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I. Preamble

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are Conditions of Contest for the Test Event, Road to Asian Games 2018 Bridge Competition to be played in Jakarta, Indonesia from 28 November – 5 December 2017. The WBF Systems Policy, the WBF Alerting Policy and the WBF Policy on Psychic Bidding are part of these Conditions of Contest. The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 2017 will be used for this event.

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in contract 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 event's Organising Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to one gender shall 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 shall have the following meanings:

2.1 APBF

means the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation.

2.2 Approved Recorder

means:

- a) a person approved for the purpose by the Chief Tournament Director or his designee;
- b) either non-playing Captain of the playing teams, or
- c) the North or South player.

2.3 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.

2.4 Chief Tournament Director and Assistant Chief Tournament Director

mean the Respective Directors so designated by the organizing committee for this competition.

2.5 Director or Tournament Director

means a Director as defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 appointed by the organizing committee for this competition.

2.6 Double Closed Room

All spectators are not allowed to directly spec for both rooms. The selected matches will be broadcasted for Vu-Graph and can be watched in the Vu-Graph Theatre.

2.7 Event

The categories of event to be competed in this Competition.

2.8 Entry by Name

Submitting the names of team member to the Organising Committee.

2.9 Entry by Number

Confirming the NOC participation for the events without the requirement to submit the names of team member.

2.10 Guide to Completion

means the publication of that name issued by the WBF to instruct players in the correct completion of WBF Convention Cards for an APBF Championship or Congress, or Asia Cup, copies of which may be obtained from the APBF Systems Administrator whose address can be found in the Supplementary Conditions of Contest.

2.11 Highly Unusual Methods (HUM)

mean any of the systemic agreements so described in the WBF Systems Policy.

2.12 HUM System

means a System that utilises Highly Unusual Methods.

2.13 Inasgoc

The Indonesian Asian Games Organising Committee, the committee that organises and run overall 18th Asian Games. The Organising Committee for Bridge Competition is a sub-committee of Inasgoc.

2.14 Law

means a Law contained in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017

2.15 Line-Up Desk

means the facility set up at the site of this competition for the teams to register their Line-ups and for the provision of other services relating thereto.

2.16 NBO

A National Bridge Organization that is a member of WBF and member of its NOC. In these Conditions of Contest, the meaning of NBO is an exchangeable with the meaning of NOC.

2.17 NOC

A National Olympic Committee that is member of International Olympic Committee (IOC)

2.18. NPC

The non-playing captain of any team. Teams are not obliged to have non-playing captains; a team member may act as a playing captain if this is preferred. Non-playing captains are considered to be members of the team.

2.19. Open and Close Rooms

For any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated.

2.20. OCA

Olympic Council of Asia. Details of OCA can be found at www.ocasia.org

2.21. Organizing Committee

The committee that organizes and run the 18th Asian Games Bridge Competition.

2.22 Playing Area

the area defined by the organizing committee which may include the lobby in the immediate vicinity of the actual playing rooms, the toilets adjoining the playing rooms which are designated for the use of the players and any other rooms/lobby areas to be decided on site. Such areas will be identified to the participants through the Daily Bulletin during the Competitions.

2.23 Reviewer and His Assistants

The reviewer and his assistant(s) are appointed by the organizing committee before the start of the competition and will review the TD's rulings where required to do so.

2.24 Schedule of Play

means the schedule for this competition determined by the organizing committee.

2.25 Session

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

2.26 Supplementary Conditions of Contest

means the additional Conditions of Contest issued from time to time by the organizing committee for the further regulation of this competition.

2.27 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 Supplementary Conditions of Contest.

2.28 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.

2.29 System Desk

means the facility set up at the site of this competition for the filing of systems and for the provision of other services relating thereto.

2.30 Technical Delegate

The person appointed by Inasgoc and approved by APBF and OCA to supervise Organizing Committee for complying the APBF and WBF rules and regulations.

2.31 This Competition

means Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018.

2.32 These Conditions of Contest

means these General and Supplementary Conditions of Contest for Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018.

2.33 WBF

means the World Bridge Federation, an International Sport Federation recognised by the IOC and incorporated in Switzerland. Detail of WBF can be found at www.worldbridge.org

2.34 WBF Alerting Policy

means the Policy, issued by the WBF from time to time and adopted, together with the APBF Alerting Policy, by the organizing committee, that regulates the alerting procedure in this competition.

2.35 WBF Convention Card or Card

means the Convention Card authorised by the WBF and adopted by the organizing committee for the disclosure of Systems by contestants in this competition and includes Supplementary Sheets.

2.36 WBF Convention Booklet

means the definition of bidding conventions published under that name by the WBF and adopted by the organizing committee for use by contestants in this competition in conjunction with the WBF Convention Cards. 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. The Convention Booklet is contained within the WBF Guide to Completion of the Convention Card.

2.37 WBF Policy on Psychic Bidding

means the policy, issued by the WBF from time to time and adopted by the organizing committee, that specifies the policy with regard to Psychic Bidding.

2.38 WBF Systems Policy

means the Policy, issued by the WBF from time to time and adopted by the organizing committee that regulates the use of Systems in this competition.

2.39 World Standard Card

means the Card devised by the WBF and adopted by the organizing committee for use in specific circumstances defined in the Supplementary Conditions of Contest, copies of which will be available at this competition.

3. Event Definition

For each of the following events, there will be 3 medals. Rank 1 gets the gold medal, rank 2 will get the silver medal, and rank 3 and rank 4 gets the bronze medal. All team Events will be played in the same time. Athletes can only play in one of these category Men, Women, Mixed or Supermixed.

3.1. Men Teams

The Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018 for Men Teams. Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 men players; the NPC and other team officials may be female.

3.2. Women Teams

The Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018 for Women Teams. Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 women players; the NPC and other team officials may be male.

3.3. Mixed Teams

The Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018 for Mixed Teams. Teams must consist of mixed pairs playing in partnership. Each mixed pair consist of 1 (one) man player and 1 (one) woman player playing in partnership. Teams may consist of 2 or 3 women players and 2 or 3 men players; the NPC and other team officials may be male or female.

3.4. Super Mixed Teams

The Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018 for Super Mixed Teams. Teams must consist of men and women pairs playing in partnership. Teams may consist of 1 women pairs and 2 men pairs or 2 women pairs and 1 men pairs or 3 women players and 3 men players, In every match, one women pair has to play against one Men pair, the same sitting arrangement at the others table. the NPC and other team officials may be male or female.

3.5. MP Men Pairs

The Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018 for Men Pairs which the scoring is using match point (MP). Pairs consist of men players playing in partnership.

3.6. MP Women Pairs

The Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018 for Men Pairs which the scoring is using match point (MP). Pairs consist of women players playing in partnership.

3.7. MP Mixed Pairs

The Test Event, Road to Asian Games Bridge Competition 2018 for Mixed Pairs which the scoring is using match point (MP). Pairs consist of 1 man and 1 woman playing in partnership.

4. Rules of Contest

4.1. Men, Women, Mixed and Super Mixed Teams

Consist of two phases: Qualification and Final.

4.1.1. Qualification Phase

There will be one or more complete round robins. The number of board for each session will be informed through Supplementary Conditions of Contest once the number of participating teams is confirmed. Should there be more than 1 round robin, the teams will be reseeded according to their finishing position in the previous round robin for the pairing. The scoring will be using international match point (IMP) which will be converted to victory point (VP).

4.1.2. Knock out Phase

In the knock out phase, four top teams from qualification phase will play 3 rounds of 16-boards for final round. There will be carry-over in the knock out phase. The carry over will be one-third of the IMP difference in the meeting of the teams in the qualification phase.

4.2. MP Men, MP Women and MP Mixed Pairs

The competition will be only two sessions with match point (MP) scoring. The number of boards per round in each session will be determined depending on the number of contestants. Brown Sticker Conventions and HUM System are prohibited in these events.

5. Schedule of Play

The following is the tentative schedule of play. This schedule may be revised based the number of the contestants. The final schedule will be informed at the Captains Meeting. The schedule of play will be published on the championship website (see Section 24).

Day one : Technical Delegate Meeting, Captain's Meeting

Day 2 – 4 Qualification Round

Day 5 Seminal

Day 6 Final, Team and Pairs Qualification

Day 7 -8, Pairs Final

6. Conditions of Entry

Each NOC shall be entitled to send maximum 24 players.

6.1. Eligibility Requirements

6.1.1. Men Teams, Women Teams, Mixed Teams and Super Mixed Teams

Each country shall be entitled to nominate one team for Men Teams, one team for Women Teams, one team for Mixed Teams and one team for Super Mixed.

6.1.2. MP Men Pairs and MP Women Pairs

Each country shall be entitled to nominate up to 3 (three) pairs for MP Men, and Women Pairs.

6.1.3. Registration (all events)

The name and address, telephone number(s) and, wherever possible, email addresses of the non-playing captain, the coach, any other team officials and the names and (if applicable) the email addresses of the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry, should be sent to the Organizing Committee.

6.2. Entry by Number and Names

The preliminary deadlines for contestants to confirm the participation for this Competition will follow the overall Entry by Number and Entry by Names schedule set by Inasgoc.

7. Official Language

English is the official language of this competition. During a match the players may converse only in English unless both captains (in team events), or all four players at the table (in pair's 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 translation into English. The Laws printed in English will be used by the Tournament Directors to adjudicate irregularities. No request for review due to misunderstanding in a language other than English will be entertained.

8. Ethics And Deportment

8.1 Player's Obligations

All contestants in this competition are required to conform at all times to the highest standards of ethics and deportment. The organizing committee expects all teams and partnerships to play to win at all times and in all circumstances. All contestants (including non-playing captains) are also expected to accept the decisions made by the championship authorities in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner.

8.2 Looking at Partner

Players are requested not to look at their partners during play of a hand. The objective is to avoid any suggestion of unethical communication.

8.3 Anti-Betting Regulation

It shall be 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 this competition 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 APBF Executive Committee.

9. Anti-Doping Regulations

It is mandatory for all participants to follow the WBF Anti-Doping regulations adopted by the APBF detailed in Appendix 5.

10. Dress Code

All Participants are asked to take note of the recognition of Bridge as a Sport by the IOC and requests that players should, at all times, be dressed appropriately; this is particularly the case at the Opening Ceremony and at the Prize Giving Ceremony or Victory Banquet, when it is expected that teams should at least be uniformly dressed even if a team uniform is not available. During play appropriate dress would, for example, be an open-necked shirt, or a smart polo or sweatshirt worn with trousers or skirt as appropriate.

11. Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to the playing areas (see definition of these areas in Section 2.15).

11.1 Smoking and Alcohol

Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area are prohibited. No player may leave the playing area in order to smoke or consume alcohol before the end of his match. Any player or team official smoking or consuming alcohol before, during or after the session in these areas will result in his team being fined 2 VPs, or in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area.

11.2 Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Mobile telephones and electronic devices may not be brought into the playing area and toilets. Any player or team official bringing such an item into these areas will result in his team being fined 2 VPs or in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session. This penalty is mandatory. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area. The Chief Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area. Anyone entering the playing area may be required to comply with procedures put in place by the organizing committee for the detection of such electronic equipment. See also Section 28.1 for restrictions pertaining to spectators.

The Chief Tournament Director will arrange for random checks of players and team officials to ensure that there is compliance with these prohibitions. Refusal to submit to these checks will bar the individual concerned from the playing area and toilet area for the duration of the match or until such time as the Chief Tournament Director in consultation with the organizing committee shall decide.

12. Disqualification From this competition

Should a team, pair or individual player be disqualified as a result of a decision made by the organizing committee, no refund of the entry fees, either in part or in whole, will be made.

13. Vu-Graph

All contestants are required to play on Vu-Graph whenever assigned to do so by the Technical Delegate or Chief Tournament Director or his designee. In the absence of any contrary stipulation, the room from which play is broadcast to the Vu-Graph audience shall be the Open Room.

14. Media Presentation

Players are required to participate in any public presentation of matches, interviews etc arranged by the organizing committee, including video, Internet, TV, radio or any other media presentation.

15. Completion of WBF Convention Card

15.1 Publication of Systems

Registration of Convention Cards with the organizing committee gives the organizing committee the right to publish such convention cards via Internet or to any parties in such form as it sees fit. When full systems are registered on site, for the purposes of providing additional information, these will not be published by the organizing committee to persons other than those requiring them for the purpose of running the Tournament.

15.2 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 Supplementary 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 Supplementary Conditions of Contest. A 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 Supplementary 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 organizing committee 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.

15.3 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) The number of Supplementary Sheets allowed, as well as the procedures for amendment and variation of Convention Cards will be set forth in the Supplementary Conditions of Contest.

15.4 General

- a) If a player makes use of any conventional call not sufficiently described on his Card (including Supplementary Sheets), 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.
- b) The onus of disclosure is on the user. When there is a claim of damage through inadequate disclosure, the Tournament Director will give the benefit of any doubt to the opponents.

16. Disclosure of Systems and Conventions

16.1 Systems Policy

The WBF Systems Policy, adopted by the organizing committee, forms part of these Conditions of Contest. No HUM system is permitted. Brown Sticker conventions are allowed for the Teams Event, but not permitted for the MP Pairs Event.

Note that psyches protected by system and classified as Brown Sticker Conventions, and psyche of conventional and artificial openings are prohibited.

Each team will be allowed to submit a maximum of 4 systems. For the purpose of this section, if a system contains different methods for different vulnerabilities, each method will be treated as a separate system.

If a pair is found to have used a convention not listed on its Convention Card, it will be given a disciplinary penalty of up to 2 VPs deducted from the team's score. In addition, the Tournament Director gives an adjusted score if he deems that the opponents are damaged by the use of such an unknown convention. The pair will not play again until it has corrected its card to the satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director. If the pair re-offends in this way they will not be allowed to play in partnership for the rest of the event. In addition, such penalties will be applied should any pair in either of these events be found to have used a HUM system.

16.2 Submission of Systems

Each team captain is responsible for ensuring that the convention cards for his team are submitted **in PDF format**, at the competition website (see Section 24) as soon as possible, but in any event before 15 November 2017. The Systems for every partnership that will play in these Championships must be described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, plus Supplementary Sheets, as necessary to describe conventional sequences in detail. Programs for the preparation of the Cards and Supplementary sheets are listed in Section 14.2.1. Penalties for failure to submit Convention Cards and Supplementary in time are (in addition to Section 14.2.2) specified in Section 19.1.

16.2.1 Programs for the preparation of Convention Cards The Convention Cards may be prepared using Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel (blank templates are available from www.ecatsbridge.com).

NOTE : Pairs submitting Brown Sticker Systems **MUST** use the special forms provided which can be obtained from www.worldbridge.org or www.ecatsbridge.com.

The Convention Card **MUST** be sent in Acrobat (PDF) Format, version 9 or above. Picture formats (.jpg, .bmp etc) will not be accepted. Players are responsible for ensuring that the formatting is such that all the information is within the printable area of the page.

On receipt of the cards, the Organizing Committee will ensure that the PDF files can be read and printed using Acrobat Reader 9 or above which is available as a free download from www.adobe.com. It is advised that the latest version should be obtained.

The registered systems will be displayed at the competition website (see Section 24).

Pairs are responsible for checking their own convention cards on line, to ensure that the card displayed is complete, correct and has supplementary notes that are required.

Following the event, the organizing committee reserves the right to display the Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets in a public area for interested parties to see them. If a full system is submitted, this will not be included on such pages of the site.

16.2.2 Convention Cards not received in due time

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not been submitted on-line by 15 November 2017, in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 19.1, be required by the Organizing Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than the first two days of play.

Furthermore, no Brown Sticker Conventions will be permitted for the duration of these Championships.

16.2.3 Contact Information

Should captains have any queries concerning the systems provided by other teams, they should email the Championship Organising Committee who will forward them to the appropriate person for response.

The fact that Cards and Supplementary Sheets are circulated by the organizing committee (see 14.2.1) does not mean that the organizing committee has considered such Cards as completely acceptable; systems although accepted as registered, may require amendments after being circulated.

16.3 Supplementary Sheets

Where a conventional sequence cannot be described adequately in the space provided on the WBF Convention Card, a reference number should be placed at the appropriate place on the Card; a Supplementary Sheet bearing that reference number, and containing the complete explanation must be submitted along with the Card.

16.4 Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets

- a) Any changes to the duly submitted (as per section 14.2) Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see (e) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event no later than 20 November 2017. These changes may only be clarifications, amendments of typing errors, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy. **NOTE THAT NO CHANGES** may be made to Brown Sticker

conventions. If these are not correctly submitted in the first instance, they may not be played.

- b) On site changes to systems will be approved or required by the Chief Tournament Director.
- c) In order for a change to be implemented, it will be uploaded to the website and an email sent to all captains to inform them that the Convention Card has been altered. Any essential changes (for example caused by the necessary change to a partnership as a result of withdrawal of a player) made to Convention Cards after 20 November 2017 will be relayed to all Captains by email. If such change is made after 25 November 2017, the information will only be available to the Captains through mailboxes on site.
- d) Approval for a change requested once teams have reached the venue may be given or refused in whole or part by the Chief Tournament Director and may be given subject to conditions.
One such condition will usually be that any such change cannot be implemented in the course of a particular round robin or in the course of a particular stage of the event, with possible prejudice to unprepared opponents being a particularly important negative factor. Clarifications and improvements to presentation will not be considered as substantive changes.
- e) Official format for changes:
 - i) A new page of the Convention Card/Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change
 - ii) A separate text document describing completely the proposed change and referring to the place(s) on the new pages where they can be found and any cross-references to Supplementary Sheet notes.

16.5 Special Responsibility for BROWN STICKER Conventions

With regards to BROWN STICKER conventions, there is a special responsibility for users to explain their methods in sufficient detail (as per the Guide to Completion and the CCE) the **first time that Cards are submitted**. Explanations and continuations for Brown Sticker Conventions must be presented using the Brown Sticker Convention Announcement forms, which form part of the WBF Systems Policy, and is available in Word Format for download from www.ecatsbridge.com or by email from anna@ecats.co.uk.

If these submissions are inadequate, the pair may be barred from using those badly or inadequately described methods for the entire tournament.

These penalties are quite severe, but with the duly executed distribution of these Conditions and all significant materials by the organizing committee, no pair will be permitted to claim ignorance of this special responsibility. The NBO, the Captains and the players are jointly responsible for contacting the organizing committee should there be any problems in obtaining the necessary tournament information in timely fashion. If these materials are received prejudicially late, it is the responsibility of the jointly responsible parties to so inform the organizing committee as soon as possible.

16.6 Defences to Brown Sticker Conventions

A pair may prepare written defences against the Brown Stickers elements of any system. These defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems.

16.7 Seating Rights for Pairs using Brown Sticker Conventions

Teams will be awarded seating rights if they are playing against a pair or pairs using two or more BS Conventions.

17. Use of Convention Card at Table

Unless otherwise set forth in the Supplementary Conditions of Contest, each member of a pair must hand to one of his opponents at the table during each Session of an event his duly completed Card and Supplementary Sheet(s) (incorporating any variations made pursuant to the provisions of the Supplementary Conditions of Contest for this competition) which shall contain in the designated place on the Card an indication of the appropriate colour. These are to be reclaimed at the end of the Session. After withdrawing his cards from the board and until they are restored at the conclusion of the play, a player may not consult his own Card or Supplementary Sheets. He may consult the WBF Convention Booklet in respect of a call made by an opponent, but not in respect of a call made by his partner, or one made or contemplated by himself, and he may consult written defences against Brown sticker conventions and HUM-aspects in his opponents system.

18. Alerts and Explanations

An alertable call is defined in the WBF Alerting Policy (see Appendix 2: WBF Alerting Policy). Subject to the provisions of Section 25.2 when screens are in use, the partner of a player who has made an alertable call must immediately alert his opponents unless they have stated, before the auction started on the first board of the set that they do not wish to be alerted. 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.

19. WBF Convention Booklet

Except in the case of initial action, whether offensive or defensive, showing two or more specified suits (for which the suits involved must be specified on the convention card) a reference on the Card to the name of a convention described in the WBF Convention Booklet which is contained on the WBF CCE or within the WBF Guide to Completion (obtainable from www.ecatsbridge.com Documents section) shall be deemed to incorporate on the Card the full text of the relevant convention as described in the WBF Convention Booklet. Should any modification of the description contained in the WBF Convention Booklet be used, sufficient details of such modification must appear on the Card in the appropriate section where the subject convention is named. No modification should be written on the WBF Convention Booklet itself.

20. Non-Playing Captains in Team Tournaments

20.1 General

A non-playing captain (NPC) may observe his team during play subject to the rules set forth in this Section and to any supplementary regulation made from time to time by the organizing committee before this competition. The NPC must enter the room before play begins at the start of a Session, and if the NPCs of both teams are in the room, they shall sit on the same side of the screen. In case of dispute the "Home Team" captain shall decide on which side of the screen they will sit. A NPC may observe play in the Closed Room at the discretion of the Chief Tournament Director.

20.2 Procedure during matches

- a) A NPC who leaves the room, except as provided in this Section, cannot return during that Session. Exceptionally, if the NPC is requested to leave the playing room (for the purpose of consultation or for whatever reason) by a Tournament Director, the President, or the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, he may (but need not) be permitted to return to that playing room at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- b) A NPC is bound to the same restrictions as spectators (Law 76), except that he may intervene to restrain misbehaviour or curtail unnecessary discussion on the part of his team members, and may with the concurrence of the Tournament Director speak to questions of fact or law, after the Tournament Director has been called to the table, but may not call the Tournament Director.
- c) During the time allowed for a Session, whether play is actually taking place at the moment or not, a NPC should not address members of his 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, a NPC wishing to speak to his 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.
- d) At any time when a comparison of scores is allowed a non-playing Captain may draw his players' attention to his observation of an infraction but he is bound as a spectator by Law 76B until that time.

20.3 Delegation of responsibility by the NPC

NPCs are responsible for the performance of various functions detailed in these Conditions of Contest and the Supplementary Conditions of Contest. While the organizing committee recognises the importance of other team officials (such as coach, etc.), it is only when they are specifically named by the NPC, and have been invited to participate in this competition, that they may perform certain of the official functions assigned to the NPC. Such additional team officials may not enter the playing rooms unless they obtain the permission of the Technical Delegates and Technical Delegate may impose conditions on such entrance in his discretion.

21. 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 Chief Tournament Director, 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 represented by the team on which he or she substitutes, but must not be a player from another team and may not be a male in the case of an event restricted to women and Vice Versa.

The Chief Tournament Director, having designated a substitute, shall inform the Technical Delegate as soon as practicable. The results obtained by the substitute shall stand unless Technical Delegate 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 Technical Delegate may impose appropriate penalties when it judges a team to be at fault.

Technical Delegate shall have authority to determine whether, and to what extent, a substitute may become a permanent replacement.

22. Substitutes in Pair Tournaments

The Chief 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 shall, where practicable, be notified at the time the substitution is made.

23. Forfeits in Team Tournaments

If a team is unable to play or complete a match, Technical Delegate may find that team to be in default and declare the match forfeited or postponed. The team in forfeit shall score zero Victory Points and zero IMPs for that match. The team winning the forfeited match will receive the best score between:

- (a) 12 VPs using the 20-0 VP scale,
- (b) the team's average, or the teams overall average.
- (c) the average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault, whichever is greater. If it is, or becomes, necessary also to assign an IMP score for tie breaking or carry-over purposes, the winning team shall be credited with the average number of IMPs, rounded up, which earn the assigned Victory Points score.

24. 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 Chief 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 Chief Tournament Director.

25. Fouled Boards

A board is considered "fouled" if the Tournament Director determines that one or more cards were misplaced in the board in such a manner that contestants who should have direct comparison did not play the board in identical form. If in a team event a pre-duplicated board is wrongly dealt and Law 13 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 applies in such a way that the board cannot be played, the board is considered to be a fouled board.

25.1 Fouled Boards in Team Tournaments

A board is not considered fouled if the boards played in the same match are identical even though that board may differ from the like numbered board played in simultaneous matches. In general, a fouled board should be replayed through the substitution of a new board. In addition, penalties will apply in certain circumstances (in accordance with the Supplementary Conditions of Contest). replays through the substitution of one new board shall not be permitted after the result of a match may be known to the contestants, as to which circumstances the Tournament Director's decision shall be binding. That match is scored as though the board had never been played*.

The same rules apply whenever a substitute board would normally be played, for example, when the Executive Committee nullifies a board. When the Tournament Director has reason to believe the Executive Committee may wish to have a substitute board played in the final session of a match, he should have a provisional board played during the session with an extra time allowance of 8 minutes. The Tournament Director, on his own volition, may instruct that a provisional board be played pending a future decision.

***Example:** if the 7th board in a 16-board match is fouled and the error is discovered when the contestants are computing the result of the match, the board is disregarded and the match is scored as though it consisted of only 15 boards, using the 16-board VP scale **no additional IMPs will be awarded.**

25.2 Fouled Boards in Pair Tournaments

When a board has been fouled, the Tournament Director shall determine where the foul occurred. If guilt can be determined, penalties should be assessed in accordance with the Supplementary Conditions of Contest. Procedures for scoring fouled boards are contained in the Supplementary Conditions of Contest.

26. Bidding Boxes, BridgeMates and other devices

26.1 Bidding boxes

The use of bidding boxes is mandatory throughout this competition. Starting with the dealer, players place the bidding cards on the table in front of them, from the left and neatly overlapping so that all calls are visible and faced towards partner; players should refrain from touching any bidding cards until they have determined their call. A call is considered to have been made when the bidding card(s) is removed from the bidding box with apparent intent (but Law 25 may apply and if a player's mind was elsewhere as he makes an unintended call the 'pause for thought' should be assessed from the moment when he first recognises his error). Alerts should be made by the use of the alert card; it is the responsibility of the alerting player to ensure that his opponents are aware of the Alert. STOP card will not be used. An opponent may pause as though the STOP card has been used. Until they are removed from the table, a player obtains a review of the auction by inspecting the bidding cards. When such inspection is not feasible a player may obtain a written review of the auction at his first turn to play to trick one. If a player whose pass will conclude the auction removes his bidding cards from the table he is deemed to have passed. If screens are in use the foregoing is modified - see Section 26.

26.2 BridgeMates and other devices used for the recording of matches

BridgeMate IIs are currently used for the official recording of the scores throughout the Competition. This recording is the responsibility of the team sitting North/South at each table. The E/W pair will be responsible for agreeing the score by keying in their confirmation. The official score will be that keyed in by N/S and agreed by E/W. Players and Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores. Repeated violation of correct entering procedures may be subject to penalties.

27. Verification of Scores

The correction period in Law 79C expires upon the commencement of the next match or segment, or - in respect of the final match or segment of any phase of the event only – 30 minutes after the final result has been posted and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- awaiting a review;
- completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Executive Committee.

27.1 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 Chief Tournament Director may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the posting of the scores at the end of play on each day. Only the results of the boards played that day are subject to correction.

28. Play of the Cards

During the course of play, each card should be played towards partner in a consistent manner and placed on the table in the same position each time so that it can be seen by all players at the table. Quitted tricks should be placed consistently in a neat row in front of the player,

evenly overlapping with tricks won pointing towards partner and tricks lost pointing towards the opponents.

29. Screen Regulations

Screens will be used in this competition.

29.1 Description of the Operation

The North and East players sit on the same side of the screen throughout. It is North's responsibility to place the board on, and to remove the board from, the bidding tray. The sequence is this: North places the board on the bidding tray after which the aperture is closed (and remains so during the entire auction period) so that the bidding tray can just pass under it. The players remove the cards from the board. Calls are made with the cards from the bidding box. The player places the selected call in the bidding tray, which will be visible only on the player's side of the screen. A player's first call should touch the extreme left of his own segment of the bidding tray, with subsequent calls overlapping neatly and evenly to the right. Players should make every effort to perform these actions as quietly as possible. With screens in use a call is considered 'made' when placed on the tray and released. A player who removes one or more of his bidding cards from the tray in an apparent attempt to "pass" is indeed deemed to have "passed".

After two players on the same side of the screen have made their calls, North or South (as the case may be) slides the bidding tray under the centre of the screen so as to be visible only to the players on the other side. They then make their calls in like manner and the bidding tray is slid back again. This procedure is continued until the auction is completed. It is considered desirable that players should vary the tempo randomly when returning the tray under the screen. After all four players have had the opportunity to review the auction (equivalent to the right of having the auction restated) the players replace their bidding cards in their respective bidding boxes. The bidding tray shall be removed from the table by a member of the declaring side. After a legal opening lead is faced, the screen aperture is opened the minimum necessary to permit all players to see the dummy cards and the cards played to each trick. If a defender exposes a card and, because of the screen, declarer does not see it, dummy may draw attention to the irregularity.

29.2 Alerts and Explanations

- a) A player who makes an alertable call as defined in Appendix 2 must alert his screen-mate, and partner must alert on the other side of the screen when the bidding tray arrives there. The alert must be made by placing the Alert Card over the last call of the screen-mate, in his segment of the bidding tray; the alerted player must acknowledge by returning the Alert Card to his opponent. A player may, by written question, ask for an explanation of an opponent's call; the screen-mate then provides a written answer.
- b) At any time during the Auction a player may request of his screen mate, in writing, a full explanation of an opponent's call. The reply is also in writing.
- c) At all times from the commencement of the Auction to the completion of play each player receives information only from his screen mate about the meanings of calls and explanations given. Questions during the play period should be in writing **with the aperture closed**. The screen is raised after the response has been made. Therefore the tournament director cannot make enquiries on a player's behalf on the other side of the screen during the auction or play.

29.3 Modifications of Laws when Screens are in Use

- a) An irregularity passed through the screen is subject to the normal laws, with the following provisions:

- i) an inadmissible call - see Law 35 - must be corrected.
 - ii) if a player infringes the law and, inadvertently (otherwise Law 23 may apply), the irregularity is passed through the screen by his screen mate the latter has accepted the action on behalf of his side in situations where the laws permit LHO to accept it.
- b) Before an irregularity is passed through the screen the offender or his screen mate shall draw the Director's attention to it. Infringing calls shall not be accepted and shall be put right without other rectification (but see (a)(ii) above); any other irregularity shall be rectified and the Director ensures that only the legal auction is passed through the screen. No player on the other side of the screen shall be informed of the occurrence unless the application of a law requires it.
- c) The screen mate should attempt to prevent an opening lead out of turn. Any opening lead out of turn shall be withdrawn without other rectification if the screen has not been opened. Otherwise:
- i) when the screen has been opened through no fault of the declaring side (and the other defender has not led face up) Law 54 applies.
 - ii) when the declaring side has opened the screen the lead is accepted. The presumed declarer becomes the actual declarer, Law 23 may apply.
 - iii) when two opening leads are faced by the defending side the incorrect lead is a major penalty card.
 - iv) for a card faced by the declaring side see Law 48.
- d) When an alertable call is made see 26.2 above.
- e) When a player takes more than a normal time to make his call, it is not an infraction if he draws attention to the break in tempo. His screen mate, however, shall not do so.
- f) If a player on the side of the screen receiving the tray considers there has been a break in tempo and consequently there may be unauthorized information he should, under Law 16B2, call the director. He may do so at any time before the opening lead is made and the screen opened.
- g) Failure to do so as F provides may persuade the Director it was the partner who drew attention to the break in tempo. If so he may well rule there was no perceived delay and thus no unauthorised information. A delay in passing the tray of up to 20 seconds is not regarded as significant.
- h) However, if the players have not been randomising the tempo of the auction as desired by section 26.1 paragraph 2, then a delay of less than 20 seconds may well be regarded as being significant.

30. Duplicated Boards

Whenever possible, duplicated boards will be in this competition.

31. Attendance in Playing Rooms

Subject to any supplementary regulations made by the Executive Committee or special permission of the President, only the following are permitted to enter the playing rooms:

- a) participants assigned to play in that room;
- b) Tournament Directors;
- c) personnel needed to operate these tournaments, including assigned recorders, scorers, timers, caddies, and Vu-Graph personnel;
- d) The Technical Delegates;
- e) OCA and Inasgoc Representative;
- f) NOC Representative;

- g) The Reviewer or his assistants;
- h) staff personnel for provision of refreshment and room cleaning, if necessary;
- i) "Officials on duty" appointed for a specific session or sessions by the President;
- j) a maximum of two members of the Daily Bulletin staff to be named by its Editor;
- k) a maximum of eight approved journalists who have been accredited by the OCA, Inasgoc or Technical Delegates (or his designee).

The assignments of places in the playing rooms to those in categories (i) and (j) shall be made by the Editor of the Daily Bulletin subject to the following rules: (There are a maximum of 10 individuals who represent categories (i) and (j). For purposes of the following, those 10 are considered a single group and members of it are referred to as "representatives").

- Except by permission of the President, not more than one "representative" shall be at any table at the same time; preference will be given to category (i).
- The "representative" must enter the room before the session begins, must remain on the same side of the screen throughout the session and, should he leave before the end of the session, may not re-enter any playing rooms.
- "Representatives" in categories (i) and (j) may be assigned to Open and Closed Rooms.
- A "representative" from category (j) may not be assigned to either room of a match that is presented on Vu-Graph. A "representative" from category (i) may be assigned only to the Closed Room of a Vu-Graph match. However, if both rooms of a match are being simultaneously presented on Vu-Graph, "representatives" from all categories shall be excluded from both playing rooms of that match.
- A "representative" from category (j) who is from the same NBO as a player in that room, is deemed to be, for purpose of Law 11, a spectator for whose presence at the table that player is responsible. Accordingly, the player's consent is required for the "representative's" presence at the table.

The Technical Delegate may increase the number of the approved journalists specified in (j) above if the space available and the security conditions permit. Subject to conditions of play, the President may permit spectators to watch matches in the Open Room. In this event, a spectator should be seated at one side of the screen and no more than six spectators may watch at any one table. Spectators can only watch one match. Non-playing players from a team are not permitted to watch either own team's match.

An individual who observes an irregularity when a spectator is subject to the inhibition in Law 76B until a ruling on the board may no longer be sought. "Representatives" are spectators, as also are other non-participants observing the play.

31.1 Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to the playing areas (see definition of these areas in Section 2.16).

Spectators are not permitted to smoke or consume any alcoholic drinks in these areas, nor may they bring mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic equipment into these areas. Spectators contravening any of these regulations will be required to leave the playing area immediately and will not be permitted to return for the remainder of the Championships without specific permission from the Chief Tournament Director. The Chief Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a spectator from bringing other equipment into the playing area. Anyone entering the playing area may be required to comply with procedures put in place by the APBF for the detection of such electronic equipment.

32. Rulings

The Tournament Director shall be summoned to a table as soon as attention is drawn to an irregularity. After the Director has given the ruling, a request for a review may be made.

33. Review Following a Tournament Director's Ruling

33.1 General

The WBF Code of Practice is utilised by the 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 randomise and make unpredictable the tempo of passing the tray).

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

33.3 Requests for Review Deposit

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\$100 (or its equivalent in local currency). This deposit will be refunded unless the Reviewer determines that the request was without merit, in which case the deposit will be forfeited.

34. Review Procedure

34.1 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 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 Chief Tournament Director to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

35. The Draw

The draw of team numbers will take place at the Captains Meeting, to be held on 28 November 2017. It will also be published on the championship website.

36. Conversion Scales

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams at the end of each of the matches scored in Victory Points (VP) shall be converted into VP, according to the official WBF conversion scales.

37. 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 shall result in fines according to Section 19.2. When there is seating right, the line-ups for Visiting Teams must be submitted 20 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions; the line-ups for Home Teams must be

submitted 10 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions. Visiting Teams playing against a pair using two or more BS conventions will be allowed to change their line-up after submission, but they must do this 5 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session or match. When both captains submit the line-ups of their teams without having seating rights, this must be done at least 20 minutes before the scheduled time for the start of the match. Line-ups are to be submitted in a dedicated area, with computers as designated by the Technical Delegate. However, each team will have its own password protected page enabling team captains to submit via the Internet.

38. Designation of Matches and Seeding

38.1 Seeding

The teams competing in all teams events will not be seeded; draws will be made on a random basis.

38.2 Responsibility for the Draw

The draw will be made at the Captains Meeting on 28 November 2017. The team numbers and, by consequence, the sequence of the matches will be published on the championship website (see Section 24). The Organising Committee has the authority to make some changes in the team numbers (and as a consequence in the sequence of play) if required by occurrences after the draw has been announced.

The team numbers in the 2nd round robins where applicable will remain the same, but the schedule of play will depend on the finishing position of the 1st round robin and relative to the schedule of the 1st round robin.

38.3 Seating Rights

The team with the seating rights sits NS in the open room.

39. Change of Players

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session.

40. Length of Matches

The length of the matches will depend on the number of board played, which are:

2 boards	:	17 minutes;
3 boards	:	25.5 minutes;
4 boards	:	34 minutes;
8 boards	:	1 hour 10 minutes;
14 boards	:	2 hour;
16 boards	:	2 hours 20 minutes;
20 boards	:	2 hours 50 minutes

After that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty. Additional time will not be allowed for teams playing on Vu-Graph; neither will extra time be granted because of the use of bidding boxes, screens, discussions of systems or for other similar reasons. Vu-Graph presentation for any match or session will not start until the Tournament Director so decides.

41. Tie-Breaking Procedures

41.1 Two Teams

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round robin, the tie shall be broken as follows (in the sequence shown):

- a) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:
- b) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- c) Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains then:
- d) Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains then:
- e) One board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

41.2 Three Teams

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Subsection 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- c) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- d) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1; In all other cases, ties shall be broken in accordance with the following:
 - i) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - ii) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three team remain tied, then:
 - iii) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - iv) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

41.3 Four or more Teams

If four or more teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 17.1.

and 17.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:

- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.2, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:
- c) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 17.1 or 17.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:
- d) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

42. Disqualification

In the case of a team being disqualified, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may in the discretion of Technical Delegate and Chief Tournament Director be declared void and the scores earned by its opponents in those matches may be cancelled or varied.

43. Penalties

The schedule of penalties, which follows, is supplemental to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017. All infringements of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017. Monetary fines shall be paid in US Dollars or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Technical Delegate for transmittal to the Inasgoc. Upon publication of these Conditions of Contest no further warning is required (whether from the Director or otherwise) prior to the application of any penalty under the provision of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007/2017 or of these Conditions of Contest.

Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the Round Robin. The VP penalties shall not affect individual matches in any manner, but may determine a team's ranking.

Penalties assessed in IMPs shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the match during which the penalty was imposed, before its VP score is calculated. However the score of the non-offending team shall not be affected.

43.1 Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion

Any team containing a partnership that, for any reason, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 15.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 15.2.2):

- a) be subject to a decision of the Technical Delegate and Chief Tournament Director who may forbid the team to use specific conventional understandings not submitted in accordance with these Conditions of Contest. If a disallowed convention is used, Technical Delegate and Chief Tournament Director may impose penalties at its discretion; and
- b) be fined US\$20 per pair per week and parts thereof, to be paid prior to the commencement of the tournament.

43.2 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with Section 12:

- a) for the first such offence a warning shall be issued by the Tournament Director;
- b) for the second offence there shall be a fine of US\$20;
- c) for the third offence there shall be a fine of US\$40 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of US\$100; penalties are cumulative. When failure to provide the line-up in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, penalties under this Section shall be imposed only on the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. The captain of the other team shall have 10 minutes after the filing by the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the extra five minutes allocated in the foregoing, whichever is later, this captain too is deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to penalty under this Section.

43.3 Lateness

Any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of a match or a session of a match will be assessed a penalty according to the following scale:

0+ – 5 minutes late	warning to captain(s) (after the 1 st warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
5+ – 10 minutes late	1 VP
10+ – 15 minutes late	2 VPs
15+ – 20 minutes late	3 VPs
20+ – 25 minutes late	4 VPs
Over 25 minutes late	minimum 5 VPs plus 1 VP every 5 minutes, but after 40 minutes the match is cancelled and considered a walk-over. At its discretion, the Chief Tournament Director may recommend more severe action by the Executive Committee.

For the above purposes, each round robin is considered to be a separate event. Thus any late arrival warnings issued during a round robin are not carried over into the next round robin.

43.4 Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the time play in such match or session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the time allowed by Section 16 of these Conditions then either or both of the pairs shall be subject to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

Excess time apportioned to a pair

0+ – 5 minutes late	1 VP
5+ – 10 minutes late	1.5 VPs
10+ – 15 minutes late	2 VPs
15+ – 20 minutes late	2.5 VPs
20+ – 25 minutes late	3 VPs
Over 25 minutes late	5 VPs plus 1 VP for each additional 5 minutes and the Chief Tournament Director will impose disciplinary penalties on the pair and/or on the team. After 30 minutes the match

shall be truncated, reducing the number of boards played; if this happens the match will be scored only with the boards played at both tables, but the same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

Example:

If a 14-board match or session took 2¼ hours (excess of 15 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 6 extra minutes, the total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2-VP penalty and pair B 0.8-VP penalty. In any case if the Tournament Director judges that one match will be so delayed that it would disturb the starting time of the next round, he may truncate it, reducing the number of the boards played: if this happens the match will be scored only with the boards played at both tables, but the same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

43.5 Fouled Boards

See the General Conditions of Contest for explanation. If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to procedural penalty.

43.6 Frivolous Request for Review

Forfeiture of the deposit if the Official Reviewer determines the request to be without merit (“frivolous”). See Section 32 of the General Conditions of Contest.

44. Recording of Matches and Verification of Scores

44.1 Official Electronic Score Submission

BridgeMate II will be used for score input at these championships. The North or South player at each table will be responsible for entering the score of each board, for each match and session thereof. The East or West player at each table will be responsible for confirming the scores entered. Team captains will agree upon the scores produced by the championship’s official scorer for each match and segment thereof. At the conclusion of each match, or session of a match, the Tournament Director shall post an official result.

Players and Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores.

The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in Section 20.2; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- a) awaiting decision of the Official Reviewer on a filed Request for Review;
- b) completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Chief Tournament Director.

44.2 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 Chief Tournament Director may be corrected up to 30 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.

45. 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 WBF President. The decisions reached shall be final.

46. Appendix 1: WBF Systems Policy and APBF Adoption

Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of any WBF Policies, which will be available on the WBF Website (www.worldbridge.org) or from the contact listed in Section 44.

APBF adopts the WBF Systems Policy with the following exceptions:

- a) Brown Sticker Conventions are allowed during the round robin in the Men, Women, Mixed and Supermixed series.
- b) Psyches protected by system and classified as Brown Sticker by the WBF are not allowed.
- c) Psyches of conventional and artificial openings are not allowed.

47. Appendix 2: WBF Alerting Policy

Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of any WBF Policies, which will be available on the WBF Website (www.worldbridge.org) or from the contact listed in Section 44. APBF adopts the WBF Alerting Policy with the following exception:

- a) All doubles are NOT alertable, with or without screen.

48. Appendix 3: WBF Psychic Bidding Policy

Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of any WBF Policies, which will be available on the WBF Website (www.worldbridge.org) or from the contact listed in Section 44.

49. Appendix 4: WBF Code of Practice

Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of the WBF Code of Practice, which will be available on the WBF Website (www.worldbridge.org) or from www.ecatsbridge.com or from the contact listed in Section 44.

50. Appendix 5: WBF Anti Doping Regulations

Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of the WBF Anti-Doping Regulations, which will be available on the WBF Website (www.worldbridge.org) or from www.ecatsbridge.com or by contacting Anna Gudge, *Mill Cottage, Voy, Stromness KW16 3HX, United Kingdom*. Tel: +44 1787 881920; Fax: +44 870 123 1955; email anna@ecats.co.uk
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51. Appendix 6: WBF IMP to VP Conversion Scale

IMP Difference	Boards					
	6	8	10	12	14	16
0	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1	10.50	10.44	10.39	10.36	10.33	10.31
2	10.99	10.86	10.77	10.71	10.66	10.61
3	11.46	11.27	11.14	11.05	10.97	10.91
4	11.90	11.67	11.50	11.38	11.28	11.20
5	12.33	12.05	11.85	11.70	11.58	11.48
6	12.75	12.42	12.18	12.01	11.87	11.76
7	13.15	12.77	12.51	12.31	12.16	12.03
8	13.53	13.12	12.83	12.61	12.44	12.29
9	13.90	13.45	13.14	12.90	12.71	12.55
10	14.25	13.78	13.43	13.18	12.97	12.80
11	14.59	14.09	13.72	13.45	13.23	13.04
12	14.92	14.39	14.00	13.71	13.48	13.28
13	15.24	14.68	14.28	13.97	13.72	13.52
14	15.54	14.96	14.54	14.22	13.96	13.75
15	15.83	15.23	14.80	14.46	14.19	13.97
16	16.11	15.50	15.05	14.70	14.42	14.18
17	16.38	15.75	15.29	14.93	14.64	14.39
18	16.64	16.00	15.52	15.15	14.85	14.60
19	16.89	16.23	15.75	15.37	15.06	14.80
20	17.12	16.46	15.97	15.58	15.26	15.00
21	17.35	16.68	16.18	15.79	15.46	15.19
22	17.58	16.90	16.39	15.99	15.66	15.38
23	17.79	17.11	16.59	16.18	15.85	15.56
24	17.99	17.31	16.78	16.37	16.03	15.74
25	18.19	17.50	16.97	16.55	16.21	15.92
26	18.38	17.69	17.16	16.73	16.38	16.09
27	18.56	17.87	17.34	16.91	16.55	16.26
28	18.73	18.04	17.51	17.08	16.72	16.42
29	18.90	18.21	17.68	17.24	16.88	16.58
30	19.06	18.37	17.84	17.40	17.04	16.73
31	19.22	18.53	18.00	17.56	17.19	16.88
32	19.37	18.68	18.15	17.71	17.34	17.03
33	19.51	18.83	18.30	17.86	17.49	17.17
34	19.65	18.97	18.44	18.00	17.63	17.31
35	19.78	19.11	18.58	18.14	17.77	17.45
36	19.91	19.24	18.71	18.28	17.91	17.59
37	20.00	19.37	18.84	18.41	18.04	17.72
38		19.50	18.97	18.54	18.17	17.85
39		19.62	19.10	18.66	18.29	17.97
40		19.74	19.22	18.78	18.41	18.09
41		19.85	19.33	18.90	18.53	18.21
42		19.95	19.44	19.01	18.65	18.33
43		20.00	19.55	19.12	18.76	18.44
44			19.66	19.23	18.87	18.55
45			19.76	19.34	18.98	18.66
46			19.86	19.44	19.08	18.77
47			19.96	19.54	19.18	18.87
48			20.00	19.64	19.28	18.97
49				19.74	19.38	19.07
50				19.83	19.47	19.16
51				19.92	19.56	19.25
52				20.00	19.65	19.34
53					19.74	19.43
54					19.83	19.52
55					19.91	19.61
56					19.99	19.69
57					20.00	19.77
58						19.85
59						19.93
60						20.00

Boards															
20				24				28				32			
IMP	VP	IMP	VP	IMP	VP	IMP	VP	IMP	VP	IMP	VP	IMP	VP	IMP	VP
0	10.00	61	19.57	0	10.00	61	19.14	0	10.00	61	18.77	0	10.00	61	18.45
1	10.28	62	19.65	1	10.25	62	19.22	1	10.24	62	18.85	1	10.22	62	18.53
2	10.55	63	19.72	2	10.50	63	19.30	2	10.47	63	18.93	2	10.44	63	18.61
3	10.82	64	19.79	3	10.75	64	19.37	3	10.70	64	19.01	3	10.65	64	18.69
4	11.08	65	19.86	4	10.99	65	19.44	4	10.92	65	19.08	4	10.86	65	18.76
5	11.34	66	19.93	5	11.22	66	19.51	5	11.14	66	19.15	5	11.07	66	18.83
6	11.59	67	19.99	6	11.46	67	19.58	6	11.35	67	19.22	6	11.27	67	18.90
7	11.83	68	20.00	7	11.68	68	19.65	7	11.56	68	19.29	7	11.47	68	18.97
8	12.07			8	11.90	69	19.72	8	11.77	69	19.36	8	11.67	69	19.04
9	12.30			9	12.12	70	19.79	9	11.98	70	19.43	9	11.86	70	19.11
10	12.53			10	12.33	71	19.85	10	12.18	71	19.50	10	12.05	71	19.18
11	12.76			11	12.54	72	19.91	11	12.38	72	19.56	11	12.24	72	19.25
12	12.98			12	12.75	73	19.97	12	12.57	73	19.62	12	12.42	73	19.32
13	13.20			13	12.95	74	20.00	13	12.76	74	19.68	13	12.60	74	19.38
14	13.41			14	13.15			14	12.95	75	19.74	14	12.78	75	19.44
15	13.61			15	13.34			15	13.13	76	19.80	15	12.95	76	19.50
16	13.81			16	13.53			16	13.31	77	19.86	16	13.12	77	19.56
17	14.01			17	13.72			17	13.48	78	19.92	17	13.29	78	19.62
18	14.20			18	13.90			18	13.65	79	19.98	18	13.46	79	19.68
19	14.39			19	14.08			19	13.82	80	20.00	19	13.62	80	19.74
20	14.58			20	14.26			20	13.99			20	13.78	81	19.80
21	14.76			21	14.43			21	14.16			21	13.94	82	19.85
22	14.94			22	14.60			22	14.32			22	14.09	83	19.90
23	15.11			23	14.76			23	14.48			23	14.24	84	19.95
24	15.28			24	14.92			24	14.63			24	14.39	85	20.00
25	15.45			25	15.08			25	14.78			25	14.54		
26	15.61			26	15.24			26	14.93			26	14.68		
27	15.77			27	15.39			27	15.08			27	14.82		
28	15.93			28	15.54			28	15.23			28	14.96		
29	16.08			29	15.69			29	15.37			29	15.10		
30	16.23			30	15.83			30	15.51			30	15.24		
31	16.38			31	15.97			31	15.65			31	15.37		
32	16.52			32	16.11			32	15.78			32	15.50		
33	16.66			33	16.25			33	15.91			33	15.63		
34	16.80			34	16.38			34	16.04			34	15.75		
35	16.93			35	16.51			35	16.17			35	15.87		
36	17.06			36	16.64			36	16.29			36	15.99		
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38	17.32			38	16.89			38	16.53			38	16.23		
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40	17.56			40	17.13			40	16.77			40	16.46		
41	17.68			41	17.25			41	16.88			41	16.57		
42	17.79			42	17.36			42	16.99			42	16.68		
43	17.90			43	17.47			43	17.10			43	16.79		
44	18.01			44	17.58			44	17.21			44	16.90		
45	18.12			45	17.69			45	17.32			45	17.01		
46	18.23			46	17.79			46	17.42			46	17.11		
47	18.33			47	17.89			47	17.52			47	17.21		
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50	18.63			50	18.19			50	17.82			50	17.51		
51	18.73			51	18.29			51	17.92			51	17.60		
52	18.82			52	18.38			52	18.01			52	17.69		
53	18.91			53	18.47			53	18.10			53	17.78		
54	19.00			54	18.56			54	18.19			54	17.87		
55	19.09			55	18.65			55	18.28			55	17.96		
56	19.17			56	18.74			56	18.37			56	18.05		
57	19.25			57	18.82			57	18.45			57	18.13		
58	19.33			58	18.90			58	18.53			58	18.21		
59	19.41			59	18.98			59	18.61			59	18.29		
60	19.49			60	19.06			60	18.69			60	18.37		

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