



World Bridge Federation

**Supplemental
Conditions of Contest**

for the

2003 World Championships

The Bermuda Bowl

The Venice Cup

The World Seniors' Bowl

and

The World Transnational Open Teams

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1. Preamble

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Championships, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, the Seniors Bowl and the World Transnational Open Teams Championship to be played in Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco from 02 - 15 November 2003

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2003 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, the Seniors Bowl and the World Transnational Open Teams Championship.

A list of contact names and addresses, together with the URLs of websites holding additional information about the Championships can be found in Section 29.

2. Definitions

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in the contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the 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 one gender shall include the other gender

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

2.1 "Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup"

means the 2003 World Bridge Championships, respectively for Open Teams and Women's Teams, conducted under the auspices of the WBF from 02 - 15 November 2003 in Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco or at such other time and place as the WBF determines.

2.2 "Bermuda Bowl"

means the 2003 World Bridge Championship for the Open Teams

2.3 "General Conditions of Contest"

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

2.4 "Open" and "Closed" Rooms

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

2.5 "Partnership Understandings"

For the interpretation of these Conditions of Contest any special partnership understanding is included in the terms "convention", "conventional call", "conventional play", "conventional agreement" or the like

2.6 “these Championships”

means the 2003 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and “championship event” means any of the events referred to in Section 2.1.

2.7 “these Conditions of Contest”

mean the within Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 2003 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

2.8 “Table Result Card”

means the card referred to in Section 23.1

2.9 “Venice Cup”

means the 2003 World Bridge Championship for Women's Teams.

2.10 “World Seniors Bowl”

Means the 2003 Seniors World Championship for Zonal teams, conducted under the auspices of the WBF from 02 – 09 November 2003 in Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco or at such other time and place as the WBF determines.

2.11 “World Transnational Open Teams Championship (WTOTC)”

means an open teams championship to be played simultaneously with the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup starting on Monday 10 November 2003 in Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco or at such other time and place as the WBF determines

3. Conditions Of Entry (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, World Seniors Bowl)

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

3.1 Eligibility Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.1.1 *Residency qualification*

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

The player must:

- a) reside in the country for at least one-half of the year prior to the event, or not have lived in any other country for a longer period than in the resident country during the previous two years
- b) Be a registered member of the NBO's organization
- c) Be a registered voter of no country other than the country for which he/she is seeking to play
- d) Maintain a valid driver's license or identity card issued by a political subdivision of the country, such as a city or state
- e) Either own real estate or rent a residence in the country.

The WBF reserves the right to require documentary evidence that it considers to be satisfactory proof of any of the above if there are any concerns about the credentials of a player.

3.2 *Submission of Entries*

3.2.1 *Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup*

Each NBO, duly qualified in its Zone, shall be entitled to nominate at least one team for the Bermuda Bowl and/or at least one team for the Venice Cup. See Section 6

3.2.2 *World Seniors Bowl*

Each Zone shall be entitled to nominate at least one team for the World Seniors Bowl (See Section 6). With the agreement of the WBF Credentials Committee, a team may consist of players from one or more NBOs from the same Zone. The host country may be invited and an additional team from another Zone may be invited in order to complete the movement.

3.2.3 *Teams in 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 above*

The name and address, telephone number(s) and, wherever possible, email addresses of the non-playing captain, the coach, any other team officials and the names & (if applicable) the email addresses of the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in the Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest, should be sent, before 15 July 2003 to the WBF President (see Section 29)

3.3 *Entrance Fee*

The prescribed entrance fees for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and World Seniors Bowl, namely US\$ 3,000 per team, should be paid by cheque or bank transfer to the order of the WBF in the appropriate amount, for each of the Open, Women's and Senior series Teams and sent to the WBF's Financial Director: (see Section 29)

The cheque should be mailed in ample time to insure its receipt before 15 July 2003. Payments received after 15 August 2003 are subject to an automatic arrearage penalty of US\$ 250 per team.

Teams wishing to pay by direct bank transfer should contact Mrs Francin to obtain the relevant details.

3.4 *Team Members.*

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. If an NBO wishes to replace a team member, or members, or if fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement or increase (each must be from the NBO submitting the team) may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with permission of the Credentials Committee. However, the Executive Council reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

3.5 *Penalty for Non-Participation*

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

4. Eligibility For Awards

WBF Master Points will be awarded for the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup, The World Seniors Bowl and the WTOTC, in accordance with the WBF Master Points Plan, particulars of which are set out in Appendix A: Eligibility for Master Point Awards

5. Anti Doping Regulations

The procedures provided by the Antidoping Policy of the International Olympic Committee will be followed and enforced. Accordingly all players are required to submit themselves to the antidoping test on request. If a player takes substances that might result in a positive result when tested, he (or she) is required to hand in the respective prescription or doctor's certificate in a sealed

envelope on registration. This envelope will be opened only if the player concerned is drawn for the antidoping test. Otherwise, at the end of the Championships, the sealed envelope may be collected from the organizers or may be destroyed unopened. Refusal to subject to the test or non-appearance will attract automatic penalties according to the IOC Policy. The URLs of the IOC and WADA websites can be found in (see Section 29)

6. Participating Teams

The teams from each Zone invited to participate in the 2003 Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl are as follows:

Zone	Bermuda Bowl N° Teams	Venice Cup N° Teams	Seniors N° Teams
1	7 (Inc host)	5	4 (Inc Host)
2	3	3	2 or 3
3	2	1	1 or 2
4	2	2	1 or 2
5	1	1	1 or 2
6	3	3	2 or 3
7	2	1	1 or 2
8	2	2	1 or 2
Total	22	18	Max: 20

7. Types Of Contest

7.1 *Bermuda Bowl*

7.1.1 *Round Robin*

The competing teams (expected to number 22) shall play one complete round-robin, being 21 rounds of 16-board matches each played in one session. The eight teams with the highest Victory Points totals after the round-robin will qualify for the quarter-finals.

7.1.2 *Quarter Finals*

The quarter-finals shall be played as knockout matches of 96 boards, (three portions, each portion comprising two 16-board sessions), with IMP scoring. To determine the quarter-final matches, the procedure is the following: the first placed team freely chooses its quarter-final opponent from among the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th placed teams; after the choice has been made, the second placed team chooses its quarter-final opponent among the remaining three teams (not chosen by the first); the same process is repeated for the third placed team and the fourth placed team will play against the team not chosen by any of the other three teams.

7.1.3 *Semi Finals*

The semi-finals shall be played as knockout matches of 96 boards, (3 portions, each portion comprising two 16-board sessions), with IMP scoring. Subject to the requirement that two teams from the same Country (if qualified) shall meet in the semi-finals, the first placed team shall also choose among the matches involving the second, third and fourth placed teams, which one will produce the semi-final opponent of the winner of its own quarter-final match. This choice is to be made at the conclusion of the quarter final draw (before the quarter finals start). Hence the semi-final draw is pre-determined by the first placed team prior

to the quarter final stage and remains applicable even if the first place team then lose their quarter final match.

7.1.4 *Final*

The winners of the semi-finals play the final in a 128-board match (4 portions, each portion comprising two 16-board sessions), with IMP scoring and the losers will play a play-off of 48-board match (three 16-board sessions) IMP scoring for the third place.

7.1.5 *Play Off*

If one team resigns the right to play off for third place, it will automatically be placed in fourth place, their opponents being declared bronze medallists.

If both teams decide, by mutual agreement, not to play off for the third place, there will be no bronze medal awarded in the competition, and each team will receive half the Master Points awarded to fourth place. The defeated quarter-finalists will be ranked 5th to 8th according to the VP total in the round-robin; if a tie exists, the tied teams will share the placements and the respective Master Points.

7.2 ***Venice Cup***

7.2.1 *Round Robin*

The competing teams (expected to number 18) shall play one complete round-robin, being 17 rounds of 16-board matches each played in one session. The eight teams with the highest Victory Point totals after the round-robin will qualify for the quarter-finals.

7.2.2 *Quarter Final, Semi Final, Final and Play Off*

The rest of the Championship will be the same as for the Bermuda Bowl, except that the final shall be played over 96 boards, (3 portions, each portion comprising two 16-board sessions), with IMP scoring.

8. **Carry Over**

There will be a carry over in all matches of the knockout phase in both Championships.

The carry over will be half or one-third of the IMP difference in the meeting of the teams in the round robin. It will be half if the highest ranked team in the round robin won the match against their opponents and one-third if the highest ranked team in the round lost the match to its knock out opponent.

The maximum carryover will be:

16 IMP	Quarter and Semi Final
20 IMP	Women's Final
24 IMP	Open Final

9. **The Draw**

The draw will be publicised to all NBOs as soon as all the teams are known and the final draw has been made. It will also be published on the websites detailed in Section 29

10. Schedule of Play – Bermuda Bowl (22 teams)

Match 1		Match 2		Match 3		Match 4		Match 5						
1	v	22	21	v	1	1	v	20	19	v	1	1	v	18
2	v	21	20	v	2	2	v	19	18	v	2	2	v	17
3	v	20	19	v	3	3	v	18	17	v	3	3	v	16
4	v	19	18	v	4	4	v	17	16	v	4	4	v	15
5	v	18	17	v	5	5	v	16	15	v	5	5	v	14
6	v	17	16	v	6	6	v	15	14	v	6	6	v	13
7	v	16	15	v	7	7	v	14	13	v	7	7	v	12
8	v	15	14	v	8	8	v	13	12	v	8	8	v	11
9	v	14	13	v	9	9	v	12	11	v	9	9	v	10
10	v	13	12	v	10	10	v	11	22	v	10	19	v	21
11	v	12	22	v	11	21	v	22	21	v	20	20	v	22

Match 6		Match 7		Match 8		Match 9		Match 10						
17	v	1	1	v	16	15	v	1	1	v	14	13	v	1
16	v	2	2	v	15	14	v	2	2	v	13	12	v	2
15	v	3	3	v	14	13	v	3	3	v	12	11	v	3
14	v	4	4	v	13	12	v	4	4	v	11	10	v	4
13	v	5	5	v	12	11	v	5	5	v	10	9	v	5
12	v	6	6	v	11	10	v	6	6	v	9	8	v	6
11	v	7	7	v	10	9	v	7	7	v	8	22	v	7
10	v	8	8	v	9	22	v	8	15	v	21	21	v	14
22	v	9	17	v	21	21	v	16	16	v	20	20	v	15
21	v	18	18	v	20	20	v	17	17	v	19	19	v	16
20	v	19	19	v	22	19	v	18	18	v	22	18	v	17

Match 11		Match 12		Match 13		Match 14		Match 15						
1	v	12	11	v	1	1	v	10	9	v	1	1	v	8
2	v	11	10	v	2	2	v	9	8	v	2	2	v	7
3	v	10	9	v	3	3	v	8	7	v	3	3	v	6
4	v	9	8	v	4	4	v	7	6	v	4	4	v	5
5	v	8	7	v	5	5	v	6	22	v	5	9	v	21
6	v	7	22	v	6	11	v	21	21	v	10	10	v	20
13	v	21	21	v	12	12	v	20	20	v	11	11	v	19
14	v	20	20	v	13	13	v	19	19	v	12	12	v	18
15	v	19	19	v	14	14	v	18	18	v	13	13	v	17
16	v	18	18	v	15	15	v	17	17	v	14	14	v	16
17	v	22	17	v	16	16	v	22	16	v	15	15	v	22

Match 16

7 v 1
6 v 2
5 v 3
22 v 4
21 v 8
20 v 9
19 v 10
18 v 11
17 v 12
16 v 13
15 v 14

Match 17

1 v 6
2 v 5
3 v 4
7 v 21
8 v 20
9 v 19
10 v 18
11 v 17
12 v 16
13 v 15
14 v 22

Match 18

5 v 1
4 v 2
22 v 3
21 v 6
20 v 7
19 v 8
18 v 9
17 v 10
16 v 11
15 v 12
14 v 13

Match 19

1 v 4
2 v 3
5 v 21
6 v 20
7 v 19
8 v 18
9 v 17
10 v 16
11 v 15
12 v 14
13 v 22

Match 20

3 v 1
22 v 2
21 v 4
20 v 5
19 v 6
18 v 7
17 v 8
16 v 9
15 v 10
14 v 11
13 v 12

Match 21

1 v 2
3 v 21
4 v 20
5 v 19
6 v 18
7 v 17
8 v 16
9 v 15
10 v 14
11 v 13
12 v 22

11. Schedule of Play – Venice Cup (18 teams)

Match 1			Match 2			Match 3			Match 4			Match 5		
1	v	18	17	v	1	1	v	16	15	v	1	1	v	14
2	v	17	16	v	2	2	v	15	14	v	2	2	v	13
3	v	16	15	v	3	3	v	14	13	v	3	3	v	12
4	v	15	14	v	4	4	v	13	12	v	4	4	v	11
5	v	14	13	v	5	5	v	12	11	v	5	5	v	10
6	v	13	12	v	6	6	v	11	10	v	6	6	v	9
7	v	12	11	v	7	7	v	10	9	v	7	7	v	8
8	v	11	10	v	8	8	v	9	18	v	8	15	v	17
9	v	10	18	v	9	17	v	18	17	v	16	16	v	18
Match 6			Match 7			Match 8			Match 9			Match 10		
13	v	1	1	v	12	11	v	1	1	v	10	9	v	1
12	v	2	2	v	11	10	v	2	2	v	9	8	v	2
11	v	3	3	v	10	9	v	3	3	v	8	7	v	3
10	v	4	4	v	9	8	v	4	4	v	7	6	v	4
9	v	5	5	v	8	7	v	5	5	v	6	18	v	5
8	v	6	6	v	7	18	v	6	11	v	17	17	v	10
18	v	7	13	v	17	17	v	12	12	v	16	16	v	11
17	v	14	14	v	16	16	v	13	13	v	15	15	v	12
16	v	15	15	v	18	15	v	14	14	v	18	14	v	13
Match 11			Match 12			Match 13			Match 14			Match 15		
1	v	8	7	v	1	1	v	6	5	v	1	1	v	4
2	v	7	6	v	2	2	v	5	4	v	2	2	v	3
3	v	6	5	v	3	3	v	4	18	v	3	5	v	17
4	v	5	18	v	4	7	v	17	17	v	6	6	v	16
9	v	17	17	v	8	8	v	16	16	v	7	7	v	15
10	v	16	16	v	9	9	v	15	15	v	8	8	v	14
11	v	15	15	v	10	10	v	14	14	v	9	9	v	13
12	v	14	14	v	11	11	v	13	13	v	10	10	v	12
13	v	18	13	v	12	12	v	18	12	v	11	11	v	18

Match 16			Match 17		
3	v	1	1	v	2
18	v	2	3	v	17
17	v	4	4	v	16
16	v	5	5	v	15
15	v	6	6	v	14
14	v	7	7	v	13
13	v	8	8	v	12
12	v	9	9	v	11
11	v	10	10	v	18

12. Conversion Scales

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

13. Time Schedule

Sunday 02 November

11.00	Tournament Directors' Meeting with Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee and Tournament Appeals Committee Meeting
15:00	Captains' Meeting
19.00	Opening Ceremony

Round Robin Matches – Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup

	<i>Bermuda Bowl Match No.</i>	<i>Venice Cup Match No.</i>
<i>Monday 03 –November</i>		
10.30 – 12.50	1	1
13.20 – 15.40	2	2
16.10 – 18.30	3	
21.00 – 23.20	4	
<i>Tuesday 04 November</i>		
10.30 – 12.50	5	3
13.20 – 15.40	6	4
16.10 – 18.30	7	5
<i>Wednesday 05 November</i>		
10.30 – 12.50	8	6
13.20 – 15.40	9	7
16.10 – 18.30	10	8
21.00 – 23.20	11	
<i>Thursday 06 November</i>		
10.30 – 12.50	12	9
13.20 – 15.40	13	10
16.10 – 18.30	14	11
<i>Friday 07 November</i>		
10.30 – 12.50	15	12
13.20 – 15.40	16	13
16.10 – 18.30	17	14
21.00 – 23.20	18	

Saturday 08 November

10.30 – 12.50	19	15
13.20 – 15.40	20	16
16.10 – 18.30	21	17

Sunday 09 November– Quarter Finals

10.30 – 12.50	Session 1
13.20 – 15.40	Session 2
16.10 – 18.30	Session 3
21.00 – 23.20	Session 4

Monday 10 November, Quarter Finals

10.30 – 12.50	Session 5
13.20 – 15.40	Session 6
16.00*	Captains' Meeting

Transnational Teams Starts

18.00 – 19.30	Match 1
20.00 – 21.30	Match 2
22.00 – 23.30	Match 3

Tuesday 11 November - Semi Finals

10.30 – 12.50	Session 1
13.20 – 15.40	Session 2
16.10 – 18.30	Session 3

Transnational Teams Day 2

10.30 – 12.00	Match 4
12.30 – 14.00	Match 5
15.00 – 16.30	Match 6
17.00 – 18.30	Match 7

Wednesday 12 November-, Semi Finals

10.30 – 12.50	Session 4
13.20 – 15.40	Session 5
16.10 – 18.30	Session 6
18.50*	Captains' Meeting

Transnational Teams Day 3

10.30 – 12.00	Match 8
12.30 – 14.00	Match 9
15.00 – 16.30	Match 10
17.00 – 18.30	Match 11
19.00 – 20.30	Match 12

Thursday 13 November – Finals BB & VC

10.30 – 12.50	Session 1
13.20 – 15.40	Session 2
17.00 – 19.20	Session 3

Play off for Bronze Medal, BB & VC

10.30 – 12.50	Session 1
13.20 – 15.40	Session 2
17.00 – 19.20	Session 3

Transnational Teams Day 4

10.30 – 12.00 Match 13
12.30 – 14.00 Match 14
14.30 – 16.00 Match 15

***Captain's Meeting for Transnational Quarter Finalists
Rest of the Transnational field play one further match
to determine final ranking:***

16.30 – 18.00 Match 16

Transnational Teams Quarter Finals (32 boards)

17.00 – 19.20 QF Session 1
21.10 – 23.30 QF Session 2

Friday 14 November, Finals BB & VC

10.30 – 12.50 Session 4
13.20 – 15.40 Session 5
16.40 – 19.00 Session 6

Transnational Teams:

10.30 – 12.50 Semi Final Session 1
13.20 – 15.40 Semi Final Session 2

16.40 – 19.00 Final Session 1

***IMP Pairs for Transnational Team Players who wish to play on
Women's Final ends***

Saturday 15 November, Bermuda Bowl Final

10.30 – 12.50 Session 7
13.20 – 15.40 Session 8

Transnational Teams

10.30 – 12.50 Final Session 2
13.20 – 15.40 Final Session 3

Evening Prize Giving Ceremony

See Section 23.3

14. Time Schedule, World Seniors Bowl

Play will start on Monday 03 November in accordance with Section 26.3.

The Championship will be a single robin finishing on Monday 10 November, before the start of the World Transnational Open Teams.

15. Line-Ups

The Line-ups must be given to the Tournament Director in accordance with the following time schedule. Failure of a captain to submit his line-up in a timely fashion shall result in fines according to Section 22.2

The line-ups for Visiting Teams must be submitted 15 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions; the line-ups for Home Teams must be submitted 10 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions. Teams lining-up HUM pairs must submit their line-ups 25 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session or match. When both captains submit the line-ups of their teams without having seating rights (as for the Round Robin, see Section 16.3.1) this must be done at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time for the start of the match.

16. Designation Of Matches And Seeding

16.1 Seeding

The teams competing in the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup will be seeded by draw; draws will be made on a random basis with the only restriction that minor changes can be made in the designations, in order to ensure that teams of the same Country meet in the first round.

16.2 Responsibility for the Draw

The draw will be made by the WBF Management Committee. The team numbers and, by consequence, the sequence of the matches are included within these Conditions of Contest. The Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee has the authority to make some changes in the numbers of the teams (and as a consequence in the sequence of play) if required by occurrences after the seeding has been announced.

16.3 Home and Visiting Teams

In each single-session match or in each portion (two sessions) of a match, or in each session of a match divided in sessions, one team shall be "Home Team" (the team with the seating rights) and the other team shall be "Visiting Team".

The "Home Team" is the team that sits North-South in the designated Open Room throughout a single-session match, or in the two sessions of a portion of a match. In a single-session match, or in the first of the two sessions of a portion of a match, the Home Team sits its players after its opponents (the "Visiting Team"); in the second session of a portion of a match, the Home Team sits its players *before* its opponents. If the match is divided in sessions (case of the play-off for third place) each session, for the purpose of this article, is considered a single-session match.

Subject always to the over-riding provisions of Section 18.9 the procedures for determining Home Team and Visiting Team in each match or session of play shall be as follows:

16.3.1 *Round-robin*

In each match of the round-robin, in order to determine the players' position at the table, the first mentioned team is the Home Team in the matches shown in Sections 11 and 13 Both teams will submit their line-ups without having seating rights in accordance with the time limits determined in Section 15

16.3.2 *Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, Final and Play off*

There shall be a coin toss to determine the "Home Team" rights in all quarter-final, semi-final, final and play off matches. The winner of the toss may elect to be "Home Team" or "Visiting Team" during any one of the 32-board (or 16 board sessions where applicable) portions of the match, or it may pass it to the opposing team. After selection of the "Home Team" has been made the other team selects in which one of the remaining 32-board portions it will be "Home or Visiting Team". This right alternates for each session thereafter.

16.4 *Tie-breaks*

Subject to the over-riding provisions of Section 18.9, if there is a tie at the end of the quarter-finals, semi-finals, or the finals, requiring that an extra session of boards be played, there shall be a draw by the captains to determine the "Home Team". If, after the first series of additional boards, a tie still exists, the "Visiting Team" during the first extra eight boards shall be the "Home Team" for the next eight boards. Line-up changes may be made before play begins for either the first or second (if needed) group of eight tie-break boards. In each case, the captain of the "Visiting Team" shall submit its line-up at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director, the "Home Team" captain within five minutes thereafter. Each group of eight "extra" boards shall be considered as a separate session. If a tie still exists, requiring that single board "sudden death" matches be played, the line-ups and seating positions for both teams will be the same as for the second eight boards of the tie-break.

Important

In all cases, teams that include partnerships using HUM Systems are subject to the rules and regulations of the WBF System Policy as contained in the General Conditions of Contest, Appendix 2 (see also Section 18.9).

17. Seating Of Players

17.1 *Home Team:*

The "Home Team" sits throughout any single-session match and any 32-board portion of longer matches, in the N-S direction in the Open Room and in the E-W direction in the Closed Room. (see Section 16)

17.2 *Change of Players*

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session (but see exception in Section 20 when extra tie-break boards are played.)

17.3 *Line Ups*

In accordance with Section 16, the "Home Team" has the right to designate its line-up for the first 16-board session of any 32-board portion of a longer match,

after the "Visiting Team" has turned in its line-up to the Tournament Director. For the second 16 boards of the 32-board portion, the "Visiting Team" has the right to designate its line-up after the "Home Team" has turned in its line-up to the Tournament Director.

18. Disclosure Of Systems And Conventions

18.1 WBF Systems Policy

The WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest. The Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup (including the respective Play-offs) are Category 1 events. In Category 1 events all Systems are allowed. The World Seniors Bowl and the World Transnational Open Teams are Category 3 events, thus no HUM or Brown Sticker systems are permitted. Any pairs competing in these two events and intending to play Red Sticker systems must register these in advance (see Section 18.11) and they will require the approval of the Chairman of the Systems Committee.

During the Round Robin Stage of the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup, if a pair is found to have used a convention not listed on its Convention Card, it will be given a disciplinary penalty of up to two VPs deducted from the team's score. In addition, the Tournament Director gives an adjusted score if he deems that the opponents are damaged by the use of such an unknown convention. The pair will not play again until it has corrected its card to the satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director. If the pair re-offends in this way they will not be allowed to play in partnership for the rest of the event. The same penalties will apply to pairs in the Seniors Bowl and the WTOTC and, in addition, such penalties will be applied should any pair in either of these events be found to have used a Brown Sticker Convention.

18.2 Submission of Systems for the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup

Each team captain is responsible for sending the convention cards for his team by email or on a 3 ½" PC diskette, CD, DVD or Zip Disc to Anna Gudge, WBF Systems Administrator (See Section 29) as soon as possible, but in any event before August 15, 2003. The Systems for every partnership that will play in these Championships must be described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, plus Supplementary Sheets, as necessary to describe conventional sequences in detail. Programs for the preparation of the Cards and Supplementary sheets are listed in Section 18.2.1. Penalties for failure to submit Convention Cards and Supplementary in time are (in addition to Section 18.2.2) specified in Section 22.1.

18.2.1 Programs permitted for the preparation of Convention Cards

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

- the WBF Convention Card Editor (Windows Version), which is available for free download from www.worldbridge.org 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
- Microsoft Excel
- PageMaker for the PC

The Convention Card may also be sent in Acrobat (PDF) Format but NOT in any picture format (.jpg, .bmp etc)

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 is obtained.

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) will be sent by email to the captain of the team making the registration and, if email addresses are provided for the team members, also to them individually.

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.

18.2.2 *Convention Cards not received in due time*

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not reached the WBF Systems Administrator in accordance with these Conditions of Contest shall (in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 22.1) be required by the Tournament Appeals Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card as defined in and displayed as an Appendix within the General Conditions of Contest for not less than the first two days of play. Furthermore, no HUM or Brown Sticker Conventions will be permitted for the duration of the Championship

18.2.3 *Contact Information*

Captains are encouraged to contact other captains before travelling to these Championships, if they reasonably require explanations about Systems. Such queries should be emailed to the WBF Systems Administrator (systems@ecats.co.uk) who will forward them to the appropriate person for response..

The fact that Cards and Supplementary Sheets are circulated by the WBF (see 18.2) does not mean that the WBF has considered such Cards as completely acceptable; systems although accepted as registered, may require amendments after being circulated.

18.2.4 *Email Addresses required*

In order to facilitate the communications between the WBF and the teams regarding systems, each team's system submission shall include at least two contact email addresses and, if possible, email addresses for all members of the team (or as many as have email facilities available to them).

18.3 *Supplementary Sheets*

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

18.4 Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets

- a) Any changes to the duly submitted (as per section 18.2) Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see (e) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event no later than 31 August 2003. These changes may only be clarifications, amendments, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy. (See address in section 18.2).
- b) On site, changes to systems will be approved or required by the Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee or his nominee(s).
- c) In order for a change to be implemented, it will be uploaded to the website and an email sent to all captains to inform them that the Convention Card has been altered. Any essential changes (for example caused by the necessary change to a partnership as a result of withdrawal of a player) made to Convention Cards after 25 September will be relayed to all Captains by email. If such change is made after 20 October, 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:
 - i) A new page of the Convention Card/Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change
 - ii) A separate text document describing completely the proposed change and referring to the place(s) on the new pages where they can be found and any cross-references to Supplementary Sheet notes.

18.5 Special Responsibility for HUM, RED and BROWN STICKER Systems and Conventions

With regard to HUM, RED and BROWN STICKER systems / conventions, there is a special responsibility for users to explain their methods in sufficient detail (as per the Guide to Completion and the CCE), the **first time** that Cards are submitted for the 2003 World Championships. If these submissions are inadequate, the pair may be barred from using those inadequately described methods.

18.6 Special Regulations For Teams Using HUM Systems

18.6.1 Highly Unusual Methods

Highly Unusual Methods are defined in the WBF Systems Policy which is published as an Appendix to the WBF General Conditions of Contest.

18.7 Submission of HUM Systems

The team captain of any team containing one or more pairs intending to use a HUM System shall send a full copy of any HUM System in English, together with the Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets, to the WBF Systems Administrator by 15 August 2003. Failure to comply with this regulation or poor presentation of the System may result in such pair or pairs not being permitted to use HUM System, as the Tournament Appeals Committee shall in its discretion

determine. In making any such determination, the Tournament Appeals Committee may apply Section 18.7. It is obligatory that a full copy of a HUM System, **in English**, also be filed at the Convention Card Desk, at the Championship site, by the time of the Captains' meeting on 02 November 2003.

18.8 Regulations for Pairs using Brown Sticker Conventions

Explanations and continuations for Brown Sticker Conventions must be presented using the Brown Sticker Convention Announcement form, which forms part of the WBF Systems Policy, and is available in Word Format for download from www.ecatsbridge.com or by email from systems@ecats.co.uk. If these submissions are inadequate, the pair may be barred from using those badly or inadequately described methods for the entire tournament and certainly for at least one half of the knockout match

18.9 Regulations for Pairs using HUM Systems

If a team includes any pair using a HUM System, it will be subject to the following regulations:

The pairs using HUM Systems should be available at least 15 minutes before the scheduled beginning of matches or sessions, to supply any information and clarification that may be requested by the opponents.

When a team that includes a pair using a HUM System (whether or not such pair will play) is opposing a team that has no such pair, the HUM System team will always be the Visiting Team. No special seating rights or line-up restrictions shall apply when two teams containing pairs using HUM Systems (regardless of line-up) oppose one another.

The team opposing a team which includes one or more pairs using a HUM System will submit three copies (clearly legible) of their defences (if any) to the HUM System in writing, at least 30 minutes before the scheduled line-up time for the match; these defences shall be filed at the Convention Card Desk and supplied by the captain to the captain of the opposing team. In preparing these defences pairs using Green, Blue or Red Systems are allowed to change their systems including opening calls. Pairs using HUM Systems are not allowed to change their opening calls.

The pair using a HUM System must inform the opponents in writing (hand-written, 2 clearly legible copies) about their counter-defence at the table, prior to the start of the session. In preparing their counter-defence, the pair using the HUM System is not permitted to change any of the highly artificial aspects of its system.

18.10 Written Defences

Written defences against HUM Systems and on defence against the defences as well as written defences against Brown Sticker conventions may be used as permitted against unusual methods in Law 40 (footnote)

18.11 Submission of Systems for the World Seniors Bowl and the WTOTC

Pre-registration of Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets is mandatory for any pairs playing Red Sticker Systems (see Section 18.5 for special responsibilities relating to Red Sticker Systems).

18.11.1 *Registration of Red Sticker Systems*

Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets for these pairs must be registered with the WBF Systems Administrator by 15 August 2003 in accordance with the instructions contained in Sections 18.2, 18.3 and 18.4 and a web site will be set up for such registered systems with the URL (web address) being emailed to any players or captains participating in the World Seniors Bowl or WTOTC who request it.

18.11.2 *Approval of Red Sticker Systems*

Even though Red Systems have been registered and displayed on the Web-site they may still be restricted 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.

18.11.3 *Registration of other systems*

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

19. Length Of Matches

Each 16-board match or session of a match is to be completed within two hours and twenty minutes (1 hour 25 minutes per 10-board match); after that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see section 22.4). Additional time will not be allowed for teams playing on Vu-Graph; neither will extra time be granted because of the use of bidding boxes, screens, discussions of systems or for other similar reasons. Vu-Graph presentation for any match or session will not start until The Tournament Director so decides.

20. Tie-Breaking Procedures

20.1 Two Teams

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

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

20.2 Three Teams

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

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 20.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 20.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- c) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with Sub-section 20.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- d) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 20.1;

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

- a) 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 20.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- b) 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 20.1. If the three team remain tied, then:
- c) 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 20.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- d) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

20.3 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:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 20.1. and 20.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 20.2, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:
- c) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 20.1 or 20.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:
- d) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

20.4 Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals

In the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals, if a tie exists at the end of the match, it will be resolved by playing eight additional boards. (For line-ups see

section 17.3). Should a tie still exists, eight more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, one-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

21. Disqualification

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

22. Penalties

The schedule of penalties which follows 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 local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee. Upon publication of these Conditions of Contest no further warning is required (whether from the Director or otherwise) prior to the application of any penalty under the provision of the International Code or of these Conditions of Contest.

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

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, except in the knockout phase.

22.1 Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion

Any team containing a partnership that, for any reason, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 18.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 18.2.2):

- a) not be sent the information regarding the website containing the Systems of opposing teams unless and until the whole team has submitted its Convention Cards in accordance with these regulations; and
- b) be subject to a decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee who may forbid the team to use specific conventional understandings not submitted in accordance with these Conditions of Contest. If a disallowed convention is used, the Tournament Appeals Committee may impose penalties at its discretion; and
- c) be fined US\$ 100.00 to be paid prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

22.2 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with Section 9:

- 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;

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.

22.3 Lateness

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

During the Round-Robin

0+ – 5 minutes late -	warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
5+ – 10 minutes late -	1 VP
10+ – 15 minutes late -	2 VPs
15+ – 20 minutes late -	3 VPs
20+ – 25 minutes late -	4 VPs
Over 25 minutes late -	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

During the Knock-out Phase

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

22.4 Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the time play in such match or session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the time allowed by Section 19 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:

22.4.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Round-Robin

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

Example:

If a 16-board match or session took 2 hours and 35 minutes (excess of 15 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 6 extra minutes total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2 VPs penalty and pair B 0.8 VP penalty. In any case if the Tournament Director judges that one match will be so delayed that it would disturb the starting time of the next round, he may truncate it, reducing the number of the boards played: if this happens the match will be scored only with the boards played at both tables, but the same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

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

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

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

22.5 Fouled Boards

See Section 21 of the General Conditions of Contest for explanation. If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to procedural penalty.

22.6 Frivolous Appeal

Forfeiture of the deposit if the Tournament Appeals Committee determine the appeal to be without merit ("frivolous"). See Section 32 of the General Conditions of Contest.

23. Recording of Matches and Verification Of Scores

23.1 Table Result Card

An official Table Result Card must be filled in by the North or South player at each table, for each match and sessions thereof. Team captains will determine and agree upon the scores for each match and segments thereof. At the conclusion of each match, or session of a match the Tournament Director shall post an official result on the official score-board.

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 23.3; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

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

23.2 Table Recorders

During the play of each hand of the round-robin and quarter-final matches, when there is not an official record (as in Vu-Graph matches for instance), an Approved Recorder (see General Conditions, Section 26) shall complete the Recording Form provided at the table for each board in accordance with instructions given. The Team playing North/South is responsible for the provision of such Recorders.

23.3 Score Corrections

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

An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director and the Appeals Committee, may be corrected 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.

24. Duplicated Boards

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

25. World Transnational Open Teams Championships (WTOTC)

25.1 Conditions of Entry

Teams will consist of 4, 5 or 6 players, belonging to the same or different NBOs, but each player must be approved by its NBO of origin and submitted to the WBF Credentials Committee. The entry fee will be US\$ 800 per team, but players that participated in the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup or Seniors Bowl are exempt of payment (teams consisting of participants and non participants in the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup will have the entry fee reduced proportionally to the number of such participants in the team).

The teams must be registered by 1st September 2003 and the players names must be submitted to the WBF before 15 September 2003. All details should be sent to the WBF President (see Section 3.2.3 for contact details)

25.2 Payment of Entry Fees

Entry fees (US\$ 800 per team) must be paid to the WBF Financial Director before 15 September 2003 in the case of teams registered in advance of the Championship

Cheques should made payable to the World Bridge Federation and be sent to Mrs C Francin (see (see Section 29))

Alternatively, teams or NBOs may contact Mrs Francin who will supply details of the WBF account so that payment may be made by bank transfer.

25.3 Late Entries

The WBF may accept additional entries from teams on site if there is sufficient space at the venue; in this case, the registration and payment in cash can be made on site. The deadline for such additional entries will be announced in the Daily Bulletin.

25.4 Classifications

There will be separate classifications for mixed teams, women's teams, senior teams and junior teams.

25.5 Type of Contest

The Tournament will be Swiss type, but with quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final being played in order to determine the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medallists. The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the losing semi-finalist which finishes with a higher placing in the Swiss.

25.6 The Quarter Finals

If any team has clearly won the Swiss before the end of the qualifying stage, that team will not be required to play any further matches in the Swiss, and that team, for the purpose of determining the KO matches, will keep the position held at the time it stopped playing in the Swiss. Likewise, if any team has clearly qualified for the quarter-finals before the end of the qualifying stage, but cannot be the winners of the qualifying stage, that team will not be required to play any further matches in the Swiss.

To determine the quarter-final matches, the procedure is the following: the first placed team freely chooses its quarter-final opponent from among the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th placed teams; after the choice has been made, the second placed team chooses its quarter-final opponent among the remaining three teams (not

chosen by the first); the same process is repeated for the third placed team and the fourth placed team will play against the team not chosen by any of the other three teams.

25.7 The Semi Finals

The first placed team shall choose among the matches involving the second, third and fourth placed teams, which one will produce the semi-final opponent of the winner of its own quarter-final match. This choice is to be made at the conclusion of the quarter final draw (before the quarter finals start). Hence the semi-final draw is pre-determined by the first placed team prior to the quarter final stage and remains applicable even if the first place team then lose their quarter final match.

25.8 Carry Over

The carry over will be applied in accordance with the rules as for the Bermuda Bowl (see Section 8) the maximum being 12 IMPs for the Final and 8 IMPs for the quarter and semi finals. If one or more quarter-final matches do not have a carry over then no carry over will be applied to any quarter-final matches. Likewise, if one semi-final has a carry over, but the other does not, then no carry over will be applied to either match.

25.9 Systems

The WTOTC is a Category 3 Tournament which means, according to the WBF System Policy, that use of HUM systems and "Brown Sticker" conventions are prohibited. For the regulations regarding registration of systems for the WTOTC see Section 18.11

25.10 Tie Breaking

In case of ties, the tie-breaking procedures for the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup will apply with the following differences. In the Swiss, in order to determine a position at any time the first two criteria (a) and (b) are reversed, (b) becoming (a) and vice-versa (see points 20.1, 20.2 and 20.3 for the tie-breaking procedures). In the semi-finals and final, there will be 4 additional boards instead of 8 and only one series of 4 boards will be played (see 20.4).

25.11 Schedule of Play

The schedule of play is contained in Section 13 of these Supplemental Conditions of Contest

26. World Seniors Bowl

26.1 Conditions of Entry

See section 9 for details of the number of invited teams. Wherever possible Zones are requested to ensure that a team is a national team from within that Zone. In the case of Zones where more than one team is invited, the second (or additional) teams may be Transnational within that Zone. If a Zone where only one team is invited, or where the Zone is only able to send a single team, and cannot send a national team, that Zone is invited to contact the President of the World Bridge Federation to discuss whether it may be possible to send a team consisting of players from different countries within that Zone.

26.1.1 Entry Fees, Registration of Names etc.

These Conditions are the same as those for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup (see Section 3)

26.1.2 Age Limitation:

Each player shall be at least 55 years of age on the first playing day of the Tournament

26.2 Type of Contest

Teams will play a single Round Robin of 15 24-board matches with two matches per day until Sunday 9 November, with the final match on Monday 10 November ending at 15.00 hours, enabling the players to enter the World Transnational Open Teams starting at 18.00 hours.

26.3 Schedule of Play

10.30 – 12.10

break

13.20 – 15.00

15.30 – 17.10

break

17.40 – 19.20

The first 12 boards of each segment of the first match will be the same as those for the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup

26.4 Tie Break Procedures

These will be the same as for the Bermuda Bowl (see Section 20)

26.5 Systems

The World Seniors Bowl is a Category 3 Tournament which means, according to the WBF System Policy, that use of HUM systems and "Brown Sticker" conventions is prohibited. For the regulations regarding registration of systems for the World Seniors Bowl, see Section 18.11

26.6 Master Point Awards

Master Points will be awarded according to the WBF Master Point Plan

27. Appendix A: Eligibility for Master Point Awards

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

27.1 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup

Position	Bermuda Bowl		Venice Cup	
	Master Points	Placing Points	Master Points	Placing Points
1	800	5	800	5
2	500	3	500	3
3	300	2	300	2
4	200	1	200	1
5	150		150	
6	120		120	
7	90		90	
8	60		60	

In the Round Robin: Each match won by the team: 6 MPs (accumulative)

Each match tied: 3 MPs (accumulative)

27.1.1 Special Conditions

In order to qualify for the MPs and PPs won by the team, a player, in any case, must have played at least 120 (Bermuda Bowl) or 100 (Venice Cup) hands of the hands played by the team in the round-robin.

In addition:

For first place: at least 112 hands of the total number of hands in the final, semi-final and quarter-final combined and at least 48 (Venice Cup) or 64 (Bermuda Bowl) hands of the total number of hands in the final.

For second place: at least 64 hands the total number of hands in the semi-final and quarter-final combined and at least 32 hands of the total number of hands in the semi-final.

For third place: at least 48 hands of the total number of the hands in the semi-final and play-off combined and at least 16 hands in the playoff

For fourth place: at least 48 hands of the total number of the hands in the semi-final and play-off combined.

27.2 Seniors Bowl

Position	Master Points for Senior Ranking
1	450
2	300
3	150
4	90

27.3 World Transnational Open Teams Championships (WTOTC)

The WTOTC will award Master Points in accordance with the following scale:

Position	Master Points	Placing Points
1	300	2
2	240	1
3	180	0.5
4	150	
5	100	

From 6th to 15% of the field: 50 MPs

From thence to 25% of the field: 25 MPS

In order to qualify for the Master Points and Placement Points won by the team a player must have played at least 16 boards of the semi-final and 16 boards of the final.

If the best placed Women's, Senior, Mixed and Junior team are not among the 10 first overall, they will be awarded with 25 MP, otherwise they will get the points corresponding to its overall placement.

28. Applicable Law

In accordance with Article 14 of the WBF Constitution, these Conditions of Contest are governed by Swiss Law. Any claim may be arbitrated at the sole discretion of the WBF under the Laws of Switzerland

29. Appendix B – Contact Addresses

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For Systems information:
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The official Website of the Olympic Movement:
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The official Website of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
www.wada-ama.org/