

## Re. CSV files

Our dealing machine software can import several deal formats directly but not CSV. This is so because a CSV file is not a standard but just any comma separated file.

Most dealing and scoring software are able to read and write files in other formats than CSV, however.

### FILE FORMAT CONVERSION

You can try to use BOS' conversion tool to convert to/from CSV to another format. You are strongly advised to check the outcome if you use CSV as there is no guarantee that the deals will remain the same after conversion.

### ANOTHER SOURCE FILE

A safer (better) approach is to let BOS randomize the deals or, if that is not possible, request that you get the deals in a defined format such as DLM, DUP or PBN. DLM is to prefer if it is an option.

**Note** that you need to check (set) the dealing machine parameters in DupSoft's Settings dialog after import of a DUP or PBN file.

### An example (Bridgemate)

Excerpt from page 59 in the Bridgemate II manual:

*Exporting hand records to PBN or DUP format Hand records can also be exported directly from BCS into PBN (Portable Bridge Notation) and DUP (Duplimate®) formats.*

*To export the hand records, go to menu File à Export and choose the desired export format. Select a folder where to store the export file and provide a name for the file. Press Save to generate the export files. A separate file is generated for each section in your session.*

Both formats (PBN and DUP) can be imported into BOS.