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1. Preamble For the 1998 World Bridge Championships (The Rosenblum & World Pairs Olympiad)

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest have been issued by the WBF, pursuant to Section 2 of the WBF's General Conditions of Contest (April 1998 edition), further to regulate the 1998 World Bridge Championships; and together with the General Conditions of Contest are the Conditions of Contest governing these Championships.

2. Definitions

Expressions defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning where used in these Conditions of Contest. In addition, unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

2.1 ***"1998 World Bridge Championships"***

means the World Mixed Pairs Championship, the World Knockout Open Teams Championship (also known as the "Rosenblum Cup") and the World Knockout Women's Teams Championship (also known as the "McConnell Cup"), the World Open and Women's Pairs Championships, the World Seniors' Pairs and Teams Championships, the World Junior Triathlon (Pairs, Teams and Individual) the World Continuous Pairs, the Zonal Teams and Pairs, the IMP Pairs and the Par Contest, to be conducted under the auspices and organisation of the World Bridge Federation, from 21 August through 4 September 1998, at the Lille Grand Palais, Lille, France. or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.

2.2 ***"these Championships"***

means the 1998 World Bridge Championships and "championship event" means any of the events referred to in Section 2.1

2.3 ***"General Conditions of Contest"***

means the WBF General Conditions of Contest (April 1998 edition) referred to in Section 1

2.4 ***"these Conditions of Contest"***

means the Supplemental Conditions of Contest herein contained and referred to in Section 1.

2.5 ***"Organizing Committee"***

means the Committee appointed by the WBF to organize these Championships.

2.6 ***"the Par Contest"***

means the invitation event organised by the World Bridge Federation referred to in Section 2.1

- 2.7** ***“the Knockout Teams”***
means the World Knockout Open and Women's Teams Championships referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.8** ***“the Knockout Open Teams”***
means the World Knockout Open Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.9** ***“the Knockout Women’s Teams”***
means the World Knockout Women’s Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.10** ***“direct Knockout”***
means the knockout Segments of the Knockout Teams.
- 2.11** ***“round-robin”***
means the movements during the round robin phases of the Knockout Teams.
- 2.12** ***“the Seniors’ Teams”***
means the World Seniors’ Swiss Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.13** ***“the Mixed Pairs”***
means the World Mixed Pairs Championships referred to in Section 2.1.
- 2.14** ***“the Open Pairs”***
means the World Open Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.15** ***“the Women’s Pairs”***
means the World Women’s Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.16** ***“the Seniors’ Pairs”***
means the World Seniors’ Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.17** ***“the Junior Triathlon”***
Means the World Junior Pairs, Teams and Individual Events referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.18** ***“the Continuous Pairs”***
means the World Continuous Pairs referred to in Section 2.1
- 2.19** ***“Zonal Teams”, “Zonal Pairs”, “IMP Pairs”***
mean the respective Events referred to in Section 2.1 .

- 2.20** ***“Transnational Event(s)”***
means an event in which players in partnerships or teams may be from different NCBOs.
- 2.21** ***“Senior”***
means for the purpose of eligibility for Senior events at these Championships (see Section 2.1) a bridge player born on or before 26 August 1943
- 2.22** ***“Junior”***
means for the purpose of eligibility for Junior events at these Championships (see Section 2.1) a bridge player born on or after 1 January 1973.
- 2.23** ***“NPC”***
means non-playing captain.
- 2.24** ***“WBF Systems Policy”***
means the WBF Systems Policy, which is included as Appendix 2 of the General Conditions of Contest.
- 2.25** ***“Green, Blue, Brown, Red, HUM Systems Designation”***
mean the system designations referred to in the WBF Systems Policy (Appendix 2 of the General Conditions of Contest)
- 2.26** ***“WBF Convention Card” or “Card”***
means the Convention Card authorized by the WBF for the disclosure of Systems by contestants in a World Bridge Championship and includes Supplementary Sheets.
- 2.27** ***“ WBF Convention Card Editor”***
Means the program provided by the WBF for completion of the WBF Convention Card. See also Section 6.2.
- 2.28** ***“WBF Guide to Completion”***
means the WBF Guide to Completion of the WBF Convention Card and Supplementary sheets and is available on the Convention Card Editor disc or as hard copy by application to the address given in Section 6.2
- 2.29** ***“Full System” or “System”***
means the complete bidding and play structure of a pair, including all calls, plays, agreements and understandings as defined in the International Code.
- 2.30** ***“World Standard Card”***
means the special WBF Convention Card referred to in Section 18.5.

2.31 ***“Hand Diagram”***

means the printed sheet containing a record of the four hands for any board played in these Championships.

2.32 ***“Pick-up Slip”***

means the result sheet for a board in pairs events, intended for collection after that board has been played.

2.33 ***“Table Score Card”***

means the form prescribed by the WBF for the recording of scores in the Knockout Teams matches.

2.34 ***“Curtain Card”***

means the form prescribed by the WBF for use in the Knockout Teams to identify teams and compass direction on the changeover of the boards.

2.35 ***“Designated Pit Matches”***

mean the matches referred to in Section 25.

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). 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 and reference to any one gender shall include the other gender.

3. Conditions Of Entry And National Representation

See Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest, with particular reference to Section 3.3.

3.1 ***General***

With the exception of the Transnational Events, individuals making up any pair or team in any championship event must be members of the same NCBO and meet the requirements of Section 3.3 of the General Conditions of Contest.

3.2 ***Transnational Events***

In the cases of the Mixed Pairs, IMP Pairs, all Junior, Senior and Continuous Events where pairs may comprise players from different NCBOs, the following procedures shall apply:

- For the Mixed Pairs, the NCBO of which the male player is a member should submit the pair for invitation by the WBF, it being the responsibility of the male player's NCBO to obtain assurance that the female player would be submitted by her NCBO for invitation to play in a WBF event;
- For the Junior and Senior events, Pairs and Teams (4 to 6 players) may consist of players belonging to the same or different NCBOs but each

player must be approved by his/her NCBO of origin and submitted to the WBF Credentials Committee. The team or pair shall be submitted by any NCBO which has at least one player in the team or pair;

- For the Continuous events and IMP Pairs, for which entry before the commencement of these Championships is not required, an invitation to compete in any other championship event shall constitute an invitation also to compete in these events. Alternatively, application for an invitation to compete in these events may be made at the site of these Championships through an official of the Zone or NCBO to which the relevant player belongs.

3.3 Submission of Entries

Subject to any exceptions noted in Section 3.2 above, the names of players in each pair, and the names of the non-playing captain and players in each team (including a current contact address, telephone and telefax numbers) submitted by their NCBOs to have invitations extended to them to participate in these Championships, should be sent to:

**WBF President
World Bridge Federation
40 Rue Francois 1er
75008 Paris
FranceFax: 33 1 40 70 14 51
Email: 100610.2001@compuserve.com**

in time to be received in the normal course of delivery prior to 30 May, 1998. The WBF reserves the right to reject late entries.

3.4 Entrance Fees

The prescribed entrance fees for championship events – see Section 4 for the respective amounts involved – shall be paid at the site of these Championships prior to the commencement of the championship events in question (or if applicable, the final of a championship event) in accordance with specific regulations to be issued by the WBF. Contestants should note that all entrance fees are payable in US dollars or the equivalent in French Francs, and may only be paid in cash, by travellers' cheques, by cheque drawn on a US bank, or by international cheque or bank draft.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee, in conjunction with the Credentials Committee, reserves the right to accredit additional pairs or teams, in any Championship Event, for the technical convenience of the movement.

4. Schedule Of Events: General Description And Entry Fees

4.1 Knockout Open Teams (Rosenblum Cup)

to be played from August 24 through September 1. Entry Fee: US\$800 per team (the entry fee guarantees the right of the teams eliminated in the Round-Robin phase of the event to play in the Zonal Open Teams, see Section 4.12).

4.2 *Knockout Women’s Teams (McConnell Cup)*

to be played from August 24 through August 31. Entry Fee: US\$800 per team (the entry fee guarantees the right of the teams eliminated in the Round-Robin phases of the event to play in the Zonal Women’s Teams, see Section 4.12).

4.3 *Seniors’ Teams*

to be played from August 27 – August 30 and is restricted to Seniors (see Section 2.21). Entry Fee: US\$500 per team.

4.4 *Mixed Pairs*

to be played from August 21 through August 23. Entry Fee: US\$200 per pair. The entry fee guarantees the right of the pairs to play five Sessions.

In order to ensure that there shall be a man and woman on each side of the screen, the men shall sit North and West, the women East and South.

4.5 *Open Pairs*

to be played from August 29 through 4 September. Entry Fee: US\$320 per pair (the entry fee guarantees the right of the pairs eliminated in the first qualifying phase of the event to play in the Zonal Open Pairs, see Section 4.13). Pairs that qualify for the 5-Session finals will be required to pay an additional Entry Fee of US\$200 per pair.

4.6 *Women’s Pairs*

to be played from August 29 through 3 or 4 September. Entry Fee: US\$320 per pair (the entry fee guarantees the right of the pairs eliminated in the first qualifying phase of the event to play in the Zonal Women’s Pairs, see Section 4.13). The pairs that qualify for the 5-Session finals will be required to pay an additional Entry Fee of US\$200 per pair. Should the Women’s Final be only four Sessions, the WBF will refund US\$40 per pair.

4.7 *Seniors’ Pairs*

to be played from August 31 through September 3 and is restricted to Seniors (see Section 2.21). Entry fee: US\$200 per pair.

4.8 *Junior Teams*

to be played from August 24 through August 25 and is restricted to Juniors (see Section 2.22). No entry fee is payable.

4.9 *Junior Pairs*

to be played from August 26 through August 27 and is restricted to Juniors (see Section 2.22). No entry fee is payable

4.10 *Junior Individual*

to be played on August 28 and is restricted to Juniors (see Section 2.22). No entry fee is payable.

4.11 Zonal Mixed Pairs

To be played on August 23 in two Session. Competing pairs must belong to the same Zone, but may be transnational within that Zone. The higher ranking placed pair of each Zone (both players must belong to the same Zone) will be declared Zonal Champion. Entry is free to the pairs not qualifying for the finals of the Mixed Pairs, otherwise the entry fee is \$80 per pair.

4.12 Zonal Open Teams and Zonal Women's Teams

to be played from August 27 through August 28. Players in competing teams must belong to the same Zone, but may be transnational within that Zone. Entry is free to teams not qualifying for the Knockout phase of the Open and Women's Teams; otherwise the entry fee is \$320 per team

4.13 Zonal Open Pairs and Zonal Women's Pairs

to be played on August 31 and September 1. Competing pairs must belong to the same Zone, but may be transnational within that Zone. Entry is free to the pairs not qualifying for the semi-finals of the Open Pairs and Women's Pairs, otherwise the entry fee is \$160 per pair.

4.14 IMP Pairs

to be played on September 2 and September 3. The entry fee is US\$120 per pair.

4.15 Continuous Pairs

Entry Fee: US\$10 per player, per Session.

4.16 Transnational Events

The Transnational Events in these Championships are the Mixed Pairs, the Zonal Mixed Pairs, the Seniors' Teams, the Seniors' Pairs, the Continuous Pairs, the Junior Pairs and Teams and the IMP Pairs. Participation in these events will not prejudice a player's entitlement to represent an NCBO in future World Bridge Championships, if otherwise eligible to do so.

4.17 Procedures Governing Delayed Entry to Overlapping Championship Events

It is permitted for individual players from the Rosenblum and McConnell Teams to participate in the Senior Teams up to and including the second day of the Senior Teams (Friday 28 August) provided they are pre-registered with an existing team before the start of the Rosenblum or McConnell. There is no provision for teams eliminated during the Round of 64 to enter the Seniors Teams.

Carryovers for "drop-ins" will be calculated on a scale still to be determined and will then be published accordingly.

5. Eligibility For Master Point Awards

WBF Master Points will be awarded for all Championship Events in accordance with the WBF Master Point Plan. See Section 47 of these Conditions of Contest.

6. Disclosure Of Systems And The Role Of The WBF Systems Policy

The WBF Systems Policy (See Appendix 2 of the General Conditions of Contest) forms part of these Conditions of Contest and further regulates the use of Systems at these Championships.

6.1 *Disclosure Requirements*

Contestants in all Championship Events are required to make full written and oral disclosure of their Systems - see Section 6 of the General Conditions of Contest, Section 5 of the Systems Policy and the Guide to Completion (of the WBF Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets). Failure to comply with this obligation will result in penalties being imposed.

6.2 *Convention Card Editor*

Copies of the program can be obtained free of charge from:

Anna Gudge
The Old Railway Station
Long Melford
Sudbury, Suffolk C010 9HN
England
Tel: 44 1787 881920
Fax: 44 1787 881339
Email: anna@ecats.co.uk

6.3 *Event Categories*

In accordance with Section 3 of the WBF Systems Policy all Championship Events at these Championships are designated as Category 3 events, with the exception of the long (full day) matches in the Direct Knockout, which are designated as Category 2 events; and the WBF Systems Policy shall apply accordingly. Consequently, HUM Systems are not allowed at these Championships, and Brown Sticker Conventions are not allowed in Category 3 events.

6.4 *Written Defences*

For the purposes of Section 6 of the WBF Systems Policy the two clearly legible copies of written defences against Brown Sticker Conventions must be given to those opponents (or to their NPC) at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled time for the commencement of the relevant match. If delivery as aforesaid cannot be effected, despite reasonable efforts having been made, the requirement for such delivery shall be satisfied by the delivery of such written defences to the Chief or Assistant Chief Tournament Director, within the said period of fifteen (15) minutes. A copy of these written defences must also be filed at the Convention Card Desk at any time before the end of the first half of the match.

6.5 Interpretation of the Systems Policy

Should any question arise during these Championships as to the correct interpretation of the WBF Systems Policy the decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee, after consultation with the Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee or his designee, shall be final and binding on all contestants.

7. Additional Systems Regulations

7.1 Filing of Systems and Cards

All pairs participating in any of the following events are required to file their WBF Convention Card at the Convention Card Desk prior to the commencement of that event:

- Mixed Pairs
- Rosenblum & McConnell Cup Knockout Teams

Please Note: if a different convention card is to be used in the knockout phase of either of these events, it must be filed, preferably with a full copy of the system, in English, at the same time as the card for the round robin phase.

- Senior Teams
- Open Pairs
- Women's Pairs
- Seniors Pairs
- Junior Pairs and Teams

In addition to being fully completed, each card must clearly give the following information:

- (i) The full names of both players
- (ii) The name of the NCBO(s)
- (iii) The event(s) for which the card is to be used

All Convention Cards must be fully and legibly completed in English preferably using the Convention Card Editor in accordance with Section 5 of the WBF Systems Policy.

The fact that Convention Cards may not be screened for a particular stage of play does not remove the obligation to adhere to standards of full disclosure. Nor does it preclude the possibility that Convention Cards will be examined by the Director or the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his designee.

Partnerships failing to comply with this Section will be subject to penalty, which may include a prohibition on the use of some parts of their System or even the System itself. Each case will be heard on its merits.

7.2 Procedure for any amendments to the Card

Any amendments (whether minor or not) to the Card filed in accordance with Section 7.1 must be filed at the Convention card desk prior to being implemented by a partnership. Such changes may be played from the start of the next Session of play, except that in the case of the knockout stages of the

Rosenblum and McConnell Teams, the card may not be changed during the course of a match.

Any breach of Section 7.1 will automatically cause the offending partnership to be in breach also of Section 6.1 and so subject to penalty.

7.3 *Supplementary Sheets*

Supplementary Sheets, in the form prescribed by the WBF, are required to be completed by contestants in accordance with the Guide to Completion and Section 5 of the WBF Systems Policy.

For the purposes of these Conditions of Contest, unless repugnant to the context, Supplementary Sheets are deemed to be part of the Convention Card of a partnership.

7.4 *Penalties*

The Chief Tournament Director, the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his designee, and the Tournament Appeals Committee are empowered to impose penalties for any breach of Sections 6 and 7 (see also Section 18.5). A decision on such a matter by the Tournament Appeals Committee is final. A decision on such a matter by the Director or by the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his designee may, in certain clearly-defined instances, be subject to appeal to the Tournament Appeals Committee, using the normal procedures for the filing of appeals.

8. Tournament Appeals Committee Procedures

8.1 *General:*

See Section 20 and Appendix 1 of the General Conditions of Contest.

8.2 *Deposit:*

When lodging an Appeal, the appellant must deposit the sum of either US\$50 or 300 FF with the Tournament Director. This deposit will be refunded unless the Committee determines that the appeal was substantially without merit, in which case the deposit will be forfeited and paid to the WBF Educational Foundation.

TEAMS COMPETITIONS

9. Knockout Teams

9.1 General Description

To be played in two phases as follows:

- In the first phase (the Round-Robin phase), the teams will be divided into groups in such a way that, in each group teams play a complete round-robin during three days. The objective is to qualify 64 (Rosenblum) and 32 (McConnell) teams for the second phase (the Knockout phase). The number of groups as well as the number of teams in each group, the number of boards per match and the number of qualified teams in each group will be decided and duly published after the number of entries is known.
- In the Knockout phase, the 64 (Rosenblum) and 32 (McConnell) remaining teams will play direct knockout matches of between 56 and 64 boards, each played over one day. This phase will start on 27 August and will finish on 31 August (McConnell) and 1 September (Rosenblum).

9.2 Use of Screens

Screens will be used in all Championship events and, whenever possible, in any other event.

9.3 Curtain Cards

In the Sessions or matches played with the same set of boards in both the Open and Closed Rooms, Curtain Cards will be used. At the start of each Session, North and East are required to write the name of their team and NCBO on a Curtain Card. At the conclusion of play of the first board in each Session, the Curtain Card should be placed on top of their own bridge hand in the board so that it may be read after the playing cards have been returned to the board. After the boards are moved to the other table in the match, North and East shall examine the Curtain Card in the pocket of his designated position. If the Curtain Card names the team of the opponents, the match proceeds. If the Curtain Card names the player's own team, or a team other than that of the opponents, the Tournament Director must be summoned forthwith, before the playing cards are removed from the board. When teams fail to follow this procedure they are subject to penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

10. Schedule Of Play

10.1 Round-Robin phase

For the Round-Robin phase to be played over three days, the following general rules will govern the organization of the schedule of play:

- (i) The number of groups will be such as to permit each team to play approximately 140-160 boards.

- (ii) The Rule (i) will determine the number of boards per match and the number of qualified teams per group.
- (iii) Teams will be divided among the groups according to the following seeding rules:
 - a) The number one seeded team will be the one with the higher average of WBF Master Points of the four players in the team with the highest amount of Master Points.
 - b) The NCBOs, when sending the entries to the WBF, will rank their teams by strength, number one being the strongest (based on the criteria of the NCBO). This will help to seed the teams without any WBF Master Points which will be made by a technical WBF committee to be nominated by the WBF President. Seeding decisions of this Committee will be final.
 - c) The teams will be distributed among the groups in order to balance the average strength of each group. The WBF is aware that it is impossible to reach a perfect balance but will do its best to obtain at least a reasonable one.

The time schedule for the Round-Robin phase will be announced when the number of boards per match is known, but no team will ever have to play more than 64 boards in one day. For each group, the round will be organized in such a way that the number one seeded team meets the others starting with the lower seeded and finishing with the higher, except that teams from the same country shall meet in the earlier rounds. The first match of the day will start around 10:00 hours and the last match will finish at about 20:00 hours.

10.2 *Knockout Phase*

For the Knockout phase the seeding will be according to the positions of the teams at the end of the Round-Robin phase, the winner of group 1 being the number one seeded team, the winner of group 2 being the number two seeded team and so on. The matches will be between 56 and 64 boards divided into four equal Sessions.

10.3 *Brackets for the Knockout phase of the Rosenblum and McConnell*

The brackets for the Knockout phase will be as follows (see next page).

10.3.2 The Rosenblum Teams

Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final
1					
64					
32					
33					
16					
49					
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10.3.3 The McConnell Teams



11. Tie Breaking Procedures

11.1 *Round-Robins*

11.1.1 Two Teams

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of any round-robin, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- a) IMPs in the match between the teams. If the tie remains, then:
- b) The higher IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams. If the tie remains, then:
- c) The higher total of Victory Points earned against the qualified teams they each played against. If the tie remains, then:
- d) One board "sudden death" matches (one board at a time) until a winner emerges, with neither team to have seating rights against the other.

11.1.2 Three Teams

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of any round-robin, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- a) If one team won both matches on Victory Points against the other tied teams, it shall be the winner; and if it is necessary to break the tie between the two remaining teams, this shall be done in accordance with Section 11.1.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- b) If one of the teams has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them, it shall be ranked third in the tied position; and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Section 11.1.1). If the three teams remain tied, then:
- c) If one team earned more Victory Points against one of the teams and tied with the other, in matches played between them, it shall be declared the winner; and the tie between the two remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Section 11.1.1 If the three teams remain tied, then:
- d) The highest IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams; and if a tie remains between the teams, it shall be broken in accordance with Section 11.1.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- e) The highest total of Victory Points earned against the qualified teams they played against; and if a tie remains between two teams, it shall be broken in accordance with Section 11.1.1.

11.1.3 Four or more Teams

If four or more teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of any Round-Robin, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- a) If one team earned the most Victory Points in its matches against the other tied teams, or if it has, exceptionally tied with one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared the winner; and the tie between the three remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Section 11.1.2

- b) The highest IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams; and the tie between the three remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Section 11.1.2.

11.1.4 Failure to break a tie

In the event that the procedures set out in Sections 11.1.2 and 11.1.3 fail to break a tie, the Tournament Rules and Regulation Committee is authorized to break the tie by whatever procedure it considers to be equitable in the circumstances. No appeal can be made against the decision of the Committee in this matter.

11.2 Direct Knockout

11.2.1 All matches except the Finals:

If a tie exists at the end of a knockout match, it will be resolved by playing four additional boards (boards 1 to 4); if the tie remains, another four boards (5 to 8) will be played; if the tie remains, one board ("sudden-death") matches will determine the winner.

11.2.2 Finals:

As in Section 11.2.1, except that eight additional boards, instead of four, will be played in the first two tie-breakers.

12. Line-Ups

12.1 Round-robins.

In each match of the round-robins, the first named teams will be Home Team and there is no requirement to submit Line-ups in advance.

12.2 Direct Knockout.

Each match will be divided into two Segments, of two Sessions each. The lower numbered team shall be the Home Team in the first Segment and the Visiting Team in the second Segment until the semi-final. For the Semi Final and Final there shall be a coin toss by the captains to determine seating rights. The winner of the toss may elect to be Home or Visiting Team in one of the two Segments, or may pass this election to the opposing team. Accordingly, each team shall be Home Team for one Segment and Visiting Team for the other. In all cases, line-ups shall be submitted in accordance with Section 12.4.

12.3 Direct Knockout: Tie-Breaking Matches.

When a tie exists at the end of a match in the Direct Knockout, there shall be a coin toss by the captains to determine Home Team rights for the first tie-breaking match (4 or 8 boards as the case may be - see Sections 11.2.1 and 11.2.2). If a tie still exists, Home Team rights in the second tie-breaking match shall pass to the Visiting Team in the first match. Line-up changes may be made before play begins in either of the tie-breaking matches; and in each case the captain of the Visiting Team shall submit his line-up at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director, and the captain of the Home Team shall submit his line-up five minutes thereafter. Each set of 4 or 8 boards (as

the case may be) shall be treated as a separate match. If a still-existing tie requires that one board (“sudden death”) matches be played, the line-up and seating positions for both teams will, until the tie is broken, remain as they were for the second tie-breaking match.

12.4 *Direct Knockout: Line-up Times*

Line-ups for the Direct Knockout are to be submitted at the place designated by the Chief Tournament Director. The Team required to submit its line-up first shall do so no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the Session. The Team required to submit its line-up second shall do so no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the Session (see Section 18.1 for penalties for a breach of these procedures):

PROVIDED THAT if the team required to submit its line-up first is late, the other team shall be allowed 10 minutes from the time of such late submission in which to submit its line-up.

See also Section 13

13. Seating

13.1 *Round Robin*

In the round-robins, the designated Home Team (see Section 12.1) sits in the North-South direction in the Open Room and in the East-West direction in the Closed Room throughout the match. The Home Team has the right to seat its players after the Visiting Team has done so. There is no change of Line-up during the round-robin matches.

13.2 *Direct Knockout*

In each Segment of the Direct Knockout (see Section 12.2) the Home Team sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room.

The Home Team has the right to designate its Line-up for the first Session after the Visiting Team has turned its Line-up over to the Tournament Director. For the second Session, the Visiting Team has the right to designate its Line-up after the Home Team has turned its Line-up over to the Tournament Director.

13.3 *Open and Closed Rooms*

The rooms respectively referred to as the “Open” and the “Closed” rooms shall be so designated in each match (or Session) by the Chief Tournament Director or his designee.

14. Adding Players To A Team

Each team is entitled to have six members plus a non-playing captain. If only four or five members are registered at the time of the original entry, additional member(s) may be registered before the commencement of play (no later than 26 August), with the approval of the Credentials Committee. After play has begun, additional member(s) may be added to the four or five originally registered only by permission of the Tournament Appeals Committee and the Credentials Committee.

The Tournament Director may seat a substitute player in the case of force majeure, specifically if the team has only four players, subject to the subsequent approval of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

15. Length Of Matches And / Or Sessions

The time allowed to complete any Session of a match will be on the basis of 8 minutes 30 seconds per board.

16. Verification Of Scores

At the conclusion of each match in the round-robin and of each Session in the Direct Knockout, the Captains shall give the official Table Score Cards, duly completed and signed, to the Tournament Director or his designee. There is no obligation for the Captains to check the results with their opposing team. The Scoring Desk will check the Table Score Cards prior to posting a final result and will post an official result before the end of the following match. After receiving the Table Score Cards of a match, the Tournament Director will post a provisional result on the score-board.

The posting of the official result may be delayed:

- a) while awaiting the decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;
- b) while awaiting completion of play of boards ordered to be replayed at the direction of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

If thereafter a dispute arises concerning the number of tricks won or lost [including the case of acquiescence with a claim (Law 69B) or the case of a false concession (Law 71)] and the Director establishes that the initial agreement was incorrect, the correction period ends 30 minutes after the posting of the official result.

An error in computing or tabulating an agreed-upon score in tricks may be corrected during the round robin up to 30 minutes after the official completion time of the last match of the day. During the knockout phase, such errors may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the official completion time for the last Session of the match.

17. Conversion Scale

The WBF official conversion scales (IMPs to VPs) appears in the General Conditions of Contest (Appendix 5).

18. Penalties And Fines

The following schedule of fines is supplemental to the International Code. All infringements of the International Code will be dealt with in accordance with the International Code. Monetary fines shall be paid in US dollars or the equivalent in French Francs. Monies collected shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmission to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee, to be dealt with as in Section 8.2. Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the affected round-robins. These Victory Point penalties shall not affect individual matches for the purpose of tie-breaking procedures, but may determine a team's ranking. Penalties assessed in IMPs during round-robin or Swiss Team play shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the end of the match during which the penalty was imposed, before its Victory Point score is calculated. However the score of the non-offending team shall not be affected.

These IMP penalties have to be taken into consideration for the purpose of tie-breaking procedures.

18.1 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a captain fails to submit his team's line-up 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.

When failure to provide the line-up in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, fines under this Section shall be imposed on the captain of the team whose duty it was to file his team's line-up first. The captain of the other team shall have ten minutes after the filing of the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after the filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the deadline, or the extra ten minutes allowed in the foregoing, whichever is later, this captain is also deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to fine under this Section.

18.2 Late Arrival

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

18.2.1 During the Round-Robin

Minutes Late	Penalty
0+ - 5	Warning to captain(s)
5+ - 10	1 VP
10+ - 15	2 VP
Over 15 minutes late	at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of the match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

18.2.2 During the Direct Knockout Matches

Minutes Late	Penalty
0+ - 5 minutes late	Warning to captain(s)
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.

A contestant who is late, having been warned as to lateness on a prior occasion, shall be penalised. Where these Conditions prescribe no greater

penalty, the minimum to be applied in such a case is ½ VP in round-robin matches or 3 IMPs in Direct Knockout matches. All decisions as to lateness shall be made by the Tournament Director, and shall be final.

18.3 Slow Play

The time allowed for a Session or a match is in accordance with Section 15, computed from the time play in such a Session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the allocated time, then either or both pairs shall be subject to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was adjudged, as follows:

18.3.1 Excess time during the Round-Robin:

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

For example, if an eight-board match played with screens took one hour and twenty five minutes and Pair A is held responsible for nine extra minutes and Pair B for six extra minutes: total penalty will be 2 VPs (15 minutes late), 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 can interrupt 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 VP conversion scale will be used) and penalties shall be assessed on the basis of deemed excess time as determined by the Tournament Director.

18.3.2 Excess time during the Direct Knockout Matches:

1 - 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 monitor appointed by the President shall determine responsibility for slow play.

A player has the right, at any time during the Session, to call a Tournament Director and draw attention to the slow play of his opponents.

18.4 Fouled Boards

See Section 13 of the General Conditions of Contest and Section 35 herein. 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.

18.5 Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion

Any team containing a partnership which, through the agency of its captain, or otherwise, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 7.1

- may be required to use the World Standard Card (and the System disclosed by that Card) during a number of matches to be determined by the Tournament Appeals Committee;
- shall be subject to a decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee which may forbid the pair or team to use specified conventions. If a disallowed convention is used, the Tournament Appeals Committee may impose penalties in its discretion.

18.6 Other Penalties

The foregoing penalties are supplemental to the Laws. All infringements of the Laws will be dealt with in accordance with the International Code.

19. Disqualification

In the event of a team being disqualified by the Executive Council, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may, in the discretion of the Executive Council, be declared void and scores earned by its opponents in those matches may be cancelled or varied. Any decision taken by the Executive Council in this respect will be final and will be made at the time of such disqualification. There will be no refund of the entry fee in this instance.

20. Junior Teams

20.1 Description

Junior Teams will be played over two days; this competition is part of the Juniors Triathlon and weighs 3 in computing the player's results for the Triathlon results (see Section 46 for the Triathlon regulations). The format, number of boards per match and other details will be developed and announced after the number of entries is known.

21. Seniors' Swiss Teams

21.1 Description

Teams will consist of 4, 5 or 6 players belonging to the same or different NCBOs. The tournament will be a Swiss type to be played over four days and reserved for Seniors (see Section 2.21). The matches will be 8 or 10 boards and no team will play more than 50 boards per day. Depending on the number of entries, at the end of the second day, the field may be divided into two groups of approximately the same size. If this is the case, all teams will proceed with their VP totals but from this point on, the teams will only play within their group; there will be Master Points awarded to the winner of the second group. The time schedule will be announced when the number of entries is known and the above format can be changed if the number of entries is such that a different one would be advisable.

22. Zonal Teams

22.1 *Description*

There will be a two day Swiss Teams Event called the "Zonal Teams" which, depending on the number of entered Teams, may be divided into two Sections (Open and Women) for the players from teams eliminated in the Round-Robin phase of the Knockout Teams and for other duly entered teams (see Section 4.12) In addition, the eliminated teams from the round of 64 of the Knockout Open Teams and from the round of 32 of the Knockout Women's Teams will be entered in the Zonal Teams on the second day with a carry-over in Victory Points equivalent to the average VPs of the top 20% of the field at the end of the first day of the Zonal Teams. The Zonal Teams will be played over two days, six eight-board matches per day, scored in Victory Points. Ties will be broken according to the tie-breaking rules of the Knockout Teams.

The time schedule and other details of the regulations will be announced on site.

23. Smoking Regulations

The playing conditions in Lille will generally permit smoking. However, non-smokers shall always prevail. In other words a player must refrain from smoking if any of his opponents objects.

Moreover, as a matter of courtesy, a player wishing to smoke should request permission from his opponents at the table.

Spectators will not be allowed to smoke in the playing rooms under any circumstances

24. Attendance In The Playing Rooms

Subject to any supplementary regulations made by the Executive Council before these Championships begin and to Section 19, except by special permission of the President, only the following are permitted to enter the playing rooms:

- (a) Participants assigned to play in that room.
- (b) Tournament Directors.
- (c) Personnel needed to operate these Championships, including assigned recorders, scorers, timers, caddies and Vu-graph personnel.
- (d) The President and members of the Organizing Committee authorized by him.
- (e) Chairmen of the Tournament Appeals Committee and Tournament Rules and Regulations Committees.
- (f) Members of the Tournament Appeals Committee who are on duty.
- (g) Hotel staff for provision of refreshments and servicing of the rooms.
- (h) Officials on duty, appointed for a specific Session, or Sessions, by the President.
- (i) A maximum of four members of the Daily Bulletin staff to be named by its Editor.
- (j) One member of the World Championship Book staff to be named by its Editor.

- (k) A maximum of 16 approved journalists who have been accredited by the President of the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) or his designee and ratified by the Chairman of the WBF Credentials Committee or his designee.

The assignment of playing rooms to those in categories (i), (j) and (k) shall only be made by the Editor of the Daily Bulletin or his designee subject to the following rules (there are a maximum of 21 individuals who represent categories (i), (j) and (k), and for the purposes of the following, those 21 are considered a single group and members of it are referred to as “representative”):

- Not more than one representative shall be in the same room at the same time when there is only one playing table in that room. Preference will be given first to category (i), then (j) and finally (k). That number will be increased when there are several playing tables in the same room; the increase will be according to the size of the room and the number of tables in that room.
- The representative must enter the room before the Session begins, must remain on the same side of the screen (when screens are in use) throughout the Session and, should he leave before the end of the Session, may not re-enter any playing room.
- Representatives in categories (i), (j) and (k) may (subject to Section 25 below) be assigned to Open and Closed Rooms.
- A representative from category (k) may not be assigned to either room of a match that is presented on Vu-graph. A representative from categories (i) and (j) may be assigned only to the Closed Room of a Vu-graph match. However, if both rooms of a match are being simultaneously presented on Vu-graph, representatives of all three categories shall be excluded from both playing rooms of that match.
- A representative from category (k) who is from the same country as a player in that room is deemed to be, for the purposes of Law 11, a spectator for whose presence at the table that player is responsible. Accordingly, the player’s consent is required for the representative’s presence at the table.

A maximum of four persons may watch play at any one table.

25. Special Spectator Arrangements

In Teams Events at these Championships, the WBF may allow the Open Room Segment of selected matches to be played in special areas designed for spectators to observe the play. Such matches are referred to in these Conditions of Contest as “Designated Pit Matches” and (if they take place) may be the subject of supplementary regulations issued after the date of these Conditions of Contest. Spectators at any Designated Pit Match shall not include non-playing team members or the team captain from either competing team.

In Pairs Events at these Championships, designated tables may be allocated for spectators to observe the play at those tables, and (mutatis mutandis) the provisions of Section 24 shall apply to any such designated tables. If more than one such table is allocated in the same Session, spectators at one table may not move to become

spectators at any other table. Spectators may not follow East West players between tables.

No more than four persons may watch play at any one table. If representatives of the Press as designated above wish to watch play at a specific table, they will be given preference over any other spectators.

26. General

Unless repugnant to the context, or specifically modified by Section 21 above, or by further regulations issued by the WBF and by the Tournament Directors at the site of the tournaments, the Conditions of Contest applying to the Knockout Teams will apply to all Swiss Teams tournaments. For Master Points Awards for these events, see Section 47

PAIRS COMPETITIONS

27. Mixed, Open, Women's, Seniors' Junior, IMP and Zonal Pairs

27.1 *Schedule Of Play*

27.1.1 Mixed Pairs

Qualifying

1 st Session	Friday August 21	20:00 hours
2 nd Session	Saturday August 22	11:00 hours
3 rd Session	Saturday August 22	16:00 hours

Finals And Zonal Mixed Pairs

1 st Session	Sunday August 23	11:00 hours
2 nd Session	Sunday August 23	16:00 hours

27.1.2 Open and Women's Pairs

Qualifying

1 st Session	Saturday August 29	11:00 hours
2 nd Session	Saturday August 29	16:00 hours
3 rd Session	Sunday August 30	11:00 hours
4 th Session	Sunday August 30	16:00 hours

Semi-Finals and Zonal Open and Women's Pairs

1 st Session	Monday August 31	11:00 hours
2 nd Session	Monday August 31	16:00 hours
3 rd Session	Tuesday September 1	11:00 hours
4 th Session	Tuesday September 1	16:00 hours

Finals

1 st Session	Wednesday September 2	10:00 hours
2 nd Session	Wednesday September 2	16:00 hours
3 rd Session	Thursday September 3	10:00 hours
4 th Session	Thursday September 3	16:00 hours
5 th Session	Friday September 4	10:00 hours

27.1.3 Seniors' Pairs

Qualifying

1 st Session	Monday August 31	11:00 hours
2 nd Session	Monday August 31	16:00 hours
3 rd Session	Tuesday September 1	11:00 hours

Finals

1 st Session	Wednesday September 2	11:00 hours
2 nd Session	Wednesday September 2	16:00 hours
3 rd Session	Thursday September 3	11:00 hours

27.1.4 Junior Pairs

The Junior Pairs will be played over two days (four Sessions) on August 26 and 27. This competition is part of the Juniors Triathlon and weighs 2 in computing the player's results for the Triathlon results (see Section 46 for the Triathlon regulations). The format, number of boards per match and other details will be developed after the number of entries is known.

27.1.5 IMP Pairs

The IMP Pairs is a pairs competition to be played over two days, on September 2 and 3. It is an open and transnational tournament to be scored in International Master Points. The schedule of play and other details will be announced after the number of entries is known.

27.1.6 Zonal Pairs

The Zonal Open Pairs and Zonal Women's Pairs are four-Session pairs tournaments (See Section 4.13).

There will be two Sessions (11:00 and 16:00) each day on Monday and Tuesday, September 26, 27. Entries will be accepted up to 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the first Session.

The Chief Tournament Director will decide the movement according to the number of tables in each Session. The scoring will always be "across the field".

27.1.7 Continuous Pairs

The Continuous Pairs are two continuous events played in independent Segments, the first event being Sessions 1 to 11, the second being Sessions 12 to 22. There will be two Sessions each day, every day, starting on August 24 through September 1, starting at 11:00 and 16:00.

In order to qualify for an overall prize in either of the two events referred to in this Section, a player must play at least four Sessions of that event. The best three results, with two different partners, in percentage, will be added together to determine each winner.

Each Session is independent. There is no requirement to pre-register and pairs can be comprised of players belonging to different NCBOs. Entries will be accepted up to 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time of each Session.

The Chief Tournament Director will decide the movement according to the number of tables in each Session. The scoring will always be "across the field".

All regulations for the Pairs Championships (Mixed, Open and Women's) apply to the other Pairs Competitions unless specifically modified.

28. Seeding

The President or, by his designation, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, will appoint a seeding committee to assist the Chief Tournament Director in assigning starting positions for pairs in the first Session of play-through events and for every phase of the Open, Women's and Seniors' Pairs Championships.

The Director and the Committee shall attempt, where feasible, to spread players from the same NCBO equally among the groups (when there are groups) and to assign positions so that pairs from the same NCBO, if seeded in the same group, play against each other in the early rounds of each phase.

29. Fill-In Pairs

Since it is desirable that all Sections in a pairs event be of equal size, the Credentials Committee and the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee are authorized to approve the entry of pairs not officially entered in the event, but who must come from the same NCBO (when this is required by these Conditions of Contest) to equalize Section sizes.

30. Substitutes and Alternates

After the announced number of qualifying contestants is selected, all other contestants rank as alternates. Alternates rank in order of their qualifying score.

The Chief Tournament Director may make emergency substitutions whenever they are necessary to the smooth operation of the event. If this results in the disqualification of any contestant, the contestant shall be ineligible from the time the substitution is made to continue to win Master Points.

31. Movements And Scoring

When the number of entries in each event becomes known, the Chief Tournament Director shall meet with the Tournament Rules and Regulations and Organizing Committees to advise on the selection of movements, conditions of qualifying, and number of boards to be played. Except as specified in these Conditions of Contest, the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee shall make these determinations and advise the contestants accordingly. In the qualifying and semi-final stages of the Open and Women's Pairs Championships, a maximum of 24 boards per Session will be played.

Without qualifying the generality of this Section, it is anticipated that:

A maximum of 192 Open Pairs and 90 Women's Pairs will qualify for the semi-finals; 64 to 72 Open Pairs and 32 to 44 Women's Pairs will qualify for the finals; a maximum of 44 Seniors' Pairs will qualify for the finals and about 40% of the field will qualify for the finals of the Mixed Pairs together with duly entered pairs comprising one player from the Par Contest and his or her partner.

The total number of pairs advancing from the Qualifying to the Semi-Finals and from the Semi-Finals to the Finals, in the Open and Women's Pairs events, will be determined after "Duly entered pairs" for each stage are accounted for. These "Duly entered pairs" meet the following criteria:

- a) **Pre-qualified to the Semi-Finals:** Two World Grand Masters, a World Grand Master playing with a player involved in the round of 16 or the quarter-finals of the Rosenblum or in the quarter-finals or semi-finals of the McConnell, and pairs consisting of both players similarly involved.
- b) **Pre-qualified to the Finals:** A World Grand Master playing with a player involved in the semi-finals or finals of the Rosenblum or in the finals of the McConnell, provided that such player has played at least half of the boards played by his/her team in the knockout phase and pairs consisting of both players similarly involved.

In the finals of the Open and Women's Pairs, each pair will play against each other pair, barometer style. Scoring in all events will be across the field.

Participants in the Teams competitions can only drop into the same category of Pairs event (i.e. participants in the Rosenblum may drop into the Open Pairs, those in the McConnell into the Women's Pairs)

32. Duration Of Rounds

The time allowed for completion of a round is based on 8½ minutes per board, including changes.

If this time limit is exceeded, penalties will be imposed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

A pair delaying the tournament will be penalised at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

If the Tournament Director has reason to suppose that the delay in any round is caused by one pair rather than the other, he may assess the penalty against the delinquent pair only.

Penalties imposed by the Tournament Director in accordance with this Section are final.

33. Starting Time And Lateness Fines In Pair Games

All participants are required to be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time for each Session of play. Should either member of a partnership not be seated in his starting position at the announced starting time, the pair shall be penalised 25% of the match points available on a board. If a player is more than five minutes late, the penalty shall be 50% of the match points available on a board, and the offence shall be reported to the Tournament Appeals Committee for possible further penalty.

If a player fails to arrive within 20 minutes of the announced starting time of the Session, that pair shall be withdrawn from that Championship Event. The Chief Tournament Director may, in his discretion, seat a provisional substitute in case of emergency, subject to subsequent approval by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

In extenuating circumstances and upon the written request of the offending pair, the Tournament Appeals Committee may in its discretion vary any of the penalties referred to in this Section.

34. Failure To Play A Board

If a pair present at the table cannot play a board through no fault of its own, the innocent pair shall receive the greater of:

- 60% of the match points available on the board; or
- the percentage of match points earned by the innocent pair on all other boards it played in that Session.

If a pair is guilty of an offence that precludes it from playing a board, it shall (in accordance with Law 12C1) receive 40% of the available match points. However, the Tournament Director is not precluded from also imposing a procedural or disciplinary penalty (Laws 90 and 91).

35. Fouled Boards

Each individual player is responsible for seeing that his own cards are returned to the appropriate Section of the board. The pair (which includes either player) responsible for fouling a board will be assessed a penalty of 50% of the match points available on a board during the Session.

At the start of each Session of play, participants may be required to duplicate a hand or hands, in accordance with records provided by the Tournament Director. Each player is responsible for seeing that all hands are properly duplicated and placed in the correct Section of the board. If hands are improperly duplicated, the responsible pairs at the table shall be penalised 50% of the match points available on the board.

An extra two minutes will be added to the first round of play. Players are expected to use the extra time to verify that the boards have been properly duplicated. Pairs failing to report an error in duplication to the Tournament Director at this point will be penalised 25% of the available match points on that board.

At all times, before looking at his cards, each player should count them. Pairs failing to notice an incorrect number may be penalised 10% of the match points available. If a board arrives at a table with the wrong number of cards in a pocket, the Tournament Director must be called before play commences. He will adjust the cards.

When a board has been fouled, the Tournament Director shall determine where the foul occurred. If guilt can be determined, penalties in accordance with the foregoing should be assessed. Scores earned on the board are then divided into groups, each group containing all the scores earned by pairs who played the same hands. Usually, there will be only two groups - "fouled" and "unfouled"; however, a subsequent foul of the same board could occur.

35.1 Scoring Groups of Scores

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

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

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

$S = (N)S1/n + m/n$ based on 0, 2, 4 ... match point scoring, where

S = final match point to be awarded the pair

S1= match point score earned by the pair considering only the scores within the group itself

n = number of scores in that group

N = total number of scores on that board

m = N - n

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

35.2 Artificial Scores

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

36. Withdrawing Wrong Cards From A Board

Players are not permitted to withdraw cards from any board before the round begins.

Should one player withdraw an opponent's hand from the board and see any cards in it, and should the Tournament Director consider that the hand cannot fairly be played in the proper position, either the Tournament Director will decide that the board shall be played in reversed position with the comparison changed accordingly, in which case the offending pair will be penalised 25% of the available score on a board; or, if the Tournament Director is satisfied that no material damage has been done (which includes the case where no cards in the hand have been seen), he will rule that the board be played normally but (at the discretion of the Tournament Director) with the offending pair exchanging seats. Any repetition of this occurrence will render the pair liable for penalty.

37. Carry-Over

For the Mixed Pairs, the leading pair will have a carry-over of 4% and the top third of the field (including ties) will receive a proportional carry-over of between 4% and 0% depending on their result in the qualifying Sessions. The remaining pairs together with the pairs joining the competition from the Par Contest will receive a carry-over of 0%.

For the Seniors Pairs, there will be a carry-over from the qualifying round to the Final which will be the average percentage from the three qualifying Sessions.

There will be no carry-over for any of the other Pairs events.

38. Ranking

Ranking positions for all purposes (including determination of pairs qualified for the next phase of an event) shall be in accordance with the match points earned, with any margin (including from carry-over) determining the result.

39. Tie-Breaking

Scores are tied only if they are identical. If a tie needs to be broken, the winner is the pair with the highest score in its best Session played at that stage. Further ties are broken likewise. If there is still a tie, the highest score in two Sessions is decisive. This applies both in the qualifying stages and in the final.

If a tie (or ties) still exists the remaining tie (or ties) shall be broken in favour of the pair who scored the most match points against the highest ranking pair or pairs that all the tied pairs played against. Should a tie still exist, the foregoing procedure shall be used with the next highest ranking pair or pairs and so on until the tie is broken.

40. Compass Positions

According to Law 5, except as instructed by the Tournament Director, players must retain their original starting direction throughout the Session. (South may not exchange with North nor may East and West exchange positions). If the movement dictates that pairs change direction during a Session, the exchange shall be North with East and South with West.

41. Comparison Of Scores

Comparison of scores or discussion of hands with other contestants during a Session is illegal. Offending pairs will be subject to penalty at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or the Tournament Appeals Committee.

42. Correction Of Scores

Contestants are advised to agree their scores with opponents after each round. Law 79 states: "The number of tricks won shall be agreed upon before all four hands have been returned to the board. If a subsequent disagreement arises, the Director must be called. No increase in score need be granted unless the Director is called before the round ends as specified in Law 8."

43. Recording Of Scores

The North or South player is responsible for filling out the scoring form, including entering the correct score for each board immediately after the completion of play. The East or West player must verify the score by initialling the scoring form. When entering the required information on the scoring form, care must be taken to ensure its legibility. Pairs failing to enter or verify a score correctly may be penalised 10% of the available match points on one board.

44. Appeals On Scoring

Any appeal against a score, or against the total score attributed to a pair, should be accompanied by a deposit of US\$20 and will be determined by the Tournament Appeals Committee. The deposit will be forfeited:

- a) if there is no error in the published score; or
- b) if the error is the fault of the competitor.

In the case of b) above, the score will be rectified (but Law 79B applies), provided that protests are made within the correction period, which for purposes of Law 79C shall be:

- in all but the last Session of any phase of an event, 15 minutes before the next Session of that phase is scheduled to begin; and
- in the last Session of any phase of an event, 30 minutes after the official score for that Session has been completed and made available for inspection; and the official score may in the discretion of the Chief Tournament Director be made available for inspection by posting it on an official Results Board, or by visual display on a TV monitor (or similar device) or both methods, in which case time will run from whichever method first occurs.

45. Spectators

Unless otherwise decided and announced, on site, by the Tournament Committee and subject to Sections 24 and 25, spectators will be permitted in the playing rooms. No more than 4 persons may spectate at any one table.

46. Junior Triathlon

In each Juniors' competition (Teams, Pairs and Individual), "Classification Points" (CP) will be distributed to the higher ranking placed players. These points will be weighted (3 times for Teams, 2 times for Pairs and one time for the Individual) in order to obtain a final ranking for the Triathlon. The following scale will be used for each competition:

<i>First:</i>	20 points	<i>Fifth:</i>	9 points	<i>Ninth:</i>	5 points
<i>Second:</i>	15 points	<i>Sixth:</i>	8 points	<i>Tenth:</i>	4 points
<i>Third:</i>	12 points	<i>Seventh:</i>	7 points	<i>Eleventh:</i>	3 points
<i>Fourth:</i>	10 points	<i>Eighth:</i>	6 points	<i>Twelfth:</i>	2 points
From <i>Thirteenth</i> through <i>Fifteenth</i> 1 Point					

47. Eligibility for Awards and Master Points

47.1 Eligibility for Awards In Knockout Teams

In order to be eligible to receive master points for the rounds of 64, 32, 16 and 8, semi-finals and final a player must participate in at least:

- placements 33 through 64: 16 boards of the round of 64.
- placements 17 through 32: 48 boards of the rounds of 64 and 32 combined and at least 16 boards of the round of 32.
- placements 9 through 16: 64 boards of the rounds of 64, 32 and 16 combined and at least 16 boards of the round of 16.
- placements 5 through 8: 80 boards of the rounds of 64, 32, 16, and 8 combined and at least 16 boards of the quarter-finals.
- for the third and fourth places: 96 boards of the rounds of 64, 32, 16, 8 and the semi-finals combined and at least 16 boards of the semi-finals.
- for the first and second place: 112 boards of the rounds of 64, 32, 16, 8, semi-finals and final combined and at least 16 boards of the final.

47.2 Master Point Awards For The Knockout Teams

According to the WBF Master Points Plan, the following scale of Master Points applies for the Knockout Teams:

	Rosenblum Cup	McConnell Cup	Placing Points.
From 33 rd to 64 th place	40	30	
From 17 th to 32 nd place	60	50	
From 9 th to 16 th place	100	80	
From 5 th to 8 th place	160	120	
For Joint 3 rd place	325	250	1½
For 2 nd place	450	340	3
For 1 st place	600	450	4

Note: Since there will not be a play-off for third place, the points of the Master Points Scale and the Placement Points to be awarded to the third and fourth placed teams were split between the third and fourth positions.

47.3 Master Points For The Other Championship Events

The Master Points awarded for all other championship events will follow the scales contained in the WBF Master Points Plan.

47.4 Juniors Triathlon

Each Competition (Teams, Pairs, Individual)	Triathlon
1 st : 30	1 st : 50
2 nd : 15	2 nd : 30
3 rd : 10	3 rd : 20
	4 th : 10
	5 th : 5

47.5 Secondary events

47.5.1 Zonal Teams and Pairs, and IMP Pairs

1 st :	50
2 nd :	30
3 rd :	20

In the Zonal Championships, if the Zonal winner is not among the first three overall winners, they will get 10 MPs.

47.5.2 Seniors Swiss Teams

1 st :	150
2 nd :	100
3 rd :	50
4 th :	30

From 5th through 16th: 30

Placing Points for the Championship Event:

1 st	1
2 nd	½

47.5.3 Continuous Pairs

Only the winners of each Segment: 25 points

All other Competitions will follow the WBF Master Point Plan as it appears in the latest edition of the WBF Directory. Any queries relating to Master Points will be settled by the Master Points Committee on site.