

Red Beaver League 23-24 Kick-Off

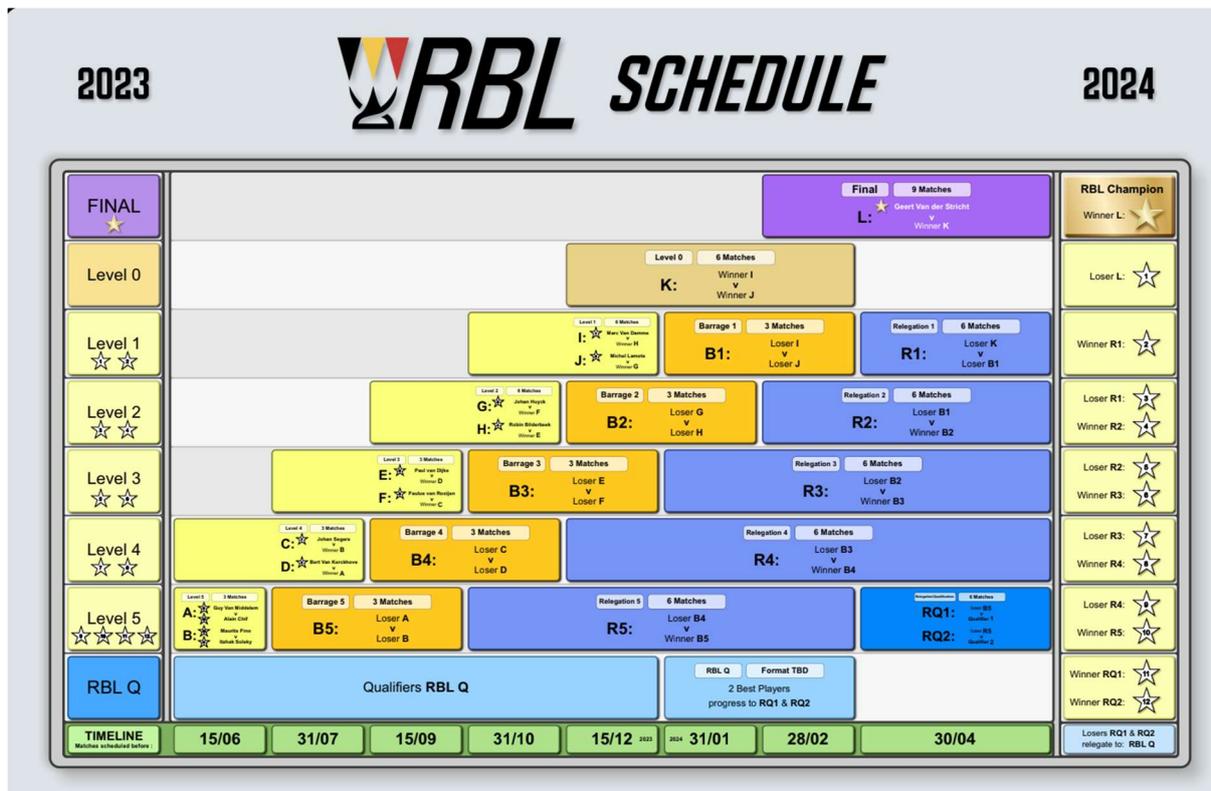
Hi everyone,

Welcome to the 2nd RBL season. Here's what it will look like:

SCHEDULE

The 2022-2023 schedule cannot be replicated as there are now 13 players in the field, instead of 12. To assure that there are 4 players in Level 5 at the end of the season, *two* players need to come back down from each level (and not *one* like last season).

Therefore, after losing for the first time, players will play two more duels: a Barrage duel *and* a Relegation duel. See Figure 1:



Aim is to work your way up the yellow steps (from bottom left to top right). Winning in this Level stage is the only way to make progress. Players who lose

in this Level stage move to the Barrage stage (orange) to jockey for position in preparation of the Relegation duel (lavender). The outcome of the Relegation duel decides who stays in this level and who drops down.

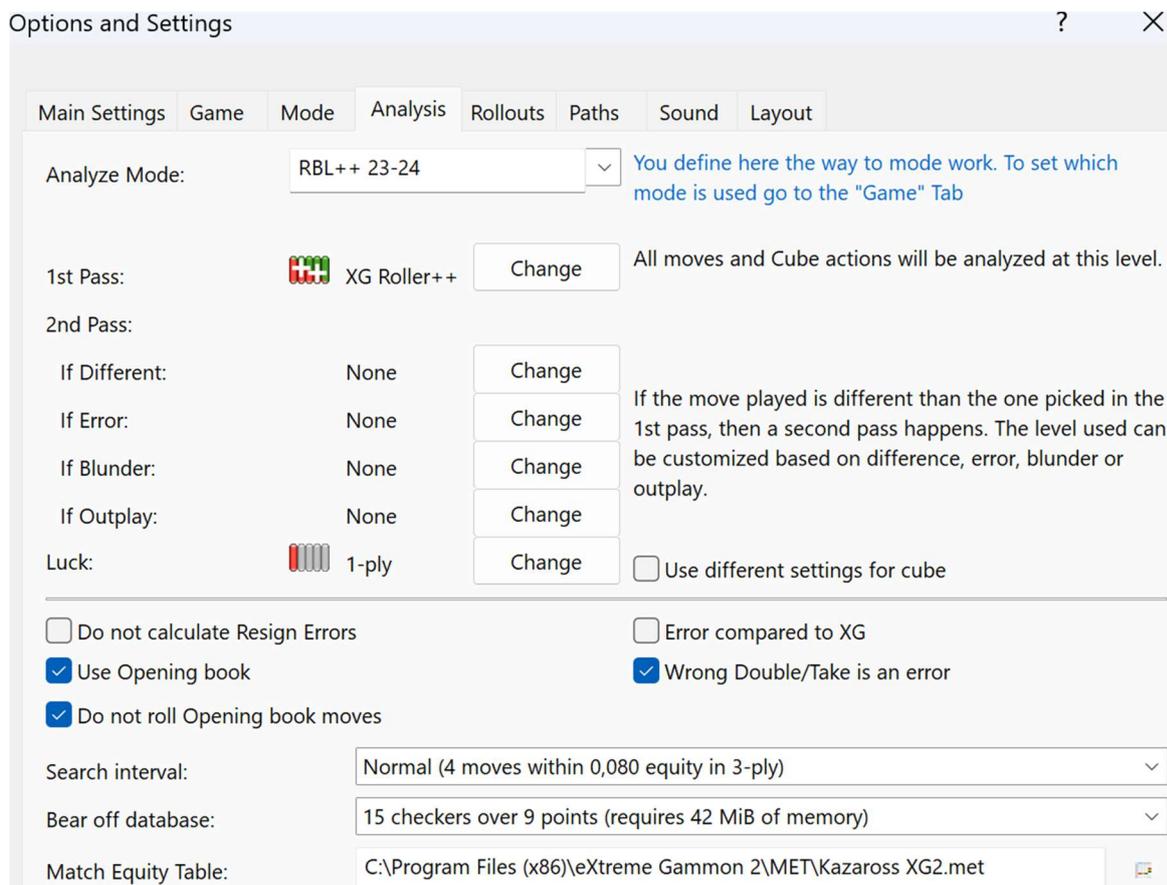
RULES

Rules remain largely unchanged (see: Archive/2022-2023).

Slight changes are being introduced concerning *Analyse Settings*, *duel length*, *venue* and *home advantage*.

Analyse Settings

The Analyze Mode is sharpened to RBL ++ 23-24. See Figure 2:



What if PR's are close?

Special rule: if a duel ends in a tie *and* the OPR difference is less than 0,10, all matches will be reanalysed using the search interval "Gigantic" to determine the winner.

Duel length

In Levels 5 to 3 (yellow) duels consist of three matches. In Levels 2 and 1 duels consist of six matches.

The Final is nine matches.

All Barrage duels are three matches.

All Relegation duels are six matches.

Duels consisting of six matches need to be played in two sessions of three matches each.

Venue

Sandeman (Gent), Orée (Brussels) and De Vaart (Leuven) are official RBL venues.

The player with home advantage may propose playing at an alternative venue (e.g. at home). This invitation needs concurrence by both the opponent *and* the TR.

Home advantage

In the Level stage (yellow) the highest ranked player has home advantage.

In the Barrage stage (orange) the lowest ranked player has home advantage.

In six-match duels, both players have home advantage once.

In the Final, the Champion has home advantage twice, the Challenger once.

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