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**World University Bridge Team Cup**

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## 1. Preamble

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Championships, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the World Teams Olympiad (OLYMPIAD), for the World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship (WTMTC), for the World Seniors International Cup (WSIC) and the World University Teams Bridge Cup (WUTBC) to be played in Istanbul, Turkey, from 23 October – 06 November (The Opening Ceremony is on Saturday 23 October; play starts on Sunday 24 October).

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the **2004 OLYMPIAD** and **WTMTC, WUTC and WSIC**.

## 2. Definitions

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 Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 1997). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa; reference to one gender shall include the other.

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 Supplemental 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**

mean the General Conditions of Contest issued by the World Bridge Federation for the World Bridge Championships.

### **2.2 Open and Closed Rooms**

for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated by the Tournament Director.

### **2.3 Open Series**

means the open tournament of the OLYMPIAD

### **2.4 Recording Form**

means the form referred to in Section 20.

### **2.5 Table Result Card**

means the card referred to in Section 20.

### **2.6 these Championships**

means the OLYMPIAD and championship event means any of the events referred to in Sections 2.9, 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12.

### **2.7 these Conditions of Contest**

mean the within Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 2004 OLYMPIAD, WTMTC, WSTC and WUTC

### **2.8 Women's Series**

means the women's tournament of the OLYMPIAD.

### **2.9 World Teams Olympiad (OLYMPIAD)**

means the 2004 World Bridge Olympiad to be played in an Open Series and in a Women's Series to be conducted under the auspices of the WBF from 23 October

– 06 November 2004 in Istanbul, Turkey or at such other time and place as the WBF determines.

### **2.10 World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship (WTMTC)**

means a mixed teams championship to be played simultaneously with the OLYMPIAD, starting on Tuesday 02 November 2004 in Istanbul, Turkey or at such other time and place as the WBF determines

### **2.11 World Senior International Cup (WSIC)**

means a senior teams championship to be played simultaneously with the OLYMPIAD, starting on 24 October 2004 in Istanbul, Turkey or at such other time and place as the WBF determines

### **2.12 World Universities Teams Bridge Cup (WUTBC)**

means a universities teams championship to be played simultaneously with the OLYMPIAD, starting on 31 October 2004 in Istanbul, Turkey or at such other time and place as the WBF determines

## **3. Conditions of Entry**

See also Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

See also the General Conditions of Contest for information concerning the way in which participation - or non-participation - in this Olympiad may affect the participation of a country in future Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup events.

### **3.1 Eligibility Requirements**

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied that each nominated contestant satisfied the birth and residence requirements of the country to which the NBO nominating him belongs and was either:

- (a) nominated by the NBO (or the Zonal Conference of the Zone to which that NBO belongs) of the country of his birth, or by the NBO of which such nominated contestant first became a member; and that such nominated contestant has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years (having regard to the year in which the relevant World Bridge Championship is to be held) represented a different NBO (or different Zone, while representing a different NBO) in a World Bridge Championship or Zonal Championship; or
- (b) was nominated by the NBO (or the Zonal Conference of the Zone to which that NBO belongs) of the country of his citizenship or bona fide residence (see section 3.1.1 below); and that such nominated contestant has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years (having regard to the year in which the relevant World Bridge Championship is to be held) represented a different NBO (or different Zone, while representing a different NBO) in a World Bridge Championship or Zonal Championship:

PROVIDED THAT those contestants nominated for participation in any World Youth Championship shall not be subject to the conditions of this Section.

All players should be aware of Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest, with particular reference to Section 4.4 since competing for a country other than that of which they are a national (i.e. a passport holder) may jeopardize their right to compete in a subsequent Olympic Event or Olympic Qualifier.

Entries may be rejected if any NBO whose nominated contestants are submitted for invitation is in arrears in the payment of monies due to the WBF for annual dues or for entry fees to any WBF event (including non-championship events such as the Worldwide Bridge Contest).

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 NBO's 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 driver's license or 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 WBF 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**

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate one team for the Open Series and one team for the Women's Series. The entries for the teams should be sent to the WBF President before 15 May 2004. The submission of entries for the teams means the confirmation by the NBO that it will be participating in the Open Series, or the Women's Series, or both.

The names of the non-playing captain and the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest, should be sent, in writing, before 01 July 2004 to the WBF President

### **3.3 Entrance Fees**

The prescribed entrance fees for the championships events, namely US\$ 3,000 per team, should be paid by bank transfer to the order of the WBF in the appropriate amount, for each of the Open Series and Women's Series.

If bank transfer is not possible, please contact Mrs Francin to discuss possible alternative arrangements for payment.

### **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 the permission of the Credentials Committee present at the site. However, the Executive Council reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee, to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

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

In the event a previously entered team in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the WBF shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the WBF 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 WBF deems it appropriate. The entry fee will be refunded only if the NBO notifies the WBF prior to July 31 2004 that its team or teams will not participate.

#### **4. Eligibility For Awards**

WBF Master Points will be awarded for the OLYMPIAD , WTMTTC, WUTBC and WSIC in accordance with the WBF Master Points Plan, particulars of which are set out in Section 21

#### **5. Anti Doping Regulations**

The WBF Anti Doping regulations are detailed as an appendix to the General Conditions of Contest

#### **6. Types of Contest - Olympiad**

Teams will compete in accordance with schedules drawn up independently for the Open and Women's Series.

The schedule is drawn up in the expectation that there will be approximately 76 teams in the Open Series and 44 Teams in the Women's Series. If entries in either event are different from these numbers the WBF President may, at his discretion, make such changes to these conditions of contest as he deems appropriate, including varying the number of boards played in each series or in any phase of these Championships.

The groups will be formed according to the criteria and procedures established by the WBF Management Committee and effected by an ad hoc committee nominated by the President.

In any case, the Round Robins will start on Sunday 24 October. The knockout phase will begin on either Saturday 30 (Open Series) or Sunday 31 October (Women's Series)

##### **6.1 Open Teams**

The Open Teams are divided in four groups, and they will play a complete round robin of 20 board matches within each group, starting on Sunday 24 October and finishing on Friday 29 October. Four teams will qualify from each group and they will play knockout matches starting on Saturday 30 October. The Round of 16 will consist of 80 boards, followed by the Quarter Finals (96 boards), the Semi Finals (96 boards) and the Final (128 boards) finishing on Saturday 06 November. The winners of the semi-finals play the final and the losers will playoff for the third place.

There will be no carry-over in any of the knockout matches

##### **6.2 Knock Out Phase – Open Teams**

At the end of the round-robin the procedure outlined below will be followed:

1. The draw for the groups in the Knock Out phase was made in the WBF office, and resulted in Group A v Group B and Group C v Group D.
2. In each pair of groups the first placed team of each group chooses its opponent of the round of 16 among the 2nd, 3rd and 4th qualified of the other group.
3. Of the remaining teams, the higher placed team of each group will be automatically paired with the lower ranking of the other group
4. After the matches of the round of 16 are determined, the knockout phase will continue as follows:

##### **Round of 16:**

- Match 1 - 1st of A against 4th of B (by choice)
- Match 2 - 1st of B against 3rd of A (by choice)
- Match 3 - 2nd of A against 3rd of B (automatically)
- Match 4 - 2nd of B against 4th of A (automatically)
- Match 5 - 1st of C against 2nd of D (by choice)
- Match 6 - 1st of D against 4th of C (by choice)
- Match 7 - 2nd of C against 4th of D (automatically)
- Match 8 - 3rd of D against 3rd of C (automatically)



**Quarter-finals:**

Match 9 - winner of match 1 against winner of match 7  
Match 10 - winner of match 2 against winner of match 8  
Match 11 - winner of match 3 against winner of match 5  
Match 12 - winner of match 4 against winner of match 6

**Semi-finals:**

Match 13 - winner of match 9 against winner of match 12  
Match 14 - winner of match 10 against winner of match 11

The winners of the semi-finals play the final and the losers will play off for the third place.

There will be no carry-over in any of the knockout matches.

**6.3 Women's Teams**

The Women's Teams are divided into two groups, playing a complete round robin of 16 board matches within each group starting on Sunday October 24 and finishing on Saturday October 30. Eight teams will qualify from each group, and will play knockout matches starting on Sunday 31 October. The Round of 16 will consist of 64 boards; the Quarter finals will consist of 80 boards, followed by the Semi Finals and Finals (96 boards each), finishing on Friday 05 November.

**6.4 Knock out Phase – Women's Teams**

At the end of the round-robin the procedure outlined below will be followed:

*Round of 16*

The first placed team from each group freely chooses its opponent among the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th placed teams of the other group; After this choice is made, the same process follows for the second and third placed teams of each group. The last two matches of the round of 16 will be automatically determined.

*For the quarter finals matches will be:*

The winner of the match involving the first placed team of each group against the winner of the match involving the fourth placed team of the other group and the winner of the match involving the second placed team of one group against the winner of the match involving the winner of the third placed team of each group.

*For the semi finals the matches will be:*

The winners of the matches involving the first placed team of each group (or the team that beat it) against the winners of the other two matches

Example assuming *that* the teams qualified are:

group A: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A

group B: 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B

## Round of 16 (eighth finals)

Match 1 - 1A vs. 8B (by choice)

Match 2 - 1B vs. 8A (by choice)

Match 3 - 2A vs. 7B (by choice)

Match 4 - 2B vs. 7A (by choice)

Match 5 - 3A vs. 6B (by choice)

Match 6 - 3B vs. 6A (by choice)

Match 7 - 4A vs. 5B (automatically)

Match 8 - 4B vs. 5A (automatically)

Round of 8 (quarter finals)

Match 9 - winner of match 1 vs. winner of match 8

Match 10 - winner of match 2 vs. winner of match 7 Match 11 - winner of match 3 vs. winner of match 6 Match 12 - winner of match 4 vs. winner of match 5

Round of 4 (semi-finals)

Match 13 - winner of match 9 vs. winner of match 12 Match 14 - winner of match 10 vs. winner of match 11

Play off (for the third place)

Match 15 - losers of match 13 and 14

Final (for the championship)

Match 16 - winner of matches 13 and 14

There will be no carry-over in any match of the KO phase.

### **6.5 Seating Rights in Round Robin (both Series)**

During the Round Robin the first mentioned team in the schedule of play will be the home team and will sit N/S in the Open Room and E/W in the Closed Room. The second named team is the visiting team and sits E/W in the Open Room and N/S in the Closed Room. (See the regulations for line-up on section 11). If the round-robin match is played in two sessions, the first mentioned team is the Home Team in the first session and the Visiting Team in the second.

Full Details regarding Line Ups and Seating rights are contained in Sections 12 and 13

### **6.6 Special regulations for the Semi-Finals (both series)**

In the semi finals, if two teams from the same national flag are classified, they will play each other, independently of any previously specified draw.

### **6.7 Authority of the Rules and Regulations Committee**

The Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee has the authority to make some changes in the groups (and, as a consequence, in the sequence of play) if required by occurrences after the seeding has been announced.

## **7. World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship (WTMTC)**

### **7.1 Mixed Team Definition**

A mixed team consists of 4, 5 or 6 players, Partnerships must comprise one player of each sex at all times.

### **7.2 Conditions of Entry**

All players participating in the WTMTC must be approved by the NBO of origin and submitted to the WBF Credentials Committee.

### **7.3 Entry Fee**

Free for eliminated players, US\$800 for a new team.

If a team is composed of players eliminated from the Olympiad together with players who have not competed in the Olympiad, the players who have not competed will be charged US \$150 per head if it is a team of six, or \$200 per head if it is a team of four. Payment to be made in advance whenever possible, or in cash (US dollars) or with US dollar travellers cheques on site.

#### **7.4 Registration of Entries**

The teams should be registered and the players' names be submitted to the WBF before 01 September 2004. The WBF will accept entries for Mixed Teams of which the majority of members are from teams not qualified for the knockout phase of the Olympiad and, in this case, the entry fee can be paid on site. Late entries will be accepted provided there is sufficient space at the venue. For teams registering on site, the deadline for registration will be announced in the Olympiad Daily Bulletin and the teams are required to indicate, as soon as possible, that they will be participating in the WTMTTC if eliminated from the Olympiad.

#### **7.5 Type of Contest**

The format will depend on the final number of entries, but is likely to be Swiss type of 10-board matches, but with semi-finals and a final being played in order to determine the Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists. The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the losing semi-finalist higher placed in the Swiss ranking.

The semi finals will be played in accordance with the schedule of play in the Open Series Final. After the qualification, two more rounds of the Swiss will be played in order to determine the classification from the 5th place on.

The winner of the Swiss will have a choice of opponents for the semi-finals from amongst the third and fourth ranked teams.

If, with one or more matches still to play, a team is in a position that it has already secured a qualifying position from the Swiss into the knock-out phase and can neither improve on that position nor worsen it, then that team shall take no further part in the Swiss phase of the event

#### **7.6 Systems**

The WTMTTC is deemed to be a Category 3 event throughout.

#### **7.7 Tie-breaking**

In case of ties, the tie-breaking procedures for the OLYMPIAD will apply with the following differences: In the Swiss, in order to determine a position at any time, the first two criteria (a) and (b) are reversed, (b) becoming (a) and vice-versa (see points 17.1, 17.2 and 17.3 for the tie-breaking procedures). In the Semi-finals and final, there will be 4 additional boards instead of 8 and only one series of 4 boards will be played (see 17.4) after which sudden death boards will be played

#### **7.8 Drop-in Rules**

All Teams are expected to play from the very first match of the Swiss.

Should a problem arise that prevents the defeated quarter-finalists from joining the Swiss at Match 1, the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee will decide the drop-in method.

### **8. World Seniors International Cup (WSIC)**

#### **8.1 Conditions of Entry**

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate one team for the WSIC. All members of the team must be citizens or bona fide residents of the NBO they are representing. See General Conditions of Contest .

The entries for the teams should be sent to the WBF President no later than 15 May 2004. Names of the players must be submitted by 01 July 2004.

#### **8.2 Age Limit**

Senior players must be 55 years of age in 2004. For all future events, see the General Conditions of Contest.

### **8.3 Systems**

This event is deemed to be a Category 3 event throughout.

### **8.4 Entry Fee**

The entry fee will for the Seniors International Cup will be US \$3,000.

## **9. Type of Contest**

This Championship will consist of a Round Robin of 12-board matches, assuming a typical original entry, with the final ranking determining the medal positions.

### **9.1 Tie-breaking**

In case of ties, the tie-breaking procedures for the OLYMPIAD will apply.

## **10. World University Bridge Teams Championship (WUBTC)**

The World University Bridge Teams Championship will be played under the auspices of FISU (*Fédération Internationale des Sports Universitaires*).

Regulations for this event will be published by FISU and distributed to competing countries.

The Opening Ceremony will be on Sunday 31 October, and play will start on Monday 01 November, with the Final ending on Saturday 06 November

### **10.1 Conditions of Entry**

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate one team for the WUBTC.

All members of the team must be students at University within the NBO nominating them.

#### **10.1.1 Age Limit**

The minimum age for players in the event is 17, the maximum age is 28.

#### **10.1.2 Dates for Submission of Entries**

The entries for the teams should be sent to the WBF President no later than 15 May 2004. Names of the players must be submitted by 01 July 2004.

### **10.2 Entry Fee**

The WBF does not charge an entry fee for the World University Championship, but a nominal charge of US \$20 per participant is made by FISU Type of Contest

This Championship will consist of a complete Round Robin of 12 board matches assuming a typical original entry, with the final ranking determining the medal positions.

### **10.3 Systems**

This event is deemed to be a Category 3 event throughout.

### **10.4 Tie-breaking**

In case of ties, the tie-breaking procedures for the OLYMPIAD will apply.

## **11. Conversion Scales for all Events**

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams at the end of the matches scored in IMPs shall be converted to Victory Points, according to the official WBF conversion scales. (see Appendix 5 of the General Conditions of Contest)

## **12. Line-Ups**

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

In the K.O. phase the team to line-up first must submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session. The second team must then submit its line-up no later than 20 minutes after the end of the previous session or no later than 5 minutes after the submission of the first line-up, whichever is latest.

Line-ups are to be submitted at the place designated by the Operations Director.

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

## **13. Seating Rights**

### ***13.1 The Knock Out Phase***

In the knock out phase, in each match, each series of 16 boards constitutes a session; two sessions constitute a portion.. If there are an odd number of sessions, each session constitutes a portion.

If the portions are divided into 2 sessions, the teams in turn, by draw, select a portion and decide in which of the two sessions they want to line-up after their opponents. In the other session they will line up first. There shall be a coin toss to decide which team has first choice to select a portion.

In the matches in which one portion is equal to one session, the teams in turn, by draw, select a session and decide if they want to line-up before or after their opponents. There shall be a coin toss to decide which team has first choice to select a portion.

In the portion of its choice, a team sits N/S in the Open Room (and is considered to be the Home Team) and E/W in the Closed Room

If there is an odd number of portions, the winner of the coin toss has the right of choice for the majority of the portions.

### ***13.2 Seating rights for Tie-breaks in the knockout phase***

If there is a tie at the end of the quarter-finals, semi-finals, or the finals, requiring that an extra session of boards be played, there shall be a draw by the captains to determine the "Home Team". If, after the first series of additional boards, a tie still exists, the "Visiting Team" during the first extra eight boards shall be the "Home Team" for the next eight boards. The Home Team sits N/S in the Open Room. If after 8 boards, a tie still exists for the second set of extra boards, these rights go to the other team. Line-up changes may be made before play begins for either the first or second (if needed) group of eight tie-break boards. In each case, the captain of the "Visiting Team" team lining up first shall submit its line-up at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director, the "Home Team" the other team captain within five minutes thereafter. Each group of eight "extra" boards shall be considered as a separate session. At the discretion of the captain of the "Home Team" for the second group of eight boards, a pair or pairs may play against a pair or pairs it played against during the first eight extra boards. If a tie still exists, requiring that single board "sudden death" matches be played, the line-ups and seating positions for both teams will be the same as for the second eight boards of the tie-break.

### ***13.3 Change of Players***

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session (but see exception in Section 17 when extra tie-break boards are played.)

## **14. Disclosure Of Systems And Conventions**

### **14.1 WBF Systems Policy**

The latest version of the WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest. This can be found on the WBF Website, or at [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) or a copy can be obtained by contacting Anna Gudge (see section 22.3). The OLYMPIAD is considered a Category 3 event in its qualifying stages (round-robin) and a Category 2 event in the knockout phase (including the play-offs). The WSIC, the WTMTTC and the WUBTC are designated Category 3 events.

In Category 2 events only (i.e. during the knock-out phase of the Open and Women's Championships), Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted provided the regulations for submission of such systems have been followed. HUM Systems are not permitted at any time (but see the WBF Systems Policy).

### **14.2 Submission of Systems for the Olympiad**

Each team captain is responsible for sending the convention cards by email or on a 3 ½" PC diskette to Anna Gudge (for address details see section 22.3) as soon as possible, but in any event before **15 August, 2004**, for every partnership that will play in these Championships, their Systems described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, using an approved Convention Card Editor (CCE) together with such Supplementary Sheets as are necessary to describe conventional sequences in detail. Penalties for failure to submit Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets in time are (in addition to Section 14.6) specified in Section 19.

### **14.3 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 prominently 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.

### **14.4 Approved Convention Card Editors**

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.worlbridge.org](http://www.worlbridge.org) or [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com), the Convention Card Editor written by Lee Edwards, the DOS Convention Card Editor provided free of charge by the WBF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PageMaker or InDesign for the PC.

The Brown Sticker forms must be submitted in Microsoft Word format using the form provided on the website (see sections 14.5 and 14.9)

These cards will be converted by the Systems Administrator to PDF files which can be read and printed using Acrobat Reader which is available as a free download from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). The cards may also be provided in Acrobat PDF format, but in this case the file size should not exceed 150k

### **14.5 Special Regulations Relating to Brown Sticker Conventions**

Pairs intending to use Brown Sticker Conventions for the knock-out phase must submit a second convention card at the same time as the first (i.e. by 15 August 2004) which clearly indicates the use of a Brown Sticker convention together with the relevant form(s) for each such Convention to be played. Failure to submit a second card and the forms by 15 August 2004 will result in the pair not being permitted to play the Brown Sticker Convention in the KO stages. See also section 14.9.

Brown Sticker Conventions may NOT be played in the Round Robin.

#### **14.6 Penalties for non-submission of Systems**

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not reached Anna Gudge in accordance with these Conditions of Contest, shall (in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 19.1) be required by the Tournament Appeals Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than the first two days.

#### **14.7 Distribution of Systems**

Following registration of the systems for all pairs in a team, the systems will be displayed on a web site designed for the purpose, and the URL (Internet address) and password will be sent by email to the captain of the team making the registration and, if email addresses are provided for the team members, also to them individually. If captains have queries concerning the systems of other teams, they should email the Systems Administrator ([anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk)) who will pass the query on to the team concerned.

Following the event, the WBF 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.

The WBF deems the publication of the URL of the private web site to the Captains of all teams submitting systems in accordance with the regulation detailed above to constitute distribution of systems. All teams should make every effort to download and print sufficient copies of their opponents' systems for their own use. Should there be any changes to systems uploaded, the WBF Systems Administrator will email details to all captains / players on the email list so that they are aware of them as soon as possible. No changes will be made to any systems on the web site after 01 October 2004 except in cases of emergency, in which event full notification will be sent to all other captains.

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

- a) Any changes to the duly submitted 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 25 September 2004. **NOTE:** these changes may only be clarifications, amendments, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy. Substantive changes to system will NOT be permitted after initial registration nor will changes to Brown Sticker forms; pairs who do not submit these correctly by 15 August will not be permitted to use the convention in the Knock Out phase.
- b) 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.
- c) Any essential changes or registration of new systems (for example caused by the necessary change to a partnership as a result of withdrawal of a player) made after 15 August will be relayed to all Captains by email. If such change is made after 7 October, the information will be made available to the Captains at the Captains' Meeting or through Captains' Mailboxes on site. Note that no Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted if pairs are registering their system for the first time after 15 August UNLESS the convention is identical in all respects to one already registered, for example by another pair in the same team.
- d) Approval for a change requested once teams have reached the venue may be given or refused in whole or part by the Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee 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 substantives changes.
- e) Official format for changes:  
A new page of the Convention Card/Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change

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.

#### **14.9 Special Responsibility for BROWN STICKER CONVENTIONS**

With regard to BROWN STICKER systems/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**. Brown Sticker Conventions must be presented on a separate text document using the forms provided, not on the main card, with a note in the section "Bids which may require Special Defence". The form, which is available for download from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) or by email from [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk), must be completed in full detail and submitted together with the Convention Card. These conventions may NOT be used at any stage during the Round Robin. If these submissions are inadequate, the pair may be barred from using those badly or inadequately described methods for the entire tournament and certainly for at least one half of the knockout match. These penalties are quite severe, but with the duly executed distribution of these Conditions and all significant materials by the WBF, 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 WBF 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 WBF as soon as possible.

#### **14.10 Defences to Brown Sticker Conventions**

A pair may prepare written defences against the Brown Stickers elements of any system (see the WBF System Policy, attached). These defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems.

#### **14.11 Brown Sticker Conventions during the Round Robin Stage**

If a pair is found to have used a Brown Sticker convention or a convention not listed on its Convention Card, it will be given a disciplinary penalty of 2VPs deducted from the team's score. In addition any favourable result arising from the use may be cancelled. 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.

#### **14.12 Systems for the WSIP, the WTMTTC and the WUBTC**

Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets, completed in accordance with Sections 14.1 and 0 above will be required for each player in the these events. These Cards need not be registered in advance, but all players will be required to have two copies of their Card available for the opposition at all times. These Championships are Category 3 in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy 2002 and neither Brown Sticker nor HUM systems are permitted at any time.

### **15. Psyching of Conventional or Artificial Opening Bids**

The psyching of conventional or artificial opening bids is prohibited in any Category 3 event (i.e. the Round Robin stages of the Open & Women's Team Olympiad, the WSIP, the WTMTTC and the WUBTC), in any pairs events and for any match of sixteen boards or less. This provision over-rides the current systems policy.

### **16. Length of Matches**

10 board matches: 1 hour 30 minutes

12 board matches: 1 hour 45 minutes

16 board matches: 2 hours 20 minutes

20 board matches: 2 hours 50 minutes



Teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see Section 19). 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 notifies the Chief Commentator or his designee.

For shorter or longer matches the allowed time will be based on approximately 8 minutes and 45 seconds per board.

## **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 to 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 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 Section 17.1
- (d) 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 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 Section 17.1. If the three teams 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 Section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
  - (iv) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

### **17.3 Four 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 Section 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 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 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.

#### **17.4 Knockout Phase**

In the round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals, if a tie exists at the end of the match, it will be resolved by playing eight additional boards. (See Section 12 for the procedure used to determine whether teams play N/S or E/W in the Open and Closed Rooms). Should a tie still exist, eight more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, 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 Tournament Appeals Committee, usually depending on the validity of the matches, 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 Contract Bridge 1997. All infringements of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 1997 will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 1997. Monetary fines shall be paid in U.S. Dollars, or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals 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 Contract Bridge 1997 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 for purposes of tie-breaking procedures 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 (i.e. in regard to) which the penalty was imposed, before its VP score is calculated. However, the score of the non offending team shall not be affected, except in the knockout phase.

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

##### **19.1 Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion**

Any team containing a partnership that, through the agency of its captain, or otherwise, has failed to comply with the time requirements shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 14.6):

- (a) be subject to a decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee which 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 Tournament Appeals Committee may impose penalties at its discretion; and

- (b) be fined US \$100 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\$ 50;
- (d) 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 five minutes after the filing of 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:

#### **19.4 During the Round-Robin**

- 0+ - 5 minutes late warning to captain(s) (after the second 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 at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

#### **19.4.1 During the Knock-out Phase**

- 0+ - 5 minutes late warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
- 5+ - 25 minutes late 1 IMP plus an additional 1 IMP for each full minute or part thereof beyond 5 minutes.
- Over 25 minutes late at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

### **19.5 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:

### **19.5.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Round-Robin**

0+ -	5 minutes late	1 VP
5+ -	10 minutes late	1½ VPs
10+ -	15 minutes late	2 VPs
15+ -	20 minutes late	2½ VPs
20+ -	25 minutes late	3 VPs
Over	25 minutes late	at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

Example: If a 16-board match or session took 2 hours and 35 minutes (excess of 15 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 6 extra minutes total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2 VPs 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.

### **19.5.2 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals**

0+ -	25 minutes late	1 IMP for each minute or part thereof
Over	25 minutes late	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the President shall determine responsibility for slow play. A partnership which considers its opponents are playing slowly shall inform the Tournament Director who may appoint a monitor if he thinks it is necessary; the partnership is only protected from the time at which the Tournament Director is informed. A Director may install a monitor without being requested to by the players.

### **19.6 Fouled Boards**

See Section 16.1 of 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.

### **19.7 Appeals without merit**

Teams will forfeit the deposit of US\$ 50 if the Tournament Appeals Committee determines the appeal was without merit. See Section 27 of the General Conditions of Contest.

## **20. Recording Of Matches And Verification Of Scores**

### **20.1 Official Table Result Card**

An official Table Result Card must be filled in by the North or South player at each table, for each match and sessions thereof. Team captains will determine and agree upon the scores for each match and segments thereof and the winning captain shall hand in both table result cards to the TD or scoring desk as instructed at the Captains' Meeting. At the conclusion of each match, or session of a match the Tournament Director shall post an official result. The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in Section 27 of the General Conditions of Contest; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- (i) awaiting decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;

- (ii) completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

### **20.2 Table Recorders**

During the play of each hand of the round-robin and quarter-final matches, when there is not an official record (as in Vu-Graph matches for instance), an Approved Recorder (see General Conditions, Section 20) shall record the bidding, the lead for the first three tricks, and the result, on the Recording Form provided at the table. The Team playing North/South is responsible for the provision of such Recorders. Additional recording might be requested.

### **20.3 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 and the Appeals Committee, may be corrected provided that any such score has been brought to the attention of the Chief Tournament Director no later than 30 minutes after the end of play in any phase of the event except that an extension of an additional 30 minutes will be permitted following the last segment of play at the end of the day. However, no changes to segments prior to the last segment will be permitted at that time.

## 21. Appendix A - Eligibility For Awards

According to the WBF Master Points Plan, the following scale of Master Points will be awarded to the Championship events.

Placement	Open Series		Women's Series	
	Master Points	Placement Points	Master Points	Placement Points
1	1000	5	700	5
2	700	4	500	4
3	500	3	350	3
4	400	2	250	2
5	350	1	210	1
6	300	1	170	1
7	250	1	130	1
8	200	1	90	1

In the Round Robin of the Open and the Women's:

Each match won by the team – 6 MPs (accumulative)

Each match tied by the team – 3 MPs (accumulative)

In the case of a Open KO with 8 teams (quarter finals, semi-finals and finals) :

9th 160 MPs

10th 120 MPs

11th – one third of participants in KO – 50 MPs

In the case of a Open KO with 16 teams :

9th – 16th 160 MPs

17th – one third of participants in KO – 50 MPs

In the case of a Woman's KO with 8 teams (quarter finals, semi-finals and finals) :

9th – one third of participants in KO – 50 MPs

In the case of a Woman's KO with 16 teams :

9th – 16th 50 MPs

### 21.1 Special Conditions for Team Matches

In team events, in order to qualify for the MPs and PPs won by the team, a player must have played a certain percentage of the total number of hands played by his team.

a) Tournaments consisting only of a Round Robin:

A player must have played at least one-third of the hands played by his team.

b) Tournaments consisting of a Round Robin followed by semi -finals and final:

The player must have played at least one-third of the hands played by the team in the round robin. In addition:

- For first place: At least one-third of the total number of hands in the final and one third of the total number of hands semi- final.

- For second place At least one-third of the total number of hands in the final and one third of the total number of hands semi- final.

- For third place: At least one-third of the hands in the play-off.

c) Tournaments consisting of a Round Robin followed by quarter-finals, semifinals and final:

A player must have played at least one-third of the hands played by the team in the round robin. In addition:

- For the first place: At least one-third of the total number of hands in the final, semi- finals and quarter-finals combined. At least one-third of the hands in the final.

- For second place: At least one-third of the hands played in the semi- final and the quarter-final combined. At least one-third of the hands in the semi- final.

- For third place (in the case of a play-off): At least one-third of the total number of hands in the play-off and quarter- final combined.

- For fourth place: At least one-third of the hand sin the quarter- final.

In order to qualify for the title of World Champion the conditions are the same as those needed to qualify for the MPs for first place.

If the total number of hands played is not divisible by three, the exact number of hands required must be specified in the Conditions of Contest relating to the tournament, which may in any case make special provision for masterpoint awards for individual events.

### **World Transnational Mixed Teams Championships**

<b>Placement</b>	<b>Master Points</b>	<b>Placement Points</b>
1	250	2
2	200	1
3	150	½
4	120	
5	100	

From the 6th to 15% of the field – 50Mps

From the next placing to 25% of the field – 25MPs

### **World Senior International Cup**

1	450 Seniors Points
2	300 Seniors Points
3	150 Seniors Points
4	90 Seniors Points

### **World University Teams Championship**

1	100 MPs
2	50 MPs
3	30 MPs
4	15 MPs

## 22. Appendix B – Contact Addresses and Websites

### 22.1 *The WBF President*

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### 22.4 *Websites:*

The official WBF Website:  
[www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)

For Systems information:  
[www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com)

The official Website of the Olympic Movement:  
[www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org)

The official Website of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)  
[www.wada-ama.org/](http://www.wada-ama.org/)

Copies of the WBF Systems Policy, WBF Alerting Policy and the WBF Policy on Psychic Bidding are available on the WBF Website, or at [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) (in the Documents section) or by contacting Anna Gudge (address above)