



# 2<sup>nd</sup> South East Asia Bridge Federation Championships



## Conditions of Contest

### **Laws**

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 will be used. Unless stated explicitly, the General Conditions of Contest governing APBF tournaments will apply.

### **Official Language**

English is the official language of the tournament. During each match, the players converse only in English unless both captains agree that the players may use some other language.

### **Types of Contest and Tournament Format**

The following events will be held:

1. Open Teams
2. Ladies Teams
3. Senior Teams
4. Mixed Teams
5. Youth Teams
6. Open Pairs

Depending on the number of entries, the qualifying round of the Open, Ladies, Senior and Youth Teams series will either be a round robin or Swiss. The ASEAN finals and Non-ASEAN finals (if there are enough Non-ASEAN teams) will either be a 4-team single round robin in each series or a 48-board 3-segment play-off with less than 8 teams in the series. The Mixed Teams will be a 7-round Swiss of 8-board matches.

Screens may be used in the finals. BM II will be used as the official score input device. Teams can print the score sheets when the match is completed by scanning the player bar-code at self-service printers. The scores will become official 10 minutes after the completion of a round, or 10 minutes before the start of the subsequent round if it is the last round of the day. Bidding boxes will be used.

### **Time Schedule**

The tentative schedule is included in this programme, but is subject to final alterations depending on the final entries. The final schedule will be announced in the Captains' Meeting.

### **Team Numbers**

Team numbers of all the team events will be drawn at the Captains' Meeting. If feasible, the schedule and numbers will be so arranged such that teams from the same NBO will meet each other in the earlier rounds.

### **Line-up and Seating**

Teams play according to the schedule. The first named team will be the Home Team and the other the Visiting Team. The Home Team sits NS in the Open Room and EW in the Closed Room. There will be no seating rights and the players will use the BM II at the table to enter the line-up.



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## **Substitutes**

If for any reason a team is unable to produce 4 players, either at the start of a session or during a session because of an emergency arising, the Director may designate a substitute to allow the match to proceed. The substitute must not be a member of another team the same series. The Director, having designated a substitute, must inform the Tournament Organiser as soon as practicable and shall provide a written memo giving the circumstances that necessitated the use of a substitute. The result of such a match in which a substitute has played shall stand. If no substitute is available, the defaulting team must forfeit.

## **Systems & Conventions**

HUM systems and Brown Sticker conventions are not allowed. Psychic or artificial or conventional opening bids are prohibited. All pairs are required to bring 2 copies of duly completed WBF convention card to the tournament, failing which procedural penalties may be imposed.

## **Alerts and Explanations**

An alertable call is defined in the APBF Alerting Policy. It is the responsibility of the player to alert clearly. No explanation of the meaning of the alertable call should be made unless requested by an opponent.

## **Forfeits**

If a team is unable to play or complete a match, the Director may find that team to be in default and declare the match forfeited. The team in forfeit will receive 0 victory point and the non-offending team will receive the higher of:

1. the average VPs for all matches played up to that time of the forfeit, or
2. the complement of the average VPs of the offending team for all matches played up to the time of the forfeit, or
3. 12 VPs.

## **Disqualification**

In the case that a team is disqualified by the Tournament Organising Committee, all scores against this team are null and void.

## **Agreement of Results**

The Captains are responsible for reporting any score discrepancies within 10 minutes after the official completion time of a match.

## **Late Start**

0 - 5 mins.	1st offence: warning
	2nd +: 0.5 VP each
>5 - 10 mins.	1 VP



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>10 - 15 mins.	2 VPs
>15 - 20 mins.	3 VPs
20+ mins.	Walkover

## **Slow Play**

0 - 5 mins.	1 VP
>5 - 10 mins.	1.5 VPs
>10 - 15 mins.	2 VPs
>15 - 20 mins.	2.5 VPs
20+ mins.	At the discretion of the Tournament Organising Committee

## **Tie Breaking**

APBF policy will apply.

## **Request for Review**

A Request for Review of the ruling of the director must be lodged within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the match. All Requests must be submitted to the Director together with a US\$100 deposit or equivalent in local currency, which will be refunded if the Official Reviewer considers that the appeal has merit.

## **Closed Room**

Only the directors, the tournament officials, tournament staff and NPC with the director's permission may enter and leave the Closed Room during any match.

## **Smoking and Consumption of Alcohol**

Players and spectators may not smoke or consume alcohol in the playing area.

## **Mobile Phone and Other Electronic Equipment**

Players and spectators are required to turn off their mobile phones and other electronic equipment while in the playing area. The Chief Tournament Director may, at his discretion, forbid certain electronic equipment be brought into the playing area.

## **Computer Dealt Hands**

All teams will play the same set of computer dealt hands where possible. These hands are generated at random with no special constraints or restrictions.