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**National U26 Teams
“Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy”**

**National U21 Teams
“José Damiani Cup”**

**National U26 Women’s Teams
“Gianarrigo Rona Trophy”**

**National U16 Teams
“Koç University Trophy”**

**National U31 Teams
“Robert Howes Trophy”**

Transnational Board-a-Match Teams

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Preamble

These Conditions of Contest (SCoC) are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest (GCoC) as issued by the World Bridge Federation and together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2025 World Youth Bridge Teams Championships (hereinafter the “WYBTC”).

These events are to be played at Palazzo dei congressi, Viale Giandomenico Romagnosi, 7, 43039 Salsomaggiore Terme PR, Italy, from 12th to 17th July 2025. The Opening Ceremony will take place on 11th July, and the Closing and Prizegiving Ceremony on 17th July.

All the Ancillary Regulations detailed on the WBF Website at : <http://www.worldbridge.org/conditions-of-contest/> will apply unless modified by this document.

Each of the above Ancillary Regulations will have the date of revision shown under the heading. Please ensure that when referring to them you check for an updated version on the website.

1. Definitions

Expressions used in these SCoC and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in duplicate bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Championship Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa; reference to one gender shall include the other.

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the GCoC shall have the same meaning for these SCoC and, in addition, the following expressions when used in these SCoC shall have the following meanings:

1.1 NPC

means the non-playing captain of any team. Teams are not obliged to have non-playing captains: a team member may act as a playing captain if this is preferred. Non-playing captains are considered members of the team and will receive any medal awarded.

1.2 Coach

teams may elect to have a Coach or other official(s) attending the WYBTC.

1.3 Zone

means any of the eight geographical areas so defined by the WBF Statutes.

2. Conditions of Entry

All players must comply, in addition to any other eligibility regulations as detailed in the GCoC, with the following age restrictions, listed by Category:

- Under 31: for players born on or after 1st January 1995
- Under 26 Open/Women: for players born on or after 1st January 2000
- Under 21: for players born on or after 1st January 2005
- Under 16: for players born on or after 1st January 2010

2.1 U31 Eligibility

For the purposes of National representation as stated in the [WBF Eligibility Code](#) the U31 Category does not count as a Youth event, and the exemption in Article 6 of the Code does not apply.



2.2 General

Each NBO, duly qualified from its Zone, shall be entitled to nominate one team in each of the Categories for which it has qualified. Registrations must be submitted electronically via the [designated WBF website](#) **no later than 11th May 2025**. Such registration serves as a commitment by the NBO to participate in the respective Category.

The names of players and any NPC of each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established the General Conditions of Contest (GCoC), must be registered via the designated website **no later than 15th June 2025**.

2.3 Entry Fees

The prescribed entry fees for the main Championship events, namely €1,000 per team for the U31, U26 Open/Women and U21 Categories (no entry fee for the U16), must be paid by bank transfer in Euros to:

Crédit Suisse SA, Rue du Lion d'Or 5-7
P.O. Box 5722, 1002 Lausanne, Switzerland
€ account
IBAN CH58 0483 5154 6496 9200 0
Account n 0425-1546496-92
SWIFT CRESCHZZ80A Clearing 4835

stating as reference the name of the NBO and the Category entered. Payment must be received by the WBF **no later than 30th June 2025**.

In the **Transnational Board-a-Match** ("TBAM") event, new players and whole new teams may enter. Players from the main championships, and new U16 players, play free of charge. The entry fees for other new players are €50 per player, with a maximum of €200 per team. They must be paid in cash on-site prior to the start of the event.

2.4 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 must be from the NBO submitting the team and may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with the permission of the Credentials Committee present at the site. However, following such approval by the Credentials Committee, the Championship Committee reserves the right to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

2.5 Penalty for Non-Participation

If a previously entered team in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the WBF shall be notified at least 48 hours before the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Except in cases of force majeure, the entry fee will be refunded only if the NBO notifies the WBF at least two weeks before the start of these Championships that its team or teams will not participate.

3. Right to Enter

The number of teams from each Zone invited to participate in the 2025 WYBTC are:

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| Zone 1: 8 teams; | Zone 4: 1 team; | Zone 7: 2 teams; |
| Zone 2: 3 teams; | Zone 5: 1 team; | Zone 8: 2 teams. |
| Zone 3: 2 teams; | Zone 6: 4 teams; | |

The host country (Italy) has the right to enter a team in addition to its Zone's quota, unless already qualified within the quota, in which case its Zone (Zone 1) gets a further berth.



Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

4. Format for the WYBTC

The format will consist of a **three-day Round Robin** ("RR") qualification followed by a Knockout ("KO") stage consisting of **one day each of Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final**.

The schedule of play in the RR will be announced as soon as the final number of participating teams per Category is known

4.1 Quarter-finals

At the end of the RR, the eight highest-ranked teams in each Category qualify for the Quarter-finals. They are played on 15th July as knockout matches in four 14-board sessions except for the U16 Category, which will play three 14-board sessions, with match-ups determined as follows:

The qualifiers ranked 1-2 after the RR, in that order, freely choose their opponents among the fifth to eighth-ranked qualifiers. Those chosen teams get ranked 8-7, respectively. The remaining teams are re-ranked 3-6 in accordance with their ranking in the RR, and no. 3 opposes no. 6, and no. 4 opposes no. 5.

Teams eliminated at this stage may enter the second day of TBAM, free of charge.

4.2 Semi-finals

The Semi-finals are played on 16th July as knockout matches in four 14-board sessions except for the U16 Category, which will play three 14-board sessions.

The match-ups are determined as follows, subject to the requirement that two teams from the same country shall meet in the Semi-finals: The no. 1 ranked team, immediately upon the conclusion of the process in Section 4.1 above, chooses among the other three Quarter-finals matches which will become the Semi-final opponent of the winner of its own Quarter-final match.

4.3 Final and Play-Off

The Final and Play-off for third place are played on 17th July as knockout matches of four 14-board sessions except for the U16 Category, which will play three 14-board sessions.

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 medalists. The resigning team will be awarded one-third of the Master Points for fourth place.

If both teams decide, by mutual agreement, not to play off for third place there will be no bronze medal awarded, and both teams will be placed fourth, being awarded one-third of the Master Points for fourth place.

The defeated Quarter-finalists will be ranked 5th to 8th according to the VP total in the RR; if a tie exists, it will be broken using the normal tie-break criteria.

5. Format for the TBAM

This event is played on 15th – 17th July.

The format will be announced once the final number of participants is known but is likely to consist of two days of qualifying followed by one day of Finals A and B.

6. Carry Over

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

7. Tie-breaks

Ties will be broken in accordance with the WBF Tie Breaking Procedures.

8. The Schedule of Play

The schedule of play will be published on the [Championship Website](#)

9. Conversion Scales

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams at the end of the matches scored in IMPs shall be converted to Victory Points, according to the official [WBF conversion scales](#).

10. Scoring and Bidding at the Table

Electronic or Digital devices will be used for the official scoring throughout the Championships.

Tablets will be used for bidding and entering results. Each table will have four tablets, one for each player. Each player uses the tablet for bidding and scoring the result.

See the WBF Regulations [Using Bidding Tablets with Screens](#)

11. Line-ups

The line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure of a captain to submit his line-up in a timely fashion will result in penalties being applied in accordance with the [Procedures for Apportioning Penalties](#).

The line-ups during the RR for both teams must be submitted no later than 10 minutes after the end of the previous round; teams will not know the line-up of their opponents. The line-up for the first round must be given in accordance with the decision taken in the Captains' Meeting.

In the KO phase, the team to line-up first must submit its line-up no later than 10 minutes after the end of the previous session. The other team must submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session or no later than 5 minutes after the submission of the first line-up, whichever is later.

Line-ups are to be submitted in a manner communicated at the Captains' Meeting. There will be a dedicated area in the playing venue, with computers, for this purpose. However, each team will have its own password protected dedicated page in the wireless LAN set by the organisation. Therefore, team captains with their own computers or mobile devices can submit their line-ups electronically from any location.

The time of the line-up will be recorded automatically by the system, and penalties for late line-ups will be applied. An official clock will be set in the playing area to show the official time.

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

12. Designation of Matches and Seeding

12.1 Seeding

After seeding each Series the draws will be randomised, with the only restriction being that minor changes can be made in the designations in order to ensure that teams of the same Country meet in the early rounds.

12.2 Responsibility for the Draw

The draw will be made under the direction of the Championship Committee. The team numbers and the sequence of the matches will be published on the WBF Website. The Championship 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 draw has been announced.

13. Seating Rights

See [WBF Regulations Governing Seating Rights](#)

14. Change of Players

A change of players or partnerships, if approved by the Operations Director or the Head TD, can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session (but see exception in any tie-breaking regulations that may apply).

15. Disclosure of Systems and Conventions

The U21 and U16 Series are Category 3 events in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy and neither Brown Sticker conventions nor HUM systems are permitted at any time.

The U31, U26 and U26 Series are Category 2 events for the KO Stages only.

In accordance with the WBF Systems Policy : Up to three 'Brown Sticker' methods per partnership will be permitted, subject to adequate disclosure, but players using them must submit their Systems Cards & Brown Sticker Announcement Forms (Appendix 1) in advance in accordance with the Conditions of Contest. The system cards detailing the BS Methods must be clearly identified and submitted, together with the forms, at the same time as the system for the Round Robin. A viable suggested defence to any Brown Sticker method must also be filed at the same time. This will be deemed to be a part of the System Card and may be referred to by the opponents at the table.

Up to four systems may be registered for each team. However the two system cards submitted by a pair playing BS count as a single system.

15.1 Supplementary Sheets

While the use of Supplementary Sheets is encouraged to clarify the information given on the WBF System Card, there may be at most six Supplementary Sheets per system.

15.2 Submission of systems

Systems must be registered in accordance with the [WBF Systems Policy](#) and the [Regulations for Registration and Use of Systems](#) no later than 30th June 2025.

16. Psyching of Conventional or Artificial Opening Bids

The psyching of conventional or artificial opening bids is prohibited.

17. Disqualification or Withdrawal of a Team

See procedures for [Forfeits and Withdrawals](#)

18. Penalties

See [Procedures for Apportioning Penalties](#)

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