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FOR THE WORLD BRIDGE SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS
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1. Preamble for the 2010 World Bridge Series Championships

(incorporating The Rosenblum Teams & World Pairs Championship)

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Series Championships, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the 2010 World Bridge Series Championships to be played in Philadelphia, USA from 1st – 16th October 2010

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2010 World Bridge Series Championships.

The Rules and Regulations Committee of the WBF and/or the WBF Executive Council reserve the right to make any amendments to these Conditions at any time should it be deemed necessary to do so.

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 “2010 World Bridge Series Championships”

means the World Mixed Pairs Championship, the World Knockout Open Teams Championship for the Rosenblum Cup (also known as the “Rosenblum Teams”) and the World Knockout Women’s Teams Championship for the McConnell Cup (also known as the “McConnell Teams”), the World Mixed Teams Championships, the Generali World Open and Women’s Pairs Championships, the World Senior Pairs for the Hiron Trophy (also known as the “Hiron Senior Pairs”) and the World Senior Teams Championships for the Rand Cup (also known as the “Rand Senior Teams”), the World Youth Championships comprising the Ortiz-Patino Trophy, the Damiani Cup and the Rona Cup, the World Youth Individual Championship, the IMP Pairs Championship, the Mixed Pairs Plate and the Swiss Plate to be conducted under the auspices and organisation of the World Bridge Federation, from 1st – 16th October 2010, at the Pennsylvania Convention Centre, Philadelphia, USA. or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.

2.2 “these Championships”

means the 2010 World Bridge Series 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

2.4 “these Conditions of Contest”

means the Supplemental Conditions of Contest herein contained

2.5 “Organizing Committee”

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

2.6 ***“the Knockout Teams”***

means the Transnational World Knockout Open and Women’s Teams Championships referred to in Section 2.1

2.7 ***“the Knockout Open Teams/ the Rosenblum Teams”***

means the Transnational World Knockout Open Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.8 ***“the Knockout Women’s Team / the McConnell Teams”***

means the Transnational World Knockout Women’s Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.9 ***“the World Youth Bridge Teams”***

Means the Ortiz Patiño Trophy for Juniors and the Damiani Cup for Youngsters and National World Youngsters Teams Championships & the Rona Cup for Junior Ladies Teams, for which the teams have qualified through their Zonal Championships referred to in Section 2.1

2.10 ***“the World Youth Individual”***

Means the Individual Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.11 ***“direct Knockout”***

means the knockout Segments of the Knockout Teams.

2.12 ***“round-robin”***

means the movements during the round robin phases of the Knockout Teams.

2.13 ***“the Seniors’ Teams”***

means the Transnational Rand Trophy World Seniors’ Swiss Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.14 ***“the Mixed Teams”***

means the Transnational World Mixed Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.15 ***“the Mixed Pairs”***

means the Transnational World Mixed Pairs Championships referred to in Section 2.1.

2.16 ***“the Open Pairs”***

means the Transnational Generali World Open Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.17 ***“the Women’s Pairs”***

means the Transnational Generali World Women’s Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.18 ***“the Seniors’ Pairs”***

means the Transnational Hiron Cup World Seniors’ Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.19 ***“the IMP Pairs”***

means the Transnational World IMP Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1

2.20 ***The Mixed Pairs Plate***

means the Transnational Mixed Pairs Plate referred to in Section 2.1

2.21 ***“the Swiss Plate”***

means the Transnational Swiss Plate Teams event referred to in Section 2.1

2.22 ***“Transnational Event(s)”***

means an event in which players in partnerships or teams may be from different NBOs.

2.23 ***“Senior”***

means for the purpose of eligibility for Senior events at these Championships (see Section 2.1) a bridge player aged at least 60 years old. The player must be (or attain) the required age during the calendar year of the Championship.

2.24 ***“NPC”***

means non-playing captain.

2.25 ***“Hand Diagram”***

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

2.26 ***“Pick-up Slip”***

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

2.27 ***“Bridgemate”***

means an electronic device used for scoring. North or South is responsible for the use of the device and is required to familiarise him or herself with its operation. A player voluntarily misusing a Bridgemate, as, for example, not entering each score at the end of each board, is liable to a penalty given as a score deduction

2.28 ***“Curtain Card”***

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

2.29 *“Designated Pit Matches”*

mean the matches referred to in Section 26.

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 also Sections 3 and 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

3.1 *General*

Since all events other than the World Youth Championships are transnational, and teams and pairs may comprise players from different NBOs, the following procedures shall apply:

- For all events, Pairs and Teams may consist of players belonging to the same or different NBOs but each player must be approved by his/her NBO of origin and submitted to the WBF Credentials Committee. The team or pair shall be submitted by any NBO which has at least one player in the team or pair;
- Participation in these events will not prejudice a player's entitlement to represent an NBO in future World Bridge Championships, if otherwise eligible to do so.
- Teams may consist of between 4 and 6 players
- In the case of the World Youth Championships, teams shall consist of players from the same country, and the team shall have qualified for the event through their Zonal Championships

3.2 *Submission of Entries*

Entries shall be made through the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org or through www.usbf.org. Players are encouraged to enter in advance, and significant discounts on the entry fees are available for participants staying in the hotels designated by the WBF. Full details of these are on the website.

3.3 *Entry Fees*

In order to receive the discount shown on the entry fees, players **MUST** make their hotel reservations at the WBF approved hotels. A booking reference will be issued, and this must be quoted when payment of the entry fees is made, whether this is done through the WBF Website or on site at the Championships.

Starting Date October	Regular Entry Fees \$	Discounted Entry Fees * \$
2 nd Mixed Pairs (including Mixed Pairs Plate)	450	350
5 th Rosenblum Teams	1500	1200
5 th McConnell Teams	1500	1200
8 th Swiss Plate Teams (free for Rosenblum & McConnell Teams players)	300	250
8 th Rand Senior Teams	1200	1000
9 th Generali Open pairs qualification & Semi Final (IMP pairs qualifying rounds are free to pairs who do not qualify for the Open pairs Semi-finals)	750	600
9 th Generali Women's Pairs qualification & Semi Final (IMP pairs qualifying rounds are free to pairs who do not qualify for the Women's pairs Semi-finals)	750	600
10 th Ortiz-Patiño Trophy	1500	1500
10 th Damiani Cup	1000	1000
1 st Rona Cup	FOC	FOC
12 th Hiron Senior Pairs	600	500
12 th IMP Pairs direct qualifications	300	250
14 th IMP Pairs final	350	300
14 th Generali Open & Women's pairs finals	350	300
14 th Special World Championship Event - Mixed Teams: 3 session qualification and 2 session final or Swiss Cup	600	400

* Discounted entry fees: for those who are staying in the designated hotels

- ◆ Pairs dropping into the semi final or final of the Open or Women's Pairs, or directly qualified by any other means from the McConnell and Rosenblum Teams pay the full entry fees for both the qualifying and final stages.
- ◆ Teams entitled to discounted entry fees: at least 4 team members must stay in the designated hotels for the duration of the event(s) they are registered to play in.
- ◆ Pairs entitled to discounted entry fees: both members of the pair must stay in the designated hotels for the duration of the event(s) they are registered to play in.
- ◆ Pre-registrations will be allowed up to September 15th. Players paying registration fees on the site will still be entitled to discounted fees if staying in the designated hotels for the duration of the event(s) they are registered to play in.
- ◆ Two juniors playing together and entering the Mixed Pairs get a 50% discount; teams made up of all Junior players may enter the Rosenblum or McConnell Teams free of charge.

- ◆ Players who only participate in the Regional Tournaments and not the World Championship events, will be able to purchase tickets if they wish to attend the Opening or the Closing Ceremony.

Players are strongly encouraged to pay the entry fees for the main Championship events in advance when they register at www.worldbridge.org or www.usbf.org in order to facilitate their entry at the Championship site.

Payment may also be made on site, in cash (US \$ only) or by credit card.

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

4.1 *Transnational Knockout Open Teams (Rosenblum Teams)*

to be played from 5 – 13 October.

The entry fee guarantees the right of the teams eliminated in the Round-Robin phase of the event to play in the Swiss Teams Plate).

4.2 *Transnational Knockout Women's Teams (McConnell Teams)*

to be played from 5 – 12 October.

The entry fee guarantees the right of the teams eliminated in the Round-Robin phases of the event to play in the Swiss Teams Plate).

4.3 *Transnational Seniors' Teams*

to be played from 8 – 11 October and is restricted to Seniors (see Section 2.23).

4.4 *Transnational Mixed Teams*

to be played from 14 – 16 October

4.5 *World Youth Teams Championships (Ortiz Patiño Trophy, Damiani Cup and Rona Cup)*

to be played from 10 – 16 October

4.6 *Transnational Mixed Pairs / Mixed Pairs Plate*

to be played from 2 – 4 October.

Players failing to qualify for the Final may enter the Mixed Pairs Plate free of charge.

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.

4.7 *Transnational Mixed Pairs Plate*

to be played on Monday 4 October.

Entry is free to the pairs not qualifying for the finals of the Mixed Pairs.

4.8 ***Transnational Open & Women's Pairs***

to be played from 9 – 16 October.

Pairs in these events failing to qualify for the semi final may play in the first two days of the IMP pairs free of charge.

4.9 ***Transnational Seniors' Pairs***

to be played from 12 – 15 October, and is restricted to Seniors (see Section 2.23).

4.10 ***Transnational Swiss Teams Plate***

to be played on Friday 8 October.

Entry is free to teams not qualifying for the Knockout phase of the Open and Women's Teams. Other teams shall pay the entry fee designated in Section 3.3

4.11 ***Transnational IMP Pairs Championship***

to be played from 14 – 16 October.

Entry to the qualifying stage is free to pairs not qualifying for the Semi Final of the Open or Women's Pairs; other pairs shall pay the entry fee designated in Section 3.3

4.12 ***World Youth Individual Championship***

to be played from 14 – 16 October

4.13 ***Procedures Governing Delayed Entry to Overlapping Championship Events***

It is permitted for individual players from the Rosenblum and McConnell Teams to participate in the Rand Senior Teams up to and including the second day of the Rand Senior Teams (Saturday 9 October) **provided** they are pre-registered with an existing team before the start of the Rosenblum or McConnell Teams.

There is no provision for teams eliminated during the Round of 64 in the Rosenblum Teams or the Round of 32 in the McConnell Teams to enter the Rand Seniors Teams.

5. Schedule of Play

The full schedule of play is also published on the websites for the event at and www.worldbridge.org. Please check these sites regularly for updated information regarding exact times of play.

Friday October 1	6.30 pm – Opening Ceremony
Saturday October 2	MIXED PAIRS - qualifying 1 & 2
Sunday October 3	Mixed pairs – qualifying 3 & Final 1 / Mixed Pairs Plate 1
Monday October 4	Mixed Pairs – Final 2 & 3
	Mixed Pairs Plate 2 & 3

Tuesday October 5 **ROSENBLUM/MCCONNELL TEAMS** *(RR)

Wednesday October 6 Rosenblum / McConnell Teams (RR)

Thursday October 7 Rosenblum / McConnell Teams (RR)

Friday October 8 Rosenblum (64) / McConnell Teams (32)
Swiss Plate **

RAND SENIORS TEAMS

Saturday October 9 **GENERALI OPEN AND WOMEN'S PAIRS
QUALIFYING 1 & 2**
Rosenblum Teams (32) / McConnell Teams (16)
Rand Seniors Teams

Sunday October 10 **WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**
RR (5 matches)
Rosenblum Teams (16) / McConnell Teams (8)
Generali Open and Women's Pairs qualifying 3 & 4
Rand Seniors Teams

Monday October 11 **WORLD JUNIOR LADIES TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**
(Rona Cup). RR (1 match starting in the afternoon)
Rosenblum Teams (8) / McConnell Teams (4)
Generali Open and Women's Pairs qualifying (5) / Semi
Final 1 [pairs from the Rosenblum Teams (32/16) or
McConnell Teams (16/8) may drop into the semi finals]
Rand Seniors Teams
World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (5
matches) *

Tuesday October 12 **HIRON SENIORS PAIRS** – Qualifying 1 & 2
IMP PAIRS - Qualifying 1 & 2 **
Rosenblum Teams (4) / McConnell Teams (2)
Generali Open and Women's Pairs Semi Final 2 & 3
World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (5
matches) *
World Junior Ladies Team Championship – RR (2
matches) *

Wednesday October 13 Rosenblum Teams Final
Generali Open and Women's Pairs Semi Final 4 & 5
IMP Pairs - Qualifying 3 & 4
Hiron Seniors Pairs – Qualifying 3 & 4
World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – RR (2
matches) & QF(40) *

	World Junior Ladies Team Championship – Final & Play Off
Thursday October 14	MIXED SWISS TEAMS – Qualifying 1 & 2 WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP *
	Generali Open & Women's Pairs / IMP Pairs – Final 1 & 2 (pairs from the F/SF & F of the Rosenblum Teams and SF/F of the McConnell Teams may drop into the finals) Hiron Seniors Pairs – Final 1 & 2
Friday October 15	World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – SF (48) * Generali Open and Women's Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 3 & 4 Hiron Seniors Pairs – Final 3 & 4 Mixed Teams Qualifying 3 & Final 1 & Swiss Cup (1) World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – F (48) * World Youth Bridge Individual Championship *
Saturday October 16	Generali Open and Women's Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 5 Mixed Teams – Final 2 & Swiss Cup (2) World Youth Bridge Teams Championships – F (16) * World Youth Bridge Individual Championship * 5.00 pm Closing Ceremony

*18 teams in each event, pre-qualified for Ortiz-Patiño Trophy and Damiani Cup and 4 teams for the Rona Cup.

* The World Youth Individual Championship is for players eliminated from the Round Robin & Quarter Final of the World Youth Team Championships - new players will be accepted.

** The Swiss Plate / IMP Pairs qualifying are free of charge for teams knocked out of the Rosenblum/McConnell Teams, or pairs eliminated from the Generali Open or Women's Pairs respectively. Other teams or pairs may also participate in these events on payment of an entry fee.

All events are Open and **TRANSNATIONAL**, other than those for the World Youth Bridge Teams Championships.

Championship events will start at approximately 10.30 and 15.30 each day with the evenings free.

All schedule of play & drop in regulations etc are subject to revision under the Conditions of Contest

6. 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 45 of these Conditions of Contest.

7. Disclosure Of Systems - WBF Systems Policy

The WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest and further regulates the use of Systems at these Championships.

7.1 *Disclosure Requirements*

Contestants in all Championship Events are required to make full written and oral disclosure of their Systems - see Sections 12 - 15 of the General Conditions of Contest, the WBF Systems Policy and the WBF Guide to Completion (of the WBF Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets) Failure to comply with this obligation will result in penalties being imposed.

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.

All pairs will be responsible for ensuring that they have two properly completed convention cards at the table at the start of each session. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in penalties being applied.

Players are advised that no photocopying facilities will be provided on site by the World Bridge Federation.

Players are encouraged to call the Tournament Director if they consider that their opponents are playing an unauthorised system. Players discovered playing unauthorised systems will be subject to penalty and required to stop playing such systems with immediate effect. Repeated offences may result in their expulsion from the event.

7.2 *Convention Card Editor*

The WBF Convention Card Editor can be obtained from the websites detailed in Section 48

7.3 *Event Categories*

In accordance with Section 3 of the WBF Systems Policy all Championship Events at these Championships are designated as Category 3 events. Consequently, **neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker Conventions are permitted at any time or in any event.**

7.4 *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.

7.5 *Supplementary Sheets*

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

8. Additional Systems Regulations

8.1 *Filing of Systems and Cards- Red Sticker Systems*

It is a requirement that Red Sticker systems are pre-registered by email with the WBF Systems Administrator for any event in which these are to be used no later than 10th September 2010; such systems will be posted on the website at www.ecatsbridge.com for other players to download and study before the start of the Championships. Each system pre-registered must be accompanied by an email stating:

- a) the names of the players & their NBOs (country/countries)
- b) email addresses for both players wherever possible
- c) the Championship events being entered using the system

8.2 *Approval of Red Sticker Systems*

Even though Red Sticker Systems have been registered and displayed on the Web-site they may still be restricted on site at the discretion of the Chairman of the Systems Committee (or his designee). If Red Sticker Systems are not registered in advance, then pairs will not be permitted to play these systems for the duration of the relevant championship.

8.3 *Registration of other systems*

While it is not mandatory to register systems other than Red Sticker, pairs are encouraged to do so, and any registered systems will be displayed on the ECatsBridge website for other teams to download. Please ensure that email addresses for as many players as possible are supplied to the WBF Systems Administrator in order to facilitate communication.

8.3.1 Convention Card Programs

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

- the WBF Convention Card Editor (Windows Version), which is available for free download from www.worldbridge.org or www.ecatsbridge.com
- the Convention Card Editor written by Lee Edwards, available for free download from www.acbl.org or www.ecatsbridge.com
- the DOS Convention Card Editor
- Microsoft Word (a blank template is available from www.ecatsbridge.com)
- Microsoft Excel
- PageMaker or InDesign for the PC

When sending cards generated by the WBF CCE, pairs should ensure that if they have supplementary notes, the notes file, which is generated separately by the program, is also included.

The Convention Card may also be sent in Acrobat (PDF) Format PROVIDED Acrobat ver 6 is used and the file size is small, but these may not be scans of a paper copy; they may only be generated from the original program using Acrobat Professional or a similar program. **Picture formats (.jpg, .bmp etc) will not be accepted.**

If programs other than the approved WBF Convention Card Editor are used, players are responsible for ensuring that the formatting is such that all the information lies within the printable area of the page.

On receipt of the cards, the Systems Administrator will convert the format to PDF files which can be read and printed using Acrobat Reader which is available as a free download from www.adobe.com. It is advised that the latest version should be obtained.

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

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 fact that Cards and Supplementary Sheets are circulated by the WBF does not mean that the WBF has considered such Cards as completely acceptable; systems although accepted as registered, may require amendments after being circulated.

8.4 ***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 7 and 8. 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.

9. **Systems Regulations for the World Youth Championships**

The following regulations apply **ONLY** to the Ortiz-Patino Trophy, Damiani Cup & Rona Cup. **Note that HUM Systems and Brown Sticker Conventions are prohibited throughout the event.**

9.1 ***Submission of Systems***

Each team captain any of these events is responsible for sending the convention cards by email to Anna Gudge - anna@ecats.co.uk - as soon as possible, but in any event before **Monday 22 August 2010**, 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 9.5) specified in Section 9.6.

9.2 ***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.

9.3 ***Approval of Systems***

All submitted systems may be checked by the WBF before the event, and teams will be advised of any amendments considered necessary before the start of the event.

9.4 ***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 the [WBF Website](#) or the [ECatsBridge Website](#), the Convention Card Editor written by Lee Edwards, the DOS Convention Card Editor provided free of charge by the WBF, Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel. The cards may also be provided in Acrobat PDF format, but in this case the file size should not exceed 150k

PLEASE NOTE that image files of any type are not acceptable (i.e. files in formats such as .jpg, .tif or .bmp.) Nor are pdf files created from scanned documents or images.

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.

9.5 ***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 9.6) 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.

9.6 ***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 9.5):

- 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.

9.7 ***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) 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) 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 15 September 2010 except in cases of emergency, in which event full notification will be sent to all other captains.

9.8 ***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 15 September. **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.
- 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 22 August will be relayed to all Captains by email. If such change is made after 15 September, the information will be made available to the Captains at the Captains' Meeting or through Captains' Mailboxes on site.
- d) Approval for a change requested once teams have reached the venue may be given or refused in whole or part by the 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.

10. Tournament Appeals Committee Procedures

10.1 *General:*

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

10.2 *Deposit:*

When lodging an Appeal, the appellant must deposit the sum of US \$ 100 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.

TEAMS COMPETITIONS

11. Knockout Teams

11.1 *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 Teams) and either 16 or 32 (McConnell Teams) 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 Teams) and 16 or 32 (McConnell Teams) remaining teams will play direct knockout matches of between 56 and 64 boards, each played over one day. This phase will start on Friday 8th October and will finish on 12 October (McConnell Teams) and 13 October (Rosenblum Teams).

11.2 *Use of Screens*

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

12. Schedule Of Play

12.1 *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 NBOs, when sending the entries to the WBF, will rank their teams by strength (1 – 4), number one being the strongest (based on the criteria of the NBO). This information, together with information obtained from the WBF Master Points will assist the WBF Seeding Committee to seed the competing teams. Seeding decisions of this Committee will be final.
 - b) 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 be scheduled 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 normally start at 10:30 hours and the last match will finish at about 20:00 hours.

12.2 ***Knockout Phase***

For the Knockout phase the teams will be re-seeded. The criteria for this new seeding will be published on site.

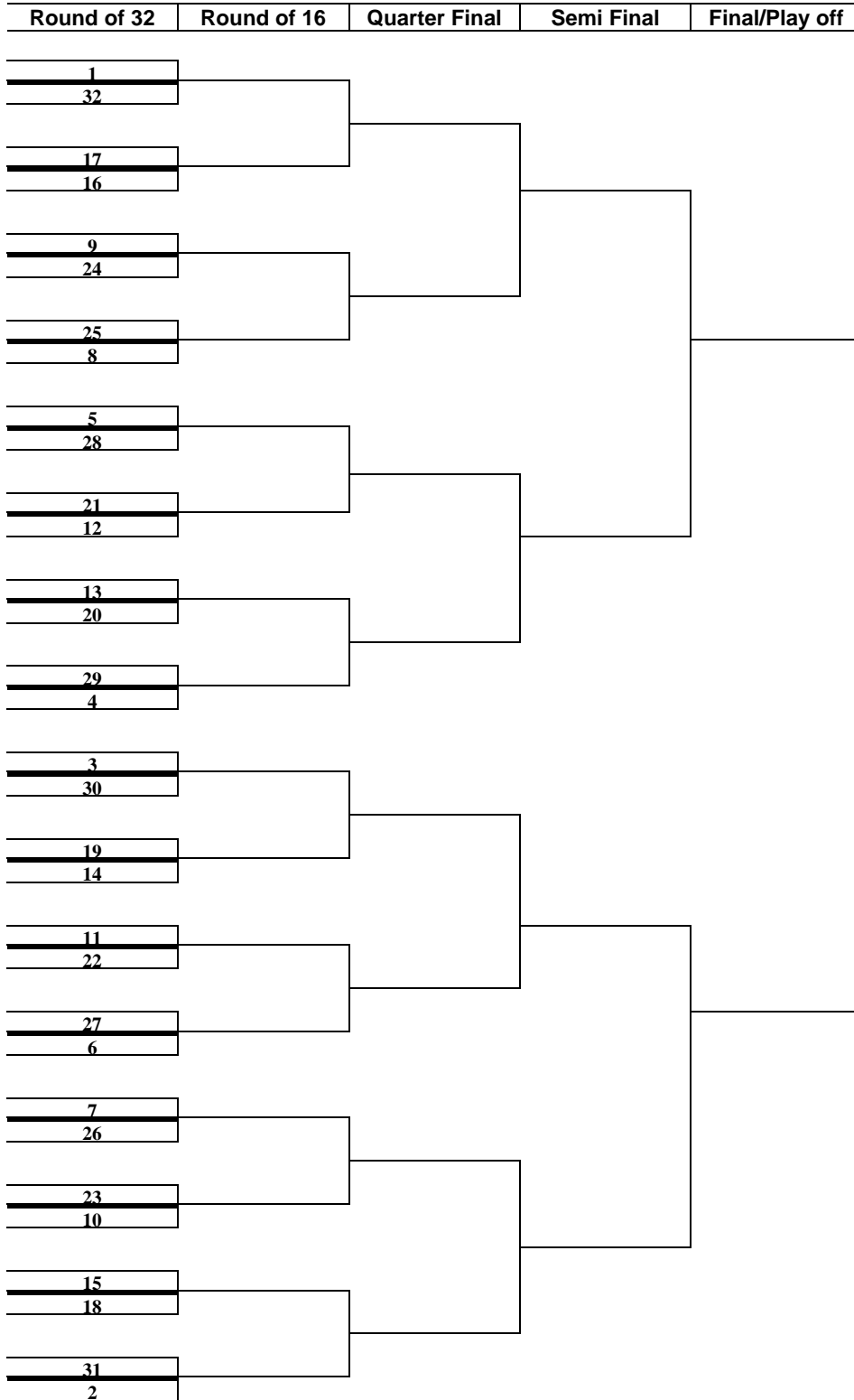
12.3 ***Brackets for the Knockout phase of the Rosenblum and McConnell Teams***

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

The Rosenblum Teams

Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final/Play off
1					
64					
33					
32					
17					
48					
49					
16					
9					
56					
41					
24					
25					
40					
57					
8					
5					
60					
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15					
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47					
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12.3.1 The McConnell Teams



13. Tie Breaking Procedures

13.1 *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):

- i) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- ii) IMPs 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:
- iii) Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains then:
- iv) Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains then:
- v) One board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

13.2 *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:

- i) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 13.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- ii) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 13.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- iii) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with Sub-section 13.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- iv) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 13.1;

In all other cases, ties shall be broken in accordance with the following:

- i) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 13.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- ii) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 13.1. If the three team remain tied, then:
- iii) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 13.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- iv) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

13.3 ***Four Teams or more***

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:

- i) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 13.1. and 13.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:
- ii) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 13.2, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:
- iii) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 13.1 or 13.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:
- iv) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

13.4 ***Direct Knockout***

13.4.1 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.

13.4.2 Finals:

As in Section 13.4.1, except that eight additional boards, instead of four, will be played in the first two tie-breakers.

14. Line-Ups

14.1 *Round-robins.*

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

14.2 *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, Final and Play Off 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 14.4.

There will be a dedicated area set by the Operations Director for the Captains to submit their line up electronically.

14.3 *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 13.4.1 and 13.4.2). 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.

14.4 *Direct Knockout: Line-up Times*

From the Round of 64 (Rosenblum Teams) and Round of 32 (McConnell Teams) onwards, line-ups for the Direct Knockout are to be submitted at the place designated by the Operations 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 or at such time as the Operations Director determines.

The Team required to submit its line-up second shall do so no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the Session (see Section 20.4 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 5 minutes from the time of such late submission in which to submit its line-up.

See also Section 15

15. Seating

15.1 *Round Robin*

In the round-robins, the designated Home Team (see Section 14.1) 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.

15.2 *Direct Knockout*

In each Segment of the Direct Knockout (see Section 14.2) 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.

15.3 *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 Operations Director or his designee.

16. 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 5th October), 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, and may if he considers it necessary, approve a substitution for other reasons, subject to the subsequent approval of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

17. Length Of Matches And / Or Sessions

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

18. Verification Of Scores

Bridgemates will be used for the official recording of scores throughout the Championships. This recording is the responsibility of the team sitting North/South at each table. The N/S pair at each table will be responsible for the keying of the scores into the Bridgemates, whether this is undertaken by a member of the partnership or by the Captain, Coach or other designated person. The E/W pair (or their Captain, Coach or other designated person) will be responsible for agreeing the score by keying in their confirmation.

The official score will be that keyed in by N/S and agreed by E/W.

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

The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in Section 18.1; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- a) awaiting decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;
- b) completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

18.1 *Score Corrections*

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71, 63 and 64.

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 up to thirty minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

Obvious errors by the organisation will be corrected within a reasonable time frame.

19. Conversion Scale

The WBF official conversion scales (IMPs to VPs) are given in the General Conditions of Contest.

20. 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.

20.1 *Monetary Fines*

Monetary fines shall be paid in US Dollars. 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 10.2.

20.2 *Victory Point Penalties*

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.

20.3 *IMP Penalties*

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

In the knockout phase a penalty fully affects the score of both teams (e.g if the score between teams A and B is 32 to 29 before calculating any penalty, and team A has been penalised 3 IMP, the final score will be 29-29). Following such an eventuality, the tie-break process will apply.

20.4 **Failure to Submit Line-up on Time**

If a captain fails to submit his team's line-up in accordance with Section 14:

- 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\$30
- c) For the third offence there shall be a fine of US\$60 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of US\$75.

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 by the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the extra five minutes allocated in the foregoing, whichever is later, this captain too is deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to penalty under this Section.

20.5 **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:

20.5.1 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.

20.5.2 During the Direct Knockout Matches

Minutes Late	Penalty
0+ - 5	Warning to captain(s)
5+ - 25	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.

20.6 *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 17 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:

20.6.1 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 with the boards played at both tables, and for boards played at just one table Law 86D will be applied. The same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

20.6.2 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Knock Out Phase

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 request of the players.

20.7 *Fouled Boards*

See Section 23 of the General Conditions of Contest but note that Law 86D may apply. If a board is fouled and it is determined that one side is clearly at

fault that side shall be subject to procedural penalty. In any case, in the Teams events Law 86D applies.

20.8 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.

21. 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.

22. Mixed Teams

22.1 Description

Teams will consist of 4, 5 or 6 players belonging to the same or different NBOs. Partnerships must comprise one player of each sex at all times.

The tournament will be a Swiss type to be played over four days and reserved for Mixed Teams. No team will be scheduled to 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, the leading group for the Championship and the secondary group for the Swiss Plate. 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. In no case, and at no stage, will there be a re-match.

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.

23. Youth Teams

The Ortiz-Patiño Trophy and Damiani Cup will be played as a complete round robin of 16 board matches qualifying for a 40 board quarter final, 48 board semi final and 64 board final.

The Rona Cup (the Junior Ladies Teams Championship for 4 teams) will start on Monday 11th October in the afternoon, and will be a single Round Robin played on the Monday and Tuesday followed by a Final and a Play off for third place on Wednesday 13th October.

24. Seniors' Teams – The Rand Cup

24.1 Description

Teams will consist of 4, 5 or 6 players belonging to the same or different NBOs. The tournament will be played over four days and reserved for Seniors (see Section 2.20). Depending on the number of teams, it may be

played as a Round Robin followed by a Knock-Out stage or as a Swiss Teams event. The exact time schedule and format will be announced when the number of entries is known. No team will be scheduled to play more than 50 boards per day in any event.

25. Swiss Plate

25.1 Description

There will be a one day Swiss Teams Event called the "Swiss Plate" 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 4.10).

Eight-board matches will be played, 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.

26. Special Spectator Arrangements

The following arrangements may be made if there is sufficient space.

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. 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 designated representatives of the Press wish to watch play at a specific table, they will be given preference over any other spectators. The Chief Tournament Director may reduce the number of spectators at a table at his discretion.

Spectators are expected to be aware of Section 28 of the General Conditions of Contest.

27. General

Unless repugnant to the context, or specifically modified by Section 24 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.

PAIRS COMPETITIONS

28. Seeding

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

The NBOs, when sending the entries to the WBF, will rank their pairs by strength (1 – 4), number one being the strongest (based on the criteria of the NBO). This information, together with information obtained from the WBF Master Points will assist the WBF Seeding Committee to seed the competing pairs. Seeding decisions of this Committee will be final.

The Director and the Committee shall attempt, where feasible, to spread players from the same NBO equally among the groups (when there are groups) and to assign positions so that pairs from the same NBO, 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 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 Operations Director and 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 26 boards per Session will be played.

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

Approximately a total of 182 Open Pairs (in any case, a number divisible by 26), and 90 (the final number depends on the movement to be used) Women's Pairs will qualify for the semi-finals; These numbers will be the result of pairs qualified through the qualification stage, and the pairs dropping in (see below).

72 Open Pairs and 32 to 44 Women's Pairs will qualify for the finals; approximately 44 Seniors' Pairs will qualify for the finals and about 40% of the field will qualify for

the finals of the Mixed Pairs. Approximately 72 pairs will qualify for the finals of the IMP Pairs. These numbers will all depend on the initial size of the field.

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:

- d) **Pre-qualified to the Semi-Finals:** Two World Grand Masters, a World Master playing with a player involved in the round of 32 or the round of 16 of the Rosenblum Teams or in the round of 16 or the quarter-finals of the McConnell Teams, and pairs consisting of both players similarly involved.
- e) **Pre-qualified to the Finals:** A World Master playing with a player involved in the quarter-finals or the semi-finals of the Rosenblum Teams or in the semi-final or final of the McConnell Teams, 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 Generali 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 Teams may drop into the Open Pairs, those in the McConnell Teams into the Women's Pairs)

31.1 ***Drop-in regulations for the final stages of the IMP Pairs***

The first 40 pairs eliminated from the semi-final of the Generali Open and Women's Pairs may drop in to the final of the IMP Pairs. In this case, each pair must pay the entry fee for the IMP Pairs Final (\$250 or \$200 with the discount).

The pairs qualified for the semi-finals of the Open and Women's pairs, should indicate in advance, if they want to play in the IMP pairs in the event that they are eliminated. Details of how this is to be done will be published in the Daily Bulletin on site.

32. Duration Of Rounds

The time allowed for completion of a round is based on approximately 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 receive an official warning for a first offence during that phase of the event for being up to 5 minutes late, then 10% of a top for each period of 5 minutes or part thereof up to 20 minutes, after which penalties shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee, which may include disqualification from the event. These penalties are in addition to any boards that are removed and scored as 40%.

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, because the late arrival of the opposing pair, 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 or their percentage in that session if it is less. However, the Tournament Director is not precluded from also imposing a procedural or disciplinary penalty (Laws 90 and 91).

In all other cases, when the Director awards artificial scores to pairs in no way at fault the Director shall award the pairs overall average score on boards actually played in the session (a Barometer, even if divided in sessions, is considered a one session event throughout). If a pair is at fault because of their slow play, the non-offenders have the right to receive 60% of the match points available on the board.

In consultation with the Tournament Organizer the Director may decide on an ad hoc arrangement if a pair misses a whole session for whatever reason.

35. Fouled Boards

Each individual player is responsible for seeing that his own cards are returned to the appropriate pocket 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 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. Law 87 applies.

It is anticipated that all boards will be dealt in advance but in the event of players being 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 pocket 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. If players are required to duplicate boards at the table in this manner, an extra two minutes will be added to the first round of play.

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. Law 16C may be considered to apply.

37. **Carry-Over**

There will be no carry-over for any of the 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

Law 5 applies.

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 board. 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 recording of scores will normally be done using the Bridgemate computer system. However, in the event that it has to be done manually at any stage, 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

Scoring errors 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 at 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.
- Obvious errors by the organisation will be corrected within a reasonable time frame.

45. Youth Individual Championship

The Youth Individual Championship will be divided into two groups according to the age of the participants, and will be played over four or five sessions. The final format will be decided on site depending on the number of entries.

46. Eligibility for Awards and Master Points

In order to be eligible to receive awards and master points for the rounds of 64, 32, and 16, the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final/play off a player must have played at least one third of the boards played in each of these individual stages of the competition.

46.1 *Clarification of the one-third qualifying rule for team events in the case of a team conceding.*

If we assume team A is playing team B and team B concedes. Then the one third rule will not apply to team A and all players are deemed to have played the correct number of boards for that round. If any players in team B have not played sufficient boards to qualify for Masterpoints for that round then they will not be awarded these.

Following the Championships, all awards will be published on the website at www.wbfmasterpoints.com

Any queries relating to Master Points will be settled by the Master Points Committee on site.

In accordance with the WBF Master Points Plan, the following scale of Master Points will apply:

47. World Bridge Series

World Knockout Teams

(Rosenblum Cup)

Placing Points

1.	5
2.	4
3.	3
4.	2
5 - 8	1

Master Points

1.	600	5-8	160
2.	450	9-16	100
3.	350	17-32	60
4.	300	33-64	40

Women's Knockout Teams

(McConnell Cup)

Placing Points

1.	5
2.	4
3.	3
4.	2
5 - 8	1

Master Points

1.	450	5-8	120
2.	340	9-16	80
3.	300	17-32	50
4.	270	33-64	40

World Open Pairs**Placing Points**

1.	5
2.	4
3.	3
4.	2
5.	1

Master Points

1.	800	16.	250
2.	750	17.	240
3.	700	18.	230
4.	650	19.	220
5.	600	20.	210
6.	550	21.	200
7.	500	22.	190
8.	450	23.	180
9.	400	24.	170
10.	350	25.	160
11.	300	26.	150
12.	290	27.	140
13.	280	28.	130
14.	270	29.	120
15.	260	30.	110
		31-	36.100

World Women's Pairs**Placing Points**

1.	5
2.	4
3.	3
4.	2
5.	1

Master Points

1.	600	11.	180
2.	550	12.	170
3.	500	13.	160
4.	450	14.	150
5.	400	15.	140
6.	350	16.	130
7.	300	17.	120
8.	250	18.	110
9.	200	19.	100
10.	190		

From 32nd to last in the final: 50 MPs

From 20th to last in the final: 50 MPs

World Senior Pairs**Senior Points**

1.	600
2.	450
3.	300
4.	150
5.	150

World Senior Teams**Senior Points**

1.	600
2.	450
3.	300
4.	200

From 5th to 10th: 90 SP **From** 11th to 15th: 60 SP **From** 16th to last in the final: 30 SP

IMP Pairs

Top is 1MP per Pair in the field with a minimum of 300 MPs and a Maximum of 600 MPs

Placing Points

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1. | 2 |
| 2. | 1 |

Master Points

- | | |
|-----|-------------|
| 1. | 100% of top |
| 2. | 80% of top |
| 3. | 65% of top |
| 4. | 55% of top |
| 5. | 45% of top |
| 6. | 35% of top |
| 7. | 30% of top |
| 8. | 25% of top |
| 9. | 20% of top |
| 10. | 15% of top |

from 11th to last best placed of the 5% of all participants get 5% of top

World Mixed Pairs

Top is 0.5 Master Points per Pair in the field with a minimum of 200 Master Points and a Maximum of 400 Master Points

Placing Points

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1. | 2 |
| 2. | 1 |

Master Points

- | | |
|-----|-------------|
| 1. | 100% of top |
| 2. | 80% of top |
| 3. | 65% of top |
| 4. | 55% of top |
| 5. | 45% of top |
| 6. | 35% of top |
| 7. | 30% of top |
| 8. | 25% of top |
| 9. | 20% of top |
| 10. | 15% of top |

from 11th to last best placed of the 5% of all participants get 5% of top

Mixed Swiss Teams

Top is 2 MP per Team in the field with a minimum of 50 Master Points and a maximum of 150 Master Points.

1. 100% of top
2. 80% of top
3. 65% of top
4. 55% of top
5. 45% of top
6. 40% of top
7. 35% of top
8. 25% of top
9. 20% of top
10. 15% of top

World Youth Championships Teams

Master Points

1. 150
2. 100
3. 75
4. 50

Individual

Master Points

1. 120
2. 100
3. 90
4. 40

48. Contact Information

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48.2 *For player Registration*

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48.3 *For Systems Registration & information*

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See Sections 7 and 8 for full details of systems registration

48.4 *To register for emails from the WBF concerning the Championships*

please go to www.ecatsbridge.com and click the link to the information about the Championships (WBF 2010)

48.5 *Official Websites:*

www.worldbridge.org

The WBF Website through which registration can be made in advance, and which will carry full details of the Championships, including the results and bulletins

www.ecatsbridge.com

for registered systems & documents relating to systems information

www.usbf.org

The USBF Website with general information about the Championships and details of how to register and pay. **All players are strongly encouraged to register and pay in advance in order to avoid queues at the event.**