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1. Preamble for the 2018 World Bridge Series Championships

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Series, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the 2018 World Bridge Series Championships to be played in Orlando, USA from Friday 21st September – Saturday 6th October 2018

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2018 World Bridge Series.

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 "2018 World Bridge Series"

means the World Mixed Teams Championship, the World Mixed Pairs Championship, the World Knockout Open Teams Championship for the Rosenblum Cup (also known as the "Rosenblum Teams"), the World Knockout Women's Teams Championship for the McConnell Cup (also known as the "McConnell Teams") and the World Senior Teams Championship for the Rand Cup (also known as the "Rand Senior Teams"), the World Open and Women's Pairs Championships and the World Senior Pairs Championship for the Hiron Trophy (also known as the "Hiron Senior Pairs") to be conducted under the auspices and organisation of the World Bridge Federation, from 21st September – 6th October 2018, in the Marriott's Orlando World Center or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.

2.2 "these Championships"

mean the 2018 World Bridge Series 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 "Credentials Committee"

means the WBF Credentials Committee for matters pertaining to the event beforehand. During the Championships it means the Credentials Committee of three persons appointed by the President.

2.7 “the Mixed Teams”

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

2.8 “the Mixed Pairs”

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

2.9 “the Knockout Teams”

means the Transnational World Knockout Open, Women’s and Senior Teams Championships for the Rosenblum Trophy, the McConnell Cup and the Rand Cup respectively referred to in Section 2.1.

2.10 “the Open, Women’s and Senior Pairs”

means the Transnational World Open, Women’s and Senior (Hiron Cup) Pairs Championships referred to in Section 2.1.H:

2.11 “direct Knockout”

means the knockout segments of the Knockout Teams.

2.12 “Official Coach”

The Official Coach is the person registered with the WBF through the website as the Coach for the team. Only one official coach per team is permitted.

2.13 “Transnational Event(s)”

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

2.14 “Senior”

means for the purpose of eligibility for Senior events at these Championships (see Section 2.1) a bridge player must comply with the age criteria detailed on the WBF Website at:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/eligibility-regulations/>

For the current Championships this means that Senior players must attain the age of 61 during the year of the Championships.

2.15 “NPC”

means non-playing captain.

2.16 “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 or entering an incorrect lead, is liable to a penalty given as a score deduction.

2.17 “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.

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

See also Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest.

3.1 General

Since all events 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 in good standing with his/her NBO of origin and will also be subject to the approval of the WBF Credentials Committee.

Teams may consist of between 4 and 6 players

3.2 Commitment Forms

All participants (players, NPCs, Coaches and other team officials) are required to download, print, complete, sign and preferably scan or if necessary photograph all three pages of the document and send it by email to anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com.

Players who registered Commitment forms for the 2017 Championships in Lyon need not do so again, but participants in Championships prior to that will need to download the new form for completion.

Without a Commitment form being registered as required for each participant, they will not be permitted to play in any of the Championship events.

The form can be downloaded here: <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/players-commitment/>

3.3 Anti-Doping Regulations

All participants are expected to comply fully with the WBF Anti-Doping Regulations detailed at:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/anti-doping-regulations/>.

Anti-Doping tests will be held during the Championships for players in the Open, Women's and Mixed tournaments and players taking any prohibited medication should apply for a TUE no later than 30 days before the event they plan to play in starts.

3.4 Submission of Entries

Entries should be made through the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org (available from 1st March 2018).

Players are encouraged to enter in advance, but in any case entries should be made by 1st September 2018. However, late entries will be accepted if there is sufficient space at the venue.

3.5 Entry Fees

Rosenblum Open Teams

US\$ 1,600

McConnell Women's Teams & Rand Senior Teams	US\$ 1,500
Mixed Teams	US\$ 1,200
Open Pairs	US\$ 700
Women's & Senior Pairs	US\$ 600
Mixed Pairs	US\$ 400

Entry fees for the other WBF Tournaments will be detailed on the WBF Website.

Players are strongly encouraged to pay the entry fees for the main Championship events in advance when they register at www.worldbridge.org in order to facilitate their entry at the Championship site. Payment should be made by bank transfer to:

Crédit Suisse SA, Rue du Lion d'Or 5-7
P.O. Box 5722, 1002 Lausanne, Switzerland
US dollar account
IBAN: CH31 0483 5154 6496 9200 1
Account n°: 0425-1546496-92-1
SWIFT: CRESCHZZ80A
Clearing: 4835 (to be indicated)

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, the Championship 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

The schedule of events for the World Bridge Series can be downloaded from <http://championships.worldbridge.org/orlandows18>.

It should be noted that due to the uncertain number of entries, all schedules of play & drop in regulations etc are subject to revision under the Conditions of Contest. Any such revisions will be published in the Daily Bulletin and on the Bulletin Boards on site.

5. Eligibility for Master Point Awards

WBF Master Points will be awarded for all Championship Events in accordance with the WBF Master Point Plan. See Section 22 of these Conditions of Contest.

6. 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.

6.1 Disclosure Requirements

Contestants in all Championship Events are required to make full written and oral disclosure of their Systems - see Sections 12-14 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 in English at the table at the start of each session. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in penalties being imposed.

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.

6.2 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. Players are responsible for ensuring that they have correctly categorised their system.

6.3 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 Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee or his designee shall be final and binding on all contestants.

6.4 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 in English must be brought to the table along with the Card.

7. Additional Systems Regulations

7.1 Registration of systems

There is no requirement to register systems in advance for any event.

7.2 Convention Card Programs

The Convention Cards may be prepared using either Microsoft Word or Excel. Blank templates can be downloaded from the WBF Website at <http://www.worldbridge.org>.

Players using MACs are advised not to use "pages" as it is not possible for these to be printed accurately.

Players should note that their card should print on two pages ONLY. A sample card, in Word, can be supplied.

Email anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com to request this.

7.3 Penalties

The Head Tournament Director and the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his designee are empowered to impose penalties for any breach of Sections 6 and 7. A decision on such a matter is final.

Teams Competitions

8. All Teams Events

8.1 *Rosenblum Teams*

The qualification for the Rosenblum Teams will be played over two days with ten Swiss sessions of 10 boards each. The Knockout phase will commence with a round of 64, followed by rounds of 32, 16, quarter-final and semi-final each played over one day with four 14-board sessions (56 in total) and a final played over two days each having three 16-board sessions (in total 96 boards).

There is no play-off and both the losers of the semi-final will be classified third ex aequo and the players awarded with the Bronze Medal, receiving the related master points.

8.2 *McConnell and Rand Teams*

In both the categories the Teams will play a two day qualification with ten Swiss sessions of 10 boards each followed by round of 32, 16, quarter-final and semi-final each played over one day as four 14-board sessions (56 in total) and a final played over two days with three daily 16-board sessions (in total 96 boards).

There is no play-off and both losers of the semi-final will be classified third ex aequo and the players awarded with the Bronze Medal, receiving the related master points.

8.3 *The Mixed Teams*

The Mixed Teams will play a two day qualification with ten Swiss sessions of 10 boards each followed by rounds of 64, 32, 16 and quarter-final played over two days with two 14-board sessions (28 in total) each day, followed by a semi-final and final & Bronze Medal play-off played over one day each on four session of 14 boards (56 in total).

8.4 *Carry Over*

There will be no carry over in any of the team events.

8.5 *Use of Screens*

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

8.6 *Brackets*

The brackets for all team events will be automatically composed on the basis of the final ranking of the Swiss qualification and immediately communicated and published on site.

9. Tie Breaking Procedures

A tie in the Swiss teams at any given time will be resolved by 'Swiss points', these being the sum of the victory-point scores obtained by each and every direct opponent of any given team [example: team A has played against teams X, Y and Z. Team X has a VP score of 50, team Y has 40 and team Z has 30 – this gives team A a Swiss point score of 120. The team with the largest Swiss point score would win the tie-break].

If Swiss points are inconclusive, then the following procedures will apply:

9.1 Two Teams

If two teams are tied with the same number of Swiss Points at the end of the Swiss, 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. 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:
- 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.

9.2 Three Teams

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

- a) 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 9.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - 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 9.1.
 - ii. If the three teams remain tied, then:

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 9.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - iii. 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 9.1.

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

- b) 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 9.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - i. Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 9.1. If the three team remain tied, then:
 - ii. Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 9.1.
 - iii. If the three teams remain tied, then:

One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

9.3 Four Teams or more

If four or more teams are tied with the number of Swiss Points at the end of the Swiss, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

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 9.2, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:

- 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 9.1 and 9.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:
- ii. 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 9.1 or 9.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:
- iii. One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

9.4 Direct Knockout

In the Rosenblum, McConnell and Rand, all matches except the Finals:

- i. A two-board match will be played, teams keeping the same positions at the table and the same line-up of the last round;
- ii. If the tie persists, one board "sudden death" matches will be played as many times as necessary to break the tie.

In the Rosenblum, McConnell and Rand Finals:

There will be additional 4-board matches. After these matches, if the tie still remain, teams will play one board "sudden death" matches will be played as many times as necessary to break the tie.

In the Mixed Teams:

- i. in all matches except the semi-final and final/play off one board "sudden death" matches as many times as necessary to break the tie;
- ii. in the semi-final and final/play-off, a two-board match will be played, teams keeping the same positions at the table and the same line-up of the last round;
- iii. if the tie persists, one one board "sudden death" matches will be played as many times as necessary to break the tie.

10. Line-Ups

10.1 Swiss Teams.

In each match of the Swiss Teams, the first named team will be the Home Team. There is no requirement to submit Line-ups in advance.

10.2 The Knockout Phase.

The seating rights for each of the segments will be automatically decided by the scoring system, via a random draw. The following restrictions will apply:

10.2.1 Two segments

Each team will have seating rights in one of the two segments.

10.2.2 Three segments

- a) One team will have seating rights in two segments and the other in one segment.
- b) If a team gets seating rights in segment one, the other will get seating rights in segment three.
- c) If a team gets seating rights in segment three, the other will get seating rights in segment two.

10.2.3 Four segments

- a) Each team will have seating rights in two of the segments.
- b) The four segments are divided in portions of two each: 1-2, 3-4; when a team is assigned seating rights in one segment of the portion, the other automatically gets the remaining segment of that portion.
- c) If a team gets seating rights in segment four, the other will get seating rights in segment one.
- d) If a team gets seating rights in segment one, the other will get seating rights in segment four.

10.2.4 Six segments

- a) Each team will have seating rights in three of the segments.
- b) The six segments are divided in portions of two each: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; when a team is assigned seating rights in one segment of the portion, the other automatically gets the remaining segment of that portion.
- c) If a team gets seating rights in segment six, the other will get seating rights in segment one.
- d) If a team gets seating rights in segment one, the other will get seating rights in segment six.

11. Adding Players to a Team

Each team is entitled to have six members plus a non-playing captain and a coach. It is mandatory that the non-playing captain and coach are officially registered before the start of the first match of the competition and are subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee.

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 but no later than 16 September, 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 Championship Committee, subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee.

In the case of force majeure the Head Tournament Director may seat a substitute player, specifically if the team has only four players and, if he considers it necessary, he may approve a substitution for other reasons, subject to the ratification by the Championship Committee.

Pairs Competitions

12. Seeding

The Chairman of the Championship Committee will appoint a Seeding Committee to include the Operations Director for the purpose of assigning starting positions for pairs in the first Session of play-through events and for every phase of the Mixed, Open, Women's and Senior Pairs Championships.

Seeding decisions of this Committee will be final.

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.

13. 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 Championship Committee may authorise the Operations Director or Head Tournament Director to make emergency substitutions if 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.

14. Format & Drop in Regulations

14.1 Format

All the Pairs Competitions will consist of qualification rounds, followed by semi-finals and finals.

In the Open Pairs, there will be three days of qualification, two of semi-final and two of final; in the Women's and, Seniors Pairs there will be two days of qualification, two of semi-final and two of final; in the Mixed there will be two days of qualification, one of semi-final and one of final.

In the case of the Open Pairs the number of qualified pairs in the semi-final A & B will depend on the number of original entries and will be communicated and published in the Live News and in the Daily Bulletins on site after the start of the first session of the qualification.

The total number of pairs in the Final will be 56, of whom 6 will be from semi-final B and at least 44 from the semi-final A.

In the Women's, Seniors and Mixed Pairs the number of participating pairs in the semi-finals A & B and final will depend on the number of original entries and will be communicated and published in the Live News and in the Daily Bulletins on site after the start of the first session of the qualification. Note that there will be no drop-ins from the semi-final of the Mixed Teams to the Mixed Pairs, instead there will be a play-off for the Bronze Medal in this event.

Changes in these principles will be clearly announced on site in the Live News and in the Daily Bulletin together with other relevant information about the Pairs competitions.

The effective number of pairs advancing from the qualifying stage to the semi-finals and from the semi-finals to the finals will be determined after "duly entered pairs" are accounted for.

14.2 Drop ins

Players eliminated from the Open, Women's, and Senior Teams are allowed to drop into Pairs events, playing with a teammate, with someone having participated in another category in team event or with someone not having participated in any team event, assuming both players are age and gender eligible.

These "duly entered pairs" must meet the following criteria:

- a) Any pair wishing to drop in MUST register and pay before the start of the qualification stage of the pairs event they intend to drop in to. The expiration time for registering will be announced on site, but will certainly be no later than 10 p.m. on the day prior to the start of the qualification stage.
- b) A team that has been knocked out can drop in a maximum of three pairs, regardless of their composition, but each pair dropping in must include at least one Player from that team. A Player does not include a NPC or Coach and each Player must have fulfilled the minimum play requirements for masterpoints the applicable team event (this also applies to the Mixed Teams/Pairs).
- c) If the team has registered more than three pairs, it has to elect the three which will drop in not later 10 p.m. the day prior they are requested to play in the pairs event. If it doesn't, the system will automatically pick the three pairs, and no change will be allowed thereafter.
- d) If a duly entered pair is composed by both players from the same team or if only one was a player in the team event, they will drop into the applicable stage of the applicable Pair event upon elimination from the team event. If both members of the pair are from different teams in the same event, they will drop into the applicable Pair event upon the later elimination of the two players. If the pair is composed of players from different Team events they may only drop into the applicable stage of the applicable Pair event of that later eliminated player. For these purposes, "later" means a dropping in to a different stage of the Pair event. (E.g.: if one member of the Pair is eliminated in the Swiss qualifying stage of any category and the other member of the Pair is eliminated from the Open Teams in the round of 16, that Pair would be eligible to drop into the Semifinal of the Open Pairs. This would similarly apply regarding a participant in the Women's and Senior Teams assuming otherwise eligible.
- e) In the Rosenblum, players eliminated in the Round of 64 or rounds of 32 may drop into the applicable Qualifications Pairs. Players eliminated in the round of 16 or Quarterfinals may drop into the applicable Semifinals Pairs. Players eliminated in the Semifinals may drop into the applicable Pairs Finals.
- f) In the McConnell & Rand, players eliminated in the Round of 32 may drop into the applicable Pairs Qualifications. Players eliminated in the round of 16 or Quarterfinals may drop into the applicable Semifinals Pairs. Players eliminated in the Semifinals may drop into the applicable Pairs Finals.

- g) Drop-ins from the Mixed Teams to the Mixed Pairs, must include at least one Player from the Mixed Team [the rules provided at above are applied](#). Also in the Mixed a pair composed by npc and coach cannot drop in to the pairs competition. A player eliminated in the Round of 64 or 32 may drop into the Mixed Pair qualifications. A player eliminated in the Round of 16, or Quarterfinals may drop into the Mixed Pair semi-finals. There will be no drop-ins to the Mixed Pair finals, as losing semi-finalists are required to participate in a bronze medal playoff match.
- h) For the purpose of drop-ins, the players must have fulfilled the minimum play requirements for Masterpoints. (see www.wbfmasterpoints.com/MPRules.asp)

15. Starting Time

All participants are required to be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time for each Session of play.

16. 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.

16.1 Victory Point Penalties

Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the affected Swiss. These Victory Point penalties shall not affect individual matches for the purpose of tie-breaking procedures, but may determine a team's ranking.

16.2 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.

16.3 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in the KO Matches in accordance with the Regulations:

- a) for the first such offence a warning shall be issued by the Tournament Director;
- b) for the second offence there shall be a penalty of 1 IMP.
- c) for the third offence there shall be a penalty of 2 IMPs and for each subsequent offence there shall be a penalty of 3 IMPs. 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.

16.4 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:

16.4.1 During the Swiss

Minutes Late	Penalty
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 -	minimum 5 VP plus 1 VP every 5 minutes but after 40 minutes the match is cancelled and considered a Walk-Over. At the discretion of the Head Tournament Director may include recommendation of more severe action by the Championship Committee.

16.4.2 During the Knockout 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 -	minimum 30 IMPs plus 2 IMPs for each minute thereafter, but after 40 minutes the round is cancelled. At the discretion of the Head Tournament Director may include recommendation of forfeit of the match or more severe action by the Championship Committee.

For the above purposes, the Qualification phase and the Knockout phase are considered to be separate events. Thus any late arrival warnings issued during the Qualification phase are not carried over into the Knockout phase.

16.5 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 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:

16.5.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Swiss

0+ – 5 minutes late -	Warning
5+ – 10 minutes late -	2 VPs

After 10 minutes following the scheduled finish time, the Head TD will truncate the match and the result will be scored using the VP table for 9 boards, irrespective of the number of boards actually played.

16.5.2 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Knockout Phase	
0+ – 15 minutes late	1 IMP for each minute or part thereof
Over 15 minutes late	the Head Tournament Director will truncate the match.

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the Head TD 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.

In case of forfeiture of a match the Head TD may, at his discretion, recommend more severe action by the Championship Committee.

16.6 Other Penalties

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

16.7 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 Championship 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 Head Tournament Director may, at his discretion, seat a provisional substitute in case of emergency.

In extenuating circumstances and upon the written request of the offending pair, the Head Tournament Director may at his discretion vary any of the penalties referred to in this Section.

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.

17. Withdrawing Cards from a Board

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

18. Carry-Over

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

19. Tie-Breaking in Pairs Events

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.

20. 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.

21. Seating in Mixed Competitions

In mixed competitions, both in teams and pairs, there is no restriction on seating positions.

22. Eligibility for Master Points

The Master Point regulations and scales for the World Bridge Series are on the Master Point website at www.wbfmasterpoints.com.

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The WBF Website through which registration can be made in advance, all the regulations & policies pertaining to the Championships downloaded and which will carry full details of the Championships, including the results and bulletins.

www.wbfmasterpoints.com

The WBF website with details of the Master Point Regulations together with Master Point Ranking lists.

www.wada-ama.org

The official site of WADA from which the Prohibited List can be downloaded.

Specific information about various aspects of the Championships and its regulations can be found on the pages listed below

Schedule of Events and Championship information:

<http://championships.worldbridge.org/orlandows18>

Participants Commitment Form:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/players-commitment/>

Anti Doping Regulations:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/anti-doping-regulations/>

Convention Card Editors:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/wbf-convention-card-editors/>

Registration Pages: the pages for registration will be available on the WBF Website after 1st March 2018 and can be accessed here:

<http://championships.worldbridge.org/orlandows18>