

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST of the
2021 ZONE 6 INTERNET SELECTION TRIALS (Z6IST)

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1. Preamble

These Conditions of Contest are the standard regulations which apply to Z6IST. Being a selection trial for qualification for Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Trophy and for the WBF Mixed World Championship, the following WBF regulations are in force:

The WBF Eligibility Code, the WBF Disciplinary Code, the WBF Anti-Doping Regulations, the WBF Dress Code, the WBF Systems Policy, the WBF Alerting Policy, the WBF Policy on Psychic Bidding and the WBF Code of Practice. These are available for download on the WBF website at <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/>

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined will have their ordinary meaning in duplicate bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Championship Committee will be final and conclusive. The singular will include the plural and vice-versa and reference to one gender will include the other.

2. Definitions for the General Conditions of Contest

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest will have the following meanings:

2.1 Accredited Personnel

For security reasons all persons attending the Championship Venue, including Executive Council Members, Committee Members, Invitees of the WBF, Championship Staff, Players, NPCs, coaches and other team officials, as well as visitors to the Championship and spectators must be accredited and wear their official identification badge at all times as indicated in the WBF Dress Code. See also Section 9.3

2.2 Brown Sticker Announcement Form

Means the form designed for the announcement of Brown Sticker Conventions (bids, overcalls and subsequent auction) as referred to in the WBF Systems Policy.

2.3 Championship Committee and Credentials Committee

mean the respective committees constituted by the APBF for the Z6IST.

2.4 Championship Chairman and Championship Manager (Operations Director)

mean the respective persons so designated by the WBF.

2.5 “Daily Bulletin and Bulletin Board”

Mean the Daily Bulletin published on site and available to the players on the APBF Website. The Bulletin Board is to contact by email.

2.6 Commitment form

The form prescribed by the WBF which must be signed by all competitors including the NPC, Coach and any other Team Official in order for them to be eligible to participate in any WBF Championship. For the Z6IST the WBF Commitment is to send to the Singapore Contract Bridge Association per email:

2.7 Disciplinary Commission

The Commission in charge of all matters pertaining to ethics and behaviour etc. Their duties, powers and function are defined in the WBF Disciplinary Code.

2.8 Eligible NBO

NBOs of the Zone 6 considered in good standing with the APBF and WBF.

2.9 Executive Council

means the Executive Council of Zone 6.

2.10 Head Tournament Director (HTD) and Local Tournament Directors (LTD),

means the Directors(TDs) as defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 appointed by the Championship Committee of Z6IST. An LTD is a TD from the event's host country assigned by the HTD to a playing room to direct in consultation with the HTD.

2.11 Security Officers

The Security Officers are appointed by the Championship Committee of the Z6IST. Their training is managed by the Z6IST Championship Committee

2.12 Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) & HUM System

mean any of the systemic agreements so described in the WBF Systems Policy and the system that utilizes such methods.

2.13 Host NBO

means the NBO Singapore Contract Bridge Association. The playing rooms in participating countries are audited and endorsed by SCBA and WBF representative.

2.14 Law

means a Law contained in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017.

2.15 NBO

means a National Bridge Organisation that is an affiliated member of the APBF and WBF.

2.16 Playing Area

the area defined as such by the tournament organisers and will usually include, but is not limited to, public areas in the immediate vicinity of the playing rooms, toilets designated for players use. All such areas will be identified to the participants.

2.17 Reviewer and their assistants

The reviewer and their assistants are appointed by the ABPF President before the start of the championship and will review the TD's rulings when required to do so. Any such review may be recorded and subsequently published Z6IST Website.

2.18 Schedule of Play

means the schedule for the play of the Z6IST, determined by the Championship Committee of Z6IST.

2.19 Session

means a segment of play (as prescribed by the Schedule of Play) after which scores are computed.

2.20 Supplementary Sheets

means such additional pages containing System details as are annexed to and form part of WBF Convention Cards in accordance with these and the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

2.21 System

means all agreements and understandings a pair has as to the meaning of any call or play as those respective expressions are defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017.

2.22 WBF Alerting Policy

means the Policy, issued by the WBF from time to time, that regulates the alerting procedure in a World Bridge Championship.

2.23 WBF Code of Practice

means the WBF Code of Practice used by Reviewers when considering any potential infraction of the laws.

2.24 WBF Convention Card or Card

means the Convention Card authorized by the WBF for the disclosure of Systems by contestants in a World Bridge Championship and includes Supplementary Sheets.

2.25 WBF Guide to Completion

means the publication of that name issued online by the WBF to instruct players in the correct completion of WBF Convention Cards for a World Bridge Championship. For the interpretation of these General Conditions any special partnership understanding is included in the terms “convention”, “conventional call”, “conventional play”, “conventional agreement” or the like.

2.26 WBF Policy on Psychic Bidding

means the policy, issued by the WBF from time to time, that specifies the WBF’s Policy with regard to Psychic Bidding.

2.27 WBF Systems Policy

means the Policy, issued by the WBF from time to time, that regulates the use of Systems in a World Bridge Championship.

3. Conditions of Entry

3.1 General

The 2021 Z6IST is conducted under the auspices of the APBF and all events designated as qualification for World Bridge Championships will be played in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017.

3.2 Invitation to Participate

Participation in the Z6IST is by APBF invitation only. The process for registration and submission of names will be detailed in the invitation to the event. Furthermore, no player will be eligible to compete unless their name has been submitted in writing to the APBF by their NBO.

3.3 Eligibility to Participate

To be eligible for participation in the World Bridge Championships a competitor (including captains, coaches and other team officials) must comply with the WBF Eligibility Code.

3.4 NPCs, coaches, Trainers or other team officials

No captain, coach, trainer and/or other team official will act for more than one Federation in any Z6IST.

3.5 WBF Eligibility Code for qualifying events

Compliance with the WBF Eligibility Code is mandatory for any qualifying event leading up to any of the WBF Championships

3.6 Media

By participating in a Z6IST, each NBO and its contestants agree that all or part of any event may be photographed, filmed, recorded, or otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the Championship Committee of Z6IST. Such media may be used by the APBF and Z6IST Championship Committee, with the agreement of the above mentioned organs, by NBOs free of charge for non-commercial publicity purposes following the event.

3.7 Competition Requirement

Each NBO agrees, in the interest of promoting goodwill in the world and for the proper conduct of the Z6IST and later the World Bridge Championship, to instruct their contestants to compete against all other contestants. Any contestant or team who enters in the Z6IST or the World Bridge Championship but then refuses to play against any other competitor will be immediately disqualified from the tournament.

Such disqualification will pertain to the remainder of the Championship and subsequent WBF Championship. Furthermore, the offending contestant(s) and NBO will be subject to suspension from participation in any future event conducted under the auspices of the APBF for such period as the APBF in its discretion will determine.

3.8 Political Statements

Each NBO is responsible for ensuring competitors in the event are instructed not to make any public political statements or comments during, or in relation to the event. Any contestant(s) making such a statement may be disqualified and subject to suspension from future APBF events. At its discretion, the APBF may also suspend the contestant's NBO from participation in future events conducted under its auspices.

3.9 Eligibility of Teams and Players

1. a) to determine all questions relating to the rights and eligibility of players, captains, coaches and other team officials whose names have been submitted by an NBO for invitation to compete in Z6IST and later in the World Bridge Championship ("nominated"), the names of players and non-playing captains submitted by the NBOs for invitation to a World Bridge Championship must be transmitted to the Championship Committee of Z6IST.
2. b) The Championship Committee of Z6IST in its discretion, might refuse to invite any player, captain, coach and other team official whose name has been submitted for invitation by an NBO, as aforesaid, to participate in at the Z6IST and in the following World Bridge Championship. In any such case of refusal, no reason will be given by the Championship Committee.

3.10 WBF Commitment Form

Players, captains, coaches and other team officials in WBF Team Championship events are required to read, complete and sign the WBF Commitment Form prior to competing in any World Championship event. Failure to do so will render the competitor ineligible to compete.

A competitor is required to complete this Commitment Form only once unless conditions or WADA requirements change. Submitted forms will be filed for use at future WBF Championship events and will be published on the WBF Website as continued agreement.

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring that the information is legible and their signature clear. Each NBO is responsible for ensuring that all pages on required forms are completed and returned on time, by email to kelvin@scba.org.sg

Forms must arrive no later than 15 days before the start of the Z6IST.

4. Official Language

English is the official language of world bridge championships and therefore also the Z6IST. During a match the players may converse only in English unless both captains (in team games) or all four players at the table (in pairs events) agree to use some other common language at their own risk. If necessary, each captain is responsible for the provision of an interpreter for English translation.

The Laws printed in English will be used by the Tournament Directors to adjudicate irregularities. No review due to misunderstanding in a language other than English will be heard.

5. Ethics and Deportment

5.1 Player's obligations

Eligibility to represent an NBO country as a player, non-playing captain, coach or other team official in the Z6IST and later in a World Bridge Championship depends on a competitor have performed successfully in trials as well as demonstrating sporting behaviour and irreproachable ethics at all times. Furthermore international representatives are expected to be well-presented, courteous, respectful and gracious at all times.

The APBF expects all teams and partnerships to compete fairly with the goal of winning.

Players are asked to follow instructions and proprieties of their local host, respect fellow competitors and officials and comply with Championship Committee decisions courteously and sportingly.

It is a breach of the Proprieties to make any public displays of a political, religious or racial nature. (see section 3.9).

Violations may result in suspension or disqualification.

5.2 Looking at partner

The geography of internet based play means playing rooms are setup so that no offline communication between players should happen. In addition players will be monitored at all times by an in-room invigilation. Furthermore players are required to act in good faith to avoid any suggestion of unlawful communication.

Players may leave the room only with the permission of the TD.

Doing anything that makes communication possible between players will be considered a very serious breach of regulation.

5.3 Partnership understandings

No player may make a call or play based on a partnership understanding that has not been either fully disclosed on an official Convention card, or has a meaning that may reasonably be understood. Psychic actions are permissible, but only if the action surprises partner and the opponents in the same way.

5.4 Illicit Actions

Any illicit action, deliberate attempts to disrupt play in any way, or unethical conduct are subject to the sanction by the Disciplinary Commission under the WBF Disciplinary Code.

6. Anti-Betting Regulation

It is a violation for any player, team captain or official, or any other persons associated with or related to a player, team captain or official participating in any APBF or WBF event, to wager on the results of any such event or part thereof. Any violation will be subject to charges to be presented to a hearing before the WBF Disciplinary Commission.

7. Anti-Doping Regulations

All participants must comply with WBF Anti-Doping Regulations.

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/anti-doping-regulations/>

8. Dress Code

All participants at APBF and WBF Championships must abide strictly by the WBF Dress Code.

9. Restrictions and Security

The following restrictions apply in the playing areas (see definition of these areas in Section 2.18).

9.1 Smoking and Alcohol

9.1.1 Smoking

No player may leave the playing area to smoke before completion of play in a session.

Any player smoking in a prohibited area will cause their team to be fined 2 VP, (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match), or in the case of pairs events, will result in their partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session, plus a monetary fine the amount of which will be informed to the participants before the start of the event. Repeated violation may, and/or will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will also result in the player being prohibited from playing.

The use of electronic cigarettes is governed by these same regulations.

9.1.2 Alcohol

The consumption of alcoholic beverages in the playing area is prohibited at all times. No player may leave the playing area in order to consume alcohol during a session.

Any player consuming alcohol during or after the round in the playing area or the toilet area will result in their team being fined 2 VP, (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match), or in the case of pairs events, will result in their partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session, plus a monetary fine the amount of which will be informed to the participants before the start of the event. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation of this regulation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

2. 9.2 Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Mobile phones and electronic devices are not permitted in the playing area at any time. Electronic devices or mechanical supports for health purposes, such as a prosthesis or wheel chair, must be cleared for use by the Head Tournament Director prior to any session they will be needed.

Any player, captain, coach or other team official bringing a mobile phone and or an unsanctioned electronic device into the playing area will cause their team to receive an automatic mandatory fine of 2 VPs and a monetary fine. And the device will be removed from the player until the fine is paid or the team is prohibited until the debt is cleared.

Anyone entering the playing area can expect any item on their person to be assessed by inspection or procedures put in place by the WBF for the detection of electronic equipment. This includes convention cards, papers, pens, pencils etc.

The SO will arrange for regular checks of players. Refusal to submit to any check will bar that individual from entry to the playing area for such time as decided by the Head Tournament Director in consultation with the Championship Committee.

10. Disqualification from Z6IST

Should a team, pair or individual player be disqualified no refund of the entry fees, either in part or in whole, will be made.

11. Vu-Graph & Broadcasting

11.1 Obligation to play

All contestants are required to play on television and any other electronic or technical medium, including tables under security video-electronic registration, whenever assigned by the TD to do so.

11.2 Access to the Tables under electronic control

Access to the tables under electronic control is limited to the assigned player, the TDs and other officials as required.

12. Media Presentation – Registration – Publication

Players are required to participate in any public presentation of matches, interviews etc arranged by the Z6IST Championship Committee and / or the Tournament Sponsors, including video, internet, TV, radio or any other media presentation.

NBOs and their representatives participating at the Championships are agree for the APBF to broadcast, register, photograph and film the participants during the course of the championships. They further give their consent to the APBF using and delivering at its discretion such material and information through the media, internet, social networks and any other electronic or by other different means for the furtherance of bridge. Such material and information are exclusive property of the WBF and may not be copied, reproduced or used without its written consent. Such consent will normally be given to other bridge organisations wishing to use such material for non-commercial, promotion purposes.

13. Completion of WBF Convention Card

13.1 Publication of Systems

Registration of Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets with the WBF gives the APBF and WBF the right to publish such convention cards via internet or to any parties at the Championship in such form as it sees fit. Following the event they may be maintained on a website for general download by interested parties.

When full systems are registered on site, for the purposes of providing additional information, these will not be published by the WBF to persons other than those requiring them for the purpose of running the tournament.

13.2 Requirements

Contestants are required to make full written disclosure of their system and also to make a full disclosure of the meaning of any call or play in response to a proper question at the table from an opponent. The Supplemental Conditions of Contest will set forth detailed procedures for that disclosure, in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy and in addition to rules established in these Conditions of Contest.

The full written disclosure referred to in the above paragraph is made by the completion in due form of the WBF Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets as required. Partnerships are required to file their Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets in accordance with the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

A Convention Card will not be regarded as having been completed in due form for the purposes of this section unless:

- a) all sections of the Card have been accurately and legibly completed, in English, in accordance with the Guide to Completion, these Conditions of Contest, and the Supplemental Conditions of Contest;
- b) the Card and Supplementary Sheets contain a clear and sufficient explanation of the System used, including, without limitation, all competitive agreements and understandings, it being accepted by the WBF that the full particulars of some sequences (such as relays) which occur in later rounds of the auction, may be omitted from the Card without such omission constituting a breach of the requirement that the Card contain a clear and sufficient explanation of the System;
- c) the type of System and its appropriate colour are duly indicated in the prescribed place on the Card.
- d) any appropriate Brown Sticker or other forms required by the WBF Systems Policy are fully completed and appended to the Card.

13.3 Supplementary Sheets

- a) The WBF Convention Card may be supplemented by the addition of Supplementary Sheets. The function of the Supplementary Sheets is to facilitate the full disclosure of Systems and the relationship of material on a Supplementary Sheet to material on a Card should be clearly indicated by corresponding numbers on both the Card and the Supplementary Sheet.
- b) Any limitation on the number of Supplementary Sheets allowed, as well as the procedures for amendment and variation of Convention Cards will be detailed in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest

13.4 Approved Convention Card Editors

Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel may be used and blank templates are available on the WBF website or from the Systems Administrator. Players are encouraged to send the original Word or Excel files in addition to any PDF that they may have created in case of any issues with the font used. PLEASE NOTE that when registering cards before a Championship image files of any type are not acceptable (i.e. files in formats such as .jpg, .tif or .bmp.), nor are pdf files created from scanned documents or images. Players should be aware that Mac numbers and pages files are unsuitable for the purpose of creating Convention Cards and should not be used. Registered cards will be converted by the Systems Administrator to PDF files which can be read and printed using Acrobat Reader which is available as a free download from www.adobe.com.

13.5 Distribution of Systems

Following registration of the systems for all pairs in a team, the systems will be displayed on a web site designed for the purpose, and the URL (Internet address) sent by email to the captain of the team making the registration and if required, and providing email addresses are provided for the team members, also to them individually. If captains have queries concerning the systems of other teams, they should email the Systems Administrator (kelvin@scba.org.sg) who will pass the query on to the team concerned.

The Z6IST deems the publication of the URL of the private web site to the captains of all teams submitting systems in accordance with the regulation detailed above to constitute distribution of systems. All teams should make every effort to download and print sufficient copies of their opponents' systems for their own use. Should there be any changes to systems uploaded, the Z6IST Systems Administrator will ensure that these are indicated as REV1 (2 etc) on the website. The files will also be date stamped. Teams are expected to check the website regularly to ensure they are aware of any revisions posted. No changes will be made to any systems on the web site after a date to be set in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest, except in cases of emergency, in which event notification will be sent by email to the other teams.

13.6 General

If a player makes use of any conventional call not sufficiently described on their Card (including Supplementary Sheets), or if a partnership is found to be using agreements not permitted at that particular event, that player's partnership may be subject to a procedural penalty (Law 90) for the infraction and/or to disciplinary penalty as well as to score adjustments to redress any damage.

In addition if a pair is found to be playing a system not permitted within the regulations for the event in question as detailed in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest, penalties may be applied. Furthermore that player will not be permitted to continue using their system until it has been altered to the full satisfaction of the Chairman of the Systems Committee. In the meantime they may be required to play the WBF Standard Card.

14. Use of Convention Cards at the Table

The Convention Cards have to be sent in PDF format to Maurizio Di Sacco maurizio@disacco.com 14 days before the start of Z6IST. The duly completed Card and Supplementary Sheet(s) will be published on the website of Z6IST and they will be achievable by the players on their tablets during the play. Out of **written** defense against Brown Sticker conventions and HUM aspects in an opponent's system no paper copies are needed.

After taking place at the playing table, players may not consult their own Card or Supplementary Sheets. A written question may be posed to the screen mate on the tablets

and written defences against Brown Sticker conventions and HUM aspects in an opponent's system consulted.

15. Alerts and Explanations

An alertable call is defined in the WBF Alerting Policy.

Subject to the provisions of the regulations with regard to the use of screens (see Section 27) the partner of a player who has made an alertable call must immediately alert his opponents. It is the responsibility of the alerting player to alert clearly. No explanation of the meaning of the alertable call should be made unless requested by an opponent. Request for explanation of an alertable call may be deferred until later in the auction, or until after the auction has closed in accordance with Law 20.

16. Length of Matches

7 board matches: 60 minutes

10 board matches: 1 hour 30 minutes 12 board matches: 1 hour 45 minutes 14 board matches: 2 hours

16 board matches: 2 hours 20 minutes 20 board matches: 2 hours 50 minutes

Teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty.

17. Non-Playing Captains in Team Tournaments

17.1 General

Playing rooms will be closed to non-playing captains. Only players and 2 officials will be in any playing room.

2. 17.2 Rights of non-playing captains

Non playing captains may act in order:

1. a) to protect the rights of their team if the npc believes that they have been jeopardized in any way;
2. b) to curtail unnecessary discussion;
3. c) to forbid a member of their team to make a protest;
4. d) to restrain misbehaviour on the part of any member of their team;
5. e) to intimate their own intention of requesting a review of a ruling on behalf of their team in reference to any matter in respect of which their team players have not done so;
6. f) to ensure that a pair not playing in a particular match is not allowed to watch its team mates.

3. 17.3 Procedure during matches

- a) During the time allowed for a Session, whether play is actually taking place at the moment or not, NPCs should not address members of their team at the table in any but the English language or in a language understood by the opponents. If it is

desired to use a language other than English, the permission of the opponents should be sought and, where reasonably possible, should be given. If difficulty arises, NPCs wishing to speak to their team in a language not known to the opponents should do so through an interpreter or team member who can translate for the benefit of the opponents.

b) At any time when a comparison of scores is allowed non-playing captains may draw their players' attention to any observation of an infraction but they are bound as a spectator by Law 76B until that time.

18. Substitutes in Team Tournaments

If, for any reason, a team is unable to produce four players, either at the start of a Session or because of an emergency that develops during the Session, the Head Tournament Director, after verifying the respect of all the conditions of security and regularity, in consultation with the captain of the team, may designate a substitute to complete the team. A substitute need not be a member of the NBO or the Zone represented by the team on which they substitute, but must not be a player from another team and may not be a male in the case of an event restricted to women. In a Mixed event a man may not substitute for a woman, nor a woman for a man.

The Head Tournament Director, having designated a substitute, will inform the Chairman of the Championship Committee or an appointed designee as soon as practicable. The results obtained by the substitute will stand unless the Championship Committee judges that the substitute's bridge skills were considerably greater than those of the player replaced, in which case an adjusted score may be determined. Whether or not the result stands, the Championship Committee may impose appropriate penalties when it judges a team to be at fault.

The Championship Committee will have authority to determine whether, and to what extent, a substitute may become a permanent replacement.

19. Substitutes in Pair Tournaments

The Head Tournament Director may make emergency substitutions whenever they are necessary to the smooth operation of the game. If this will, or may, cause the resultant disqualification of any contestant, the contestant will, where practicable, be notified at the time the substitution is made. In an event where a category is involved, the substitute must be in the same category.

20. Forfeits in Team Tournaments

If a team is unable to play or complete a match, the Championship Committee may find that team to be in default and declare the match forfeited or postponed. The team in forfeit will score zero Victory Points and zero IMPs for that match. The team winning the forfeited match will receive the best score between: (a) 12 VP using the 20-0 VP scale, or the equivalent according to the VP scale adopted, (b) the teams average (c) the average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault, whichever is greater. A second walk-over by the same team will be referred to the Disciplinary Commission which can apply

further sanctions including disqualification of the team. If it is, or becomes, necessary also to assign an IMP score for tie-breaking, the winning team will be credited with the average number of IMPs, rounded up, which earn the assigned Victory Points score.

21. Walkover

If a team, by its own fault, is unable to play against another team, it will score zero VP. Its opponents will receive the best score between: (a) 12 VP using the 20-0 VP scale, or the equivalent according to the VP scale adopted, (b) the teams average (c) the average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault, whichever is greater. A second walk-over by the same team will be referred to the Disciplinary Commission which can apply further sanctions including disqualification of the team.

22. Substitute Boards in Team Tournaments

A “substitute board” is one introduced into play in a Session or a match, to replace a board already played at one or both tables. Depending upon the decision of the Head Tournament Director the results of a substitute board may, or may not, be counted as part of the Session or match. Substitute boards are put into play by the Tournament Director either on his own volition or by direction of the Head Tournament Director

23. Special Scoring Methods

23.1 Scoring groups of scores (match-pointed pairs)

If a group contains fewer than four scores, match points in that group will be as follows:

1. i) Group contains only one score - both pairs are awarded 60% of the points available.
2. ii) Group contains two scores. If identical, both pairs receive 60%. If the scores are different, the better score receives 65%, the lesser 55%.
3. iii) Group contains three scores - the best receives 70%, the middle 60%, the lowest 50%. Ties share the match points.

For all groups containing four or more scores, match points will be awarded in accordance with the formula:

$$S = S = S1 =$$

$$n = N = m =$$

$N * S1 / n + m / n$ based on 0, 2, 4 - match point scoring, where final match point to be awarded the pair

match point score earned by the pair considering only the scores within the group itself

number of scores in that group

total number of scores on that board N-n

Match points will be rounded off to the nearest tenth of a match point, 0.05 being counted as 0.1.

2. 23.2 Artificial Scores

For a board on which one or more contestants have been assigned artificial scores, match points will be awarded for other pairs in accordance with the preceding formula where *n* is the number of artificial scores.

3. 23.3 Effect of IMP penalties in a KO match

An IMP penalty applied during the knock-out phase affects the match score in full e.g. if a match score were 100 IMPs - 87 IMPs in favour of team A, then were team A to be penalised 3 IMPs the match score would then become 97- 87

24. Verification of Scores

The correction period in Law 79C expires upon the commencement of the next match or segment (including supplementary board/s to be played in case of tie) or – in respect of the final match or segment of any phase of the event only (each KO match being a phase in its own right for this purpose) – 30 minutes after the first posting of scores or the start of a playoff, whichever comes first, and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- awaiting a review;
- completion of play or a replay of boards where such replay has been directed

by the Tournament Authorities.

24.1 Score Corrections

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71.

An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Head Tournament Director may be corrected up to thirty minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

25. Regulations for Electronic Line-Ups

The Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure of a captain to submit his line-up in a timely fashion will result in fines in accordance with the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the Championship.

The line-ups during the round robin must for both teams be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous round; teams will not know the line-up of their opponents. The line-up for the first round must be given in accordance with the decision taken in the Captains Meeting.

In the KO phase the team to line-up first must submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session. The second team must then submit its line-up no later than 20 minutes after the end of the previous session or no later than 5 minutes after the submission of the first line-up, whichever is latest. These times may be modified in accordance with the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the event.

Line-ups are to be submitted in a dedicated area, with computers as designated by the Operations Director. However, each team will have its own password protected page on the WBF's wireless LAN enabling team captains with their own laptops to use them. All information for team captains will be relayed to them via these pages and captains are expected to check at least twice daily for messages.

The time of the Line-Up will be recorded automatically by the system, and penalties for late line-ups will be mandatory. An official clock will be set in the playing area for the purpose of showing the official time.

If a partnership that has not registered a specific Convention Card is to play, they should indicate on the line-up form which of the registered Convention Cards will be used.

26. Screens

Virtual Screens will be used in a World Bridge Championship.

27. Rulings

After a Director has given a ruling, a request for a review may be made.

28. Review following a Tournament Director's ruling

(see definition in Section 2.20)

28.1 General

The WBF Code of Practice is utilized by the WBF Tournament Directors before any rulings are given, and such rulings are made in consultation with other Directors, senior players and other personnel as appropriate.

The Code of Practice will apply. Players should note the procedures which the Code calls upon them to adopt (as, for example, that they should randomize and make unpredictable the tempo of passing the tray).

29. Request for a Review

A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling or the start of a supplementary board to be played in case of tie, whichever comes first.

All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events.

29.1 Deposit Requests for Review

When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit with the Tournament Director. The amount of deposit required will be not less than US\$ 75 (or the equivalent in Euro), with the exact amount to be informed to the participants before the start of the event. This deposit will be

refunded unless the Reviewer determines that the request was without merit, in which case the deposit will be forfeited.

30. Review Procedure

30.1 General

The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorised information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

On application from the Head TD the President will appoint a list of not less than 10 suitable players, chosen among the high level players participating the event, from whom at least five must be consulted by the Tournament Directors.

More information about Reviews and the procedure can be found on the WBF website.

32. Interpretation of the Bridge Laws

The interpretation of the Bridge Laws is a matter to be referred to the WBF Laws Committee, from which three members will be appointed by the President to act at the World Championships. The decisions reached will be final.

33. Interpretation of these Conditions of Contest

The interpretation of these Conditions of Contest or any Supplemental Conditions of Contest is a matter to be referred to the Championship's Rules & Regulation Committee composed of a Chairman, who will chair it, and two other members appointed by the President. The decisions reached will be final.

34. Eligibility for Awards

34.1 Master Points Awards

Master Points and Placing Points will be awarded in accordance with the WBF Master Points plan, details of which can be found at www.wbfmasterpoints.com.

The title, medals and/or trophies are awarded to all the members of the team, irrespective of the number of boards played, but the master point and Placing point awards will be adjusted.

35. Play off Regulations for 3rd place

The detailed play off Regulations for bronze medals or 3rd place as appropriate will be contained within the Supplemental Regulations for each WBF Championship.

36. Changes to the Conditions of Contest

The APBF or WBF Executive Council, or the Championship Committee by its delegation, reserves the authority to modify or supplement these Conditions of Contest and the Supplemental Conditions of Contest, at any time after its publication and before the beginning of the Championships. After the start of the Championships only on the initiative of the Head Tournament Director may changes be proposed to the Championship Committee, which will then decide whether or not to implement such amendments.

37. Responsibility of the WBF

The WBF schedules a World Bridge Championship to occur at a particular time and place. However, the WBF makes no warranty to any participating NBO, team, pair or person, that any particular World Bridge Championship will take place as scheduled and accepts no responsibility for any loss or expense should it not do so.

38. Agreement to abide by the Conditions of Contest

Entering or being accredited to attend the World Championships means that all personnel concerned with such entry or accrediting (Organisations, Teams and Individuals) know and agree to abide by these General Conditions of Contest and the relevant Supplemental Conditions of Contest.