

# **Eligibility to participate in the championships:**

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**COMPETITOR'S COMMITMENT**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NBO and WBF Code No: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to play in World Bridge Federation ("WBF") events

If a minor, name and address of the legal guardian(s) and date of birth:

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1. I agree and commit myself to participate in such WBF events that I apply to play in and/or that I am nominated by others to play in and to compete with respect for the WBF rules and fair play.
2. I am aware that the WBF events are governed by the Laws of Bridge, the Conditions of Contest, the WBF Disciplinary Code and all other Rules & Regulations of the WBF and I undertake to comply with such rules, all of which are fully known to me, and/or any amendment of, or addition to, the same that is published on the official website of the WBF.
3. I therefore agree to be submitted to such rules, regulations, and procedures to the jurisdiction of the bodies and persons that are in charge of applying them. After the exhaustion of internal remedies within the WBF system, I acknowledge that the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne, Switzerland) has ultimate jurisdiction for all disputes in connection with the WBF events and agree that recourse to the ordinary courts of law is prohibited.
4. I undertake to behave properly under all circumstances and contribute in all aspects to the good image of the WBF events and of the hosts of such events.
5. Through my participation in the WBF events I commit to promote the celebration of bridge in an international community with respect for cultures and customs from all over the world.
6. I agree that I will abstain from all public display of political actions, statements or comments within any WBF event and acknowledge that the WBF will not, without limitation, be responsible for any political, financial or other sanctions that any local or national authorities may impose on me.
7. I accept that WBF has the final authority to exclude me from its events in cases of non-compliance with this commitment (including any applicable WBF rules and regulations) or in cases of misconduct, the meaning of which shall take into account local customs and traditions.

8. I confirm that I have not received any information including, without limitation, advice by a physician or another person that my health might be negatively affected or that my level of fitness may not be sufficient to participate in any WBF event.
9. I agree that I will be personally responsible for any damage that I may cause to persons or property and that I will be liable for indemnifying such damage. Therefore I accept that WBF (including its members, directors, officers, employers, staff operators, volunteers, contractors or agents) shall not be liable under any circumstances in connection with any damage that I may cause during any WBF event.
10. I accept and agree that if I participate in any WBF event it shall be at my own expense except for such costs as WBF, the Host City, and/or any other party explicitly accepts to bear.
11. In particular and without limitation to the foregoing, I accept that all the expenses concerning the travel to the Host City and back and all the costs of my stay, including accommodation, meals, transfers etc. are not in the responsibility or at charge of WBF or the host.
12. I agree that I will not bring into the competition area or to possess or use in the competition area any electronic devices (for example mobile phones, pagers, smart phones, pocket computers etc). I accept and agree to being inspected in order to ensure compliance with this clause.
13. I accept and agree not to smoke or to consume alcoholic beverages at the competition venue, except in such areas where smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages might be explicitly allowed and in such case only after the end of the segment, match or game in which I am participating.
14. I accept to be subject to the anti-doping rules of WBF. In particular I accept to submit to doping control by or at the request of WBF and I accept consequences and sanctions as well as the jurisdiction of WBF and of the Court of Arbitration for Sports as provided for in the anti-doping rules of WBF which I can consult on [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)
15. I agree to being photographed, filmed, identified and otherwise recorded during any WBF event, both during and outside the competitions. I accept that such photos, films, footage and other recordings may publicised and broadcast worldwide by any means (TV, internet etc.) and may be used by WBF and the host for non-commercial promotion purposes at no cost to WBF or the host.
16. I accept that such photos, films, footage and other recordings may be used by WBF post-event for promotional and editorial purposes related to future WBF events.
17. I will not participate in, nor support betting related to WBF events and understand that all forms of promotion of betting related to such events are prohibited.
18. I agree that any dispute not to be adjudicated in application of specific procedures provided for by WBF but which arise between myself and WBF and/or Host Member Federation and/or the Championship Organising Committee and/or their respective members, directors, officers, staff operators, employees and volunteers, including but not limited to claims for damages of either party against the other arising out of occurrences (acts or omissions) linked with my participation to a WBF event shall be governed by Swiss Law and exclusively settled by arbitration before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, in accordance with the CAS rules then in effect.
19. I am aware and I agree that my participation in any WBF event is conditional upon my valid acceptance of and my compliance with each and all the provisions of this document. I acknowledge that if there is from time to time any contradiction or inconsistency between this

declaration (on the one hand) and the WBF Statutes and Rules and Regulations (on the other), the latter will prevail.

20. In addition, I accept the conditions of the WADA Athlete Consent form detailed below:

As a member of the World Bridge Federation (WBF) and/or a participant in an event authorized or recognized by the WBF, I hereby declare as follows:

- (a) I acknowledge that I am bound by, and confirm that I shall comply with, all of the provisions of the WBF Anti-Doping Rules (as amended from time to time), the World Anti-Doping Code (the “**Code**”) and the *International Standards* issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency, as amended from time to time, and published on WADA’s website.
- (b) I consent and agree to the creation of my profile in the WADA Doping Control Clearing House (“**ADAMS**”), as requested under the *Code* to which WBF is a *Signatory*, and/or any other authorized *National Anti-Doping Organization’s* similar system for the sharing of information, and to the entry on my *Doping Control, Whereabouts* and *Therapeutic Use Exemptions* related data in such systems.
- (c) I acknowledge the authority of WBF under the WBF Anti-Doping Rules to enforce, to manage results under, and to impose sanctions in accordance with the WBF Anti-Doping Rules.
- (d) I acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the WBF Anti-Doping Rules, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in the WBF Anti-Doping Rules, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 13 of the WBF Anti-Doping Rules to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of *International-Level Athletes* is the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
- (e) I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.

21. I have read and understand the present declaration and wish to be bound by its contents.

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Date

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Signature (or, if a minor, signature of legal guardian and minor)

**WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION**  
International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

**BY-LAWS OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION**

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**8.9 Credentials Committee**

The President shall appoint a Credentials Committee and shall designate the Chairman of such Committee. This Committee shall consist of not less than five members from at least four Zones. The function and duty of the Committee shall be:

- a) To determine all questions relating to the rights and eligibility of players or entries nominated to participate in any WBF contest, taking into account reports received from ZCs or NBOs regarding previous discipline or suspension of any players under their jurisdiction. The list of players and non-playing captains nominated by a ZC or NBO as entrants for a forthcoming contest shall be furnished to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee or other designated representative by such date, not less than 30 days prior to the date of commencement of the contest, as the Chairman of the Credentials Committee shall determine.
- b) To refuse to invite any player or captain to participate in any WBF contest. No reasons need to be given by the Credentials Committee for a refusal to such persons.
- c) All issues of eligibility to participate in world championship events, as well as all qualification events which may be run by a Zone or NBO, are governed by regulations to be enacted by the Executive that may be amended from time to time.