***The Competitions.***

Possibly 6 separate ‘Grades’ of Competition. These are in MiniBridge and ‘Full’ Bridge, at Primary School, Secondary and Third-Level (University, etc.). After the first Year, these can be internally graded, as in the usual Masterpoints system.

There will be winners as individual Pairs, and Institutions as a composite – Best 3 Pairs Scores in a minimum of 3 sessions.

***The “Hook”.***

Each Institution can download basic Instructions in MiniBridge from the website. If deciding to go further, each Institution pays a Registration Fee for the Institution (this will vary according to size), and an entrance fee for each student which covers the cost of all the subsequent RealBridge sessions (for example 6). The Institution can then access extended Teaching videos of the fundamentals of Play and Scoring. Extra lessons – usually in the play of the cards - can be arranged (via Zoom) at a small extra cost.

The ***Hook*** is in the fact that any school that so desires can acquire, completely free, basic lessons in MiniBridge. They can also participate for a very minimal fee in the RealBridge sessions, but will not – obviously – be an actual Competitor in the Hillery Cup (working title!) until they register. Also, JGOBRB will happily facilitate small, local sessions for institutions that want to simply make a start on the pathway.

The attraction for the National Union (the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland) is that promising, interested kids will want to graduate to competitive Bidding – the ultimate aim.

***Entering, Scoring and Winning.***

1. Each Institution registers its Name. and the names of Individual players, which can be added to continuously. Note that qualified Bridge players will not be eligible to compete at the MiniBridge Grade. (This may be waived subject to number of entrants in a Grade)
2. There will be 6 RealBridge sessions making up the Tournament. Players can play in as many as they like, but only their best 3 scores will count. Ties will be separated by the 4th. best scores, etc.
3. The Institution’s total will be the sum of their best 3 Pairs scores. Ties will also be separated as per the individual Pairs ties.
4. Subject to Sponsors’ agreement, there may be Regional winners, and possibly an algorithm-based Best Overall Pair.