding these leagues, please let us know!