



# **Asia Pacific Bridge Federation**

## **Supplementary Conditions of Contest**

**for**

**the 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championships**

**and**

**the 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championships**

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## **I. Preamble**

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for APBF Championships & Congress and Asia Cup, as issued by the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation and are specific for the 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championships and 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championships to be played in Seoul, Korea from 28 May to 7 June 2017.

These Supplementary Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2017 Rebullida Cup, President's Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup, Khunying Esther Cup and Xiang Huaicheng Cup.

A list of contact names and addresses, together with the URLs of websites holding additional information about the Championships can be found in Section 24.

## **2. Definitions for the Supplementary Conditions of Contest**

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in the contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the 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 gender.

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Conditions of Contest and, in addition, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

### **2.1 General Conditions of Contest**

means the General Conditions of Contest issued by the APBF for the APBF Championships and Congress, and the Asia Cup.

### **2.2 Khunying Esther Cup**

means the 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championship for the Youngster Teams.

### **2.3 NPC**

means 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. NPCs are considered to be members of the team and will receive any medals awarded. They are also permitted to play in the APBF Pairs free of charge. NPC shall not be a playing member of another team.

### **2.4 Official Electronic Score Submission**

means the official electronic device referred to in Section 20.1.

### **2.5 "Open" and "Closed" Rooms**

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

### **2.6 PABF Senior Cup**

means the 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championship for the Senior Teams.

### **2.7 President's Cup**

means the 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championship for the Ladies Teams.

### **2.8 Raymond Chow Cup**

means the 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championship for the Junior Teams.

### **2.9 Rebullida Cup**

means the 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championship for the Open Teams.

### **2.10 "these Championships"**

means the 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championships and 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championships.

### **2.11 "these Conditions of Contest"**

means the Supplementary Conditions of Contest for the 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championships and the 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championships.

### **2.12 Xiang Huaicheng Cup**

means the 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championship for the Girls Teams.

## **3. Conditions of Entry**

See also Sections 3 & 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

### **3.1 Eligibility Requirements**

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied that each nominated contestant satisfies the birth and residency requirements of the NBO nominating him belongs and was either:

- i) nominated by the NBO of the country of his birth, or by the NBO of which such nominated contestant first became a member; or
- ii) was nominated by the NBO of the country of his citizenship or bona fide residence (see section 3.1.1 below).

No male shall be a playing member of or a substitute player in a team or pair competing in a women's event.

#### **3.1.1 Residency qualification**

To be considered a bona-fide resident of an NBO, the following list of criteria must be satisfied, in whole or in substantial part.

The player must:

- a) reside in the country for at least one-half of the year prior to the event, or not have lived in any other country for a longer period than in the resident country during the previous two years
- b) Be a registered member of the NBOs organization
- c) Be a registered voter of no country other than the country for which he/she is seeking to play

- d) Maintain a valid identity card issued by a political subdivision of the country, such as a city or state
  - e) Either own real estate or rent a residence in the country.
- The APBF reserves the right to require documentary evidence that it considers to be satisfactory proof of any of the above if there are any concerns about the credentials of a player.

### **3.2 Submission of Entries**

#### **3.2.1 *Rebullida Cup, President's Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup, Khunying Esther Cup and Xiang Huaicheng Cup***

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate 1 team each for the Rebullida Cup, President's Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup and Khunying Esther Cup, and up to 2 teams for the Xiang Huaicheng Cup. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team for the Xiang Huaicheng Cup can be a transnational team. A NBO can nominate a 2<sup>nd</sup> team for the PABF Senior Cup on standby, which will be accepted, if a vacancy occurs, by a draw conducted by the Organising Committee. Confirmation of such nomination must be made by 31 January 2017 (see Section 6). Should there be an odd number of teams in any series, the host NBO will be allowed to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> team. This 2<sup>nd</sup> team can be a transnational team. Priority for adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the PABF Senior Cup will be given to the host NBO first.

#### **3.2.2 *Registration (all events)***

The names, telephone numbers and email addresses of the non-playing captain, the coach, any other team officials and the names & (if applicable) the email addresses of the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in the Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest, should be submitted before 27 April 2017 on-line at the championship website (see Section 24).

### **3.3 Entry Fee**

The prescribed entry fees, as described in Section 23, for the Rebullida Cup, President's Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup, Khunying Esther Cup and Xiang Huaicheng Cup should be remitted, on or before 31 March 2017, to:

Name of Beneficiary Bank:

KEB Hana Bank, Apgujeong PB Center

Address of Beneficiary Bank:

867 Eonju-Ro, GangNam-Gu, Seoul, Korea

Name of Beneficiary:

Korea Contract Bridge League

Beneficiary Account No: 917 910002 92704

Swift Code: KOEXKRSE

Country: Korea

### **3.4 Team Members**

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. If an NBO wishes to replace a team member, or members, or if fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement or increase (each must be from the NBO submitting the team) may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with permission of the Credentials Committee.

However, the Executive Committee reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

#### **3.4.1 Age Limitation for participants in the PABF Seniors Cup**

Each player shall attain at least 60 years of age during the calendar year 2017 i.e. shall have been born in or before 1957.

#### **3.4.2 Age Limitation for participants in the Raymond Chow Cup and Xiang Huaicheng Cup**

Each player shall have at most his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year 2017, i.e. shall have been born in or after 1992.

#### **3.4.3 Age Limitation for participants in the Khunying Esther Cup**

Each player shall have at most his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year 2017, i.e. shall have been born in or after 1997.

### **3.5 Penalty for Non-Participation**

In the event that a previously entered team in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the APBF shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the APBF of non-participation shall result in the imposition of a US\$1,500 penalty, payable by the NBO, which nominated the team; an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the APBF deems appropriate.

## **4. Eligibility For Awards**

APBF Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the APBF Master Points Plan.

## **5. Anti Doping Regulations**

The procedures provided by the Anti-doping Policy of the International Olympic Committee will be followed and enforced.

The WBF Anti-Doping Regulations, adopted by the APBF, are published as an appendix to the WBF General Regulations and can be found, together with the required Exemption Form at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) and [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com).

## **6. Participating Teams**

The number of teams from each NBO participating in the 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championships and 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championships is on the championship website (see Section 24).



## **7. Types Of Contest**

### **7.1 Rebullida Cup**

The 16 competing teams shall play 2 complete round robins, being 30 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Monday 29 May, and finish on Monday 5 June. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the 2 round robins will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.2 President's Cup**

The 12 competing teams shall play 2 complete round robins, being 22 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Monday 29 May, and finish on Monday 5 June. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the 2 round robins will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.3 PABF Senior Cup**

The 16 competing teams shall play 2 complete round robins, being 30 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Monday 29 May, and finish on Monday 5 June. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the 2 round robins will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.4 Raymond Chow Cup**

The 10 competing teams shall play 3 complete round robins, being 27 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Monday 29 May, and finish on Monday 5 June. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the 3 round robins will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.5 Khunying Esther Cup**

The 8 competing teams shall play 2 complete round robins, being 14 rounds of 28-board matches each played in two sessions. The Round Robin will start on Monday 29 May, and finish on Monday 5 June. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the 2 round robins will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.6 Xiang Huaicheng Cup**

The 7 competing teams shall play 2 complete round robins with a bye in each round robin, being 14 rounds of 28-board matches each played in two sessions. The Round Robin will start on Monday 29 May, and finish on Monday 5 June. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the 2 round robins will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.7 APBF Open Pairs**

The Tournament will be a match point event with 2 sessions of qualifying round, with around 30 boards each, on Tuesday 6 June. 28 pairs will qualify into the 2-session finals, on Wednesday 7 June. There will be no carry over, and the pair earning the highest percentage in the finals will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.8 APBF Youth Pairs**

The Tournament will be a match point event with 2 sessions of qualifying round, with around 30 boards each, on Tuesday 6 June. 28 pairs will qualify into the 2-session finals, on Wednesday 7 June. There

will be no carry over, and the pair earning the highest percentage in the finals will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.9 Zone 6 Berths**

The 51<sup>st</sup> APBF Championships will decide the Zone 6 berths to the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Team Championships in Lyon in 2017. The 21<sup>st</sup> APBF Youth Championships will decide the Zone 6 berths to the World Youth Teams Championships in 2018. The format and eligibility for the Open, Ladies, Senior, Junior, Youngster and Girls Teams are detailed in Section 46 of the General Conditions of Contest. The play-offs for the berths (if applicable) will start on Tuesday 6 June and finish on Wednesday 7 June.

## **8. The Draw**

The draw of team numbers will take place at the Captains Meeting, to be held on Sunday 28 May at 13:00. It will also be published on the championship website (see Section 24).

## **9. The Schedule of Play**

The schedule of play will be published on the championship website (see Section 24).

## **10. 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, adopted by the APBF (See General Conditions of Contest).

## **11. Time Schedule**

The final version of the Time Schedule is published on the championship website (see Section 24).

The APBF Delegates Meetings will be held at 14:00 with the Opening Ceremony at 17:00 and Welcome Dinner at 20:00 on Sunday, 28 May 2017.

The Victory Dinner and Prize Presentation will be on Wednesday 7 June at 19:30.

Play will start daily at 09:00 and finish generally at 19:30.

### **Monday 29 May to Monday 5 June**

Round Robin for all team events.

### **Tuesday 6 June**

APBF Open Pairs and APBF Youth Pairs Qualifying Rounds.

### **Wednesday 7 June**

APBF Open Pairs Finals, APBF Youth Pairs Finals, and APBF Swiss Pairs

### **Tuesday 6 June to Wednesday 7 June**

Zone 6 Berths play-off and Zone 7 play-off

## **12. 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.

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 Director of Operations. However, each team will have its own password protected page enabling team captains to submit via the Internet.

## **13. Designation of Matches and Seeding**

### ***13.1 Seeding***

The teams competing in all teams events will not be seeded; draws will be made on a random basis, with the only restriction that minor changes may be made in the designations for the series with more than 1 team from a NBO in the last Round Robin, in order that teams of the same NBO meet in the early rounds.

### ***13.2 Responsibility for the Draw***

The draw will be made at the Captains Meeting on Sunday, 28 May 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round robins will remain the same, but the schedule of play will depend on the finishing position of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round robin and relative to the schedule of the 1<sup>st</sup> round robin.

### ***13.3 Seating Rights***

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

## **14. Change of Players**

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

## 15. Disclosure of Systems and Conventions

### 15.1 Systems Policy

The WBF Systems Policy, adopted by the APBF, forms part of these Conditions of Contest. No HUM system is permitted. Brown Sticker conventions are allowed for the Rebullida Cup, President's Cup and PABF Senior Cup, but not permitted for the Youth events or the APBF Open/Youth Pairs.

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 and/or position or the like, 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.

### 15.2 Submission of Systems for the Rebullida Cup, President's Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup, Khunying Esther Cup and Xiang Huaicheng Cup

Each team captain is responsible for ensuring that the convention cards for his team are submitted **in PDF format**, at the championship website (see Section 24) as soon as possible, but in any event before 27 April 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 15.2.1. Penalties for failure to submit Convention Cards and Supplementary in time are (in addition to Section 15.2.2) specified in Section 19.1.

#### 15.2.1 Programs for the preparation of Convention Cards

The Convention Cards may be prepared using any of the following programs:

- the WBF Convention Card Editor (Windows Version), which is available for free download from [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) or [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com)
- Microsoft Word (a blank template is available from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com))
- Microsoft Excel

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

When cards are generated by the WBF CCE, pairs should ensure that if they have supplementary notes, the notes file, which is generated separately by the program, is also included. The Convention Card **MUST** be sent in Acrobat (PDF) Format, version 9 or above. Picture formats (.jpg, .bmp etc) will not be accepted.

If programs other than the WBF Convention Card Editor are used, 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 Organising 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](http://www.adobe.com). It is advised that the latest version should be obtained.

The registered systems will be displayed at the championship 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 APBF 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.

#### *15.2.2 Convention Cards not received in due time*

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not been submitted on-line by 27 April 2017 may, in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 19.1, be required by the Executive 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.

#### *15.2.3 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 APBF (see 15.2.1) does not mean that the APBF has considered such Cards as completely acceptable; systems although accepted as registered, may require amendments after being circulated.

### **15.3 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.

### **15.4 Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets**

- b) Any changes to the duly submitted (as per section 15.2) 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 12 May 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.
- c) On site changes to systems will be approved or required by the Chief Tournament Director.
- d) 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 12 May 2017 will be relayed to all Captains by email. If such change is made after 25 May 2017, the information will only be available to the Captains through mailboxes on site.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.

### **15.5 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](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) or by email from [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto: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 APBF, 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 APBF 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 APBF as soon as possible.

### **15.6 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

### **15.7 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

## **16. Length of Matches**

Each 14-board match or session of a match is to be completed within 2 hours, after that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see section 21.4). 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.

## **17. Tie-Breaking Procedures**

### **17.1 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.

### **17.2 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 Sub-section 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.

### **17.3 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.

## **18. Disqualification**

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

## **19. Penalties**

The schedule of penalties, which follows, is supplemental to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007. All infringements of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007. Monetary fines shall be paid in US Dollars or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the APBF Executive Committee. 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 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.

### **19.1 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 Executive Committee 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, the Executive Committee 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.

### **19.2 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.

### **19.3 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 30 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.

### **19.4 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	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.

**19.5 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.

**19.6 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.

**20. Recording of Matches and Verification of Scores**

**20.1 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. If the Tournament Director is not called before the players confirm the scores and leave the table, the score may only be changed for both sides when the Chief Tournament Director is clearly convinced as to the result obtained at the table. Otherwise**

**he will either allow the recorded score to stand, or decrease the score for one side without increasing it for the other.**

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.

### **20.2 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.

## **21. Duplicated Boards**

Duplicated boards will be used throughout these Championships, whenever possible.

## **22. Eligibility for Master Point Awards**

According to the APBF Master Points Plan.

### **22.1 Special Conditions**

In order to qualify for the Master Points and Placing Points won by the team, a player, in any case, must have played at least one third of the boards in the Round Robin.

In all events, in order to qualify for the title of APBF Champion, the same criteria regarding number of boards played shall apply, save that under special circumstances the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, over-ride such qualification regulations.

## **23. Entry Fees**

### **23.1 Rebullida Cup**

US\$ 1,000.

### **23.2 President's Cup**

US\$1,000.

### **23.3 PABF Senior Cup**

US\$600.

### **23.4 Raymond Chow Cup**

US\$400.

### **23.5 Khunying Esther Cup**

US\$200.

### **23.6 Xiang Huaicheng Cup**

US\$400.

### **23.7 APBF Open Pairs**

KRW50,000 per pair (participants and NPCs of the team events are free)

### **23.8 APBF Youth Pairs**

KRW50,000 per pair (participants and NPCs of the team events are free)

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