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Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 2018 World Youth Bridge Teams Championships Wujiang, China 8th – 18th August 2018

National Junior Teams "Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy"

National Youngsters Teams "José Damiani Cup"

National Girls Teams "Gianarrigo Rona Trophy"

National Kids Teams "Koç University Trophy"

Transnational Board-a-Match Teams

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Preamble

These Conditions of Contest are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for World Youth Bridge Teams Championships by the World Bridge Federation. Together they form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2018 Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, the José Damiani Cup, the Gianarrigo Rona Trophy and the Koç University Trophy.

These events will be played at Li Ze Culture and Sports Palace, Wujiang, China, from 8th – 18th August 2018. The Junior, Youngsters and Girls Teams will start on Thursday 9th August: the Closing Ceremony will be on Saturday 18th August. The Kids Teams will start on Thursday 9th August: the Closing Ceremony will be on Wednesday 15th August.

1. Definitions

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest 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 Tournament Rules and Regulations 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 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:

1.1 "Jaime Ortiz- Patiño Trophy, José Damiani Cup, Gianarrigo Rona Trophy, Koç University Trophy"

mean the 2018 World Youth Bridge Teams Championships, respectively for Junior Teams, Youngsters Teams, Girls Teams, Kids Teams and Transnational Board-a-Match event qualified by their Zone, conducted under the auspices of the WBF.

1.2 General Conditions of Contest

mean the General Conditions of Contest issued by the World Bridge Federation for all world bridge championships.

1.3 Open and Closed Rooms

for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated by the Tournament Director.

1.4 these Championships

means the World Youth Bridge Teams Championships and championship event means any of the events referred to in Section 1.1.

1.5 these Conditions of Contest

means the within Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

1.6 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 to be members of the team and will receive any medals awarded.

1.7 Coach

teams may elect to have a Coach or other official(s) attending the World Youth Bridge Teams Championships. Coaches are eligible for medals.

2. Conditions of Entry

Each player in the Juniors & Girls Series must have been born on or after 1st January 1993, those in the Youngsters Series must have been born on or after 1st January 1998, and those in the Kids Series must have been born on or after 1st January 2003.

See also Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

2.1 General

Each NBO, duly qualified in its Zone, shall be entitled to nominate one team for the Jaime Ortiz-Patiño and/or one team for the José Damiani Cup and/or one team for the Gianarrigo Rona Trophy. The Koç University Trophy will be an invitation event. The entries for all the these events must be submitted electronically, via the WBF website (not by email). The submission of entries for the teams means the confirmation by the NBO that it will be participating in the events for which entry is made.

The names of the non-playing captain and the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest, must be sent by 30th June 2018 via the WBF website (not by email).

2.2 Entry Fees

The prescribed entry fees for the championships events, namely €1,000 per team for the Junior, Youngsters and Girls Teams (no entry fees for the Kids), 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

2.3 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, the Executive Council reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee, to place any restrictions on a team that it deems proper.

2.4 Penalty for Non-Participation

In the event that a team entered 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 €500 penalty, payable by the NBO which nominated the team; an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the WBF deems it appropriate. The entry fee will be refunded only if the NBO notifies the WBF at least two weeks before the start of the Championship that its team or teams will not participate.

3. Right to Enter

The number of teams from each Zone invited to participate in the 2018 World Youth Bridge Teams championships:

Zonal Qualified Teams	Juniors	Youngsters	Girls
Host Country	1 team	1 team	1 team
Zone 1	6 teams	6 teams	5 teams
Zone 2	3 teams	3 teams	2 teams
Zone 3	2 teams	2 teams	1 team
Zone 4	1 team	1 team	1 team
Zone 5	1 team	1 team	1 team
Zone 6	4 teams	4 teams	4 teams
Zone 7	2 teams	2 teams	2 teams
Zone 8	2 teams	2 teams	2 teams

For the Girls Championship Zones 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are allowed to be represented by a Zonal Team, composed of players from different NBOs of that Zone.

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second to Zone 6. The participation in Kids Teams Championship is by invitation, with 18 teams being invited for the 2018 Championships.

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

4. Types of Contest

Teams will compete in accordance with schedules drawn up independently for all series

The schedule is drawn up in the expectation that there will be 22 teams in the Junior and the Youngsters series, 16 in the Girls series and 18 in the Kids. If entries in any event are different from these numbers the WBF President may, at his discretion, make such changes to these conditions of contest as he deems appropriate, including varying the number of boards played in each series or in any phase of these Championships. Details of any such changes will be published on the websites as soon as they are known.

In the Junior, Girls and Youngsters Championships the teams will play a complete round robin of 14 board matches starting on Thursday 9th and ending on Tuesday 14th August. In the Kids Championship the teams will play a complete round robin starting on Thursday 9th and ending on the morning of Monday 12th August.

In the Junior, Youngsters and Girls Championships the eight teams with the highest Victory Point total after the round-robin will qualify for the quarter-finals.

In the Kids Championship the eight teams with the highest Victory Point total after the round robin will qualify for quarter-final. No more than two teams from the same Country can qualify to the round of 8 (Quarter Finals). In case of three teams from the same Country resulting in the top eight, for the purpose of forming the KO bracket the last one will be ranked ninth, while all teams below its position will be moved one position upward. However, the master points award will remain unchanged. The ten teams from 9th to 18th place after the round robin will play a two days Consolation Swiss on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th August.

In the qualification phase, the Junior, Youngsters and Girls Championships will play 14-board matches and the Kids will play 12-board matches

4.1 Quarter-finals

At the end of the round-robin the procedure outlined below will be followed:

The Junior, Youngsters and Girls quarter-finals shall be played on Wednesday 15th August as a knockout match of 56 boards, (four 14-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; 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.

The Kids quarter finals shall be played on the afternoon of Monday 13th August as a knockout match of 36 boards, (three 12-board sessions), with IMP scoring. The procedure is the same as that for the other three series.

4.2 Semi-finals

- a) In the Junior, Youngsters and Girls Championships the semi-finals shall be played on Thursday 16th August as a knockout match of 56 boards, (14-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 to determine which team will become 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 decided by the first placed team prior to the quarter-final stage and remains applicable even if the first placed team then lose their quarter-final match.
- b) In the Kids Championship the semi-finals shall be played on Tuesday 14th August as a knockout match of 48 boards, (four 12-board sessions), with IMP scoring. To determine the semi-final matches the procedure is the same as for the other three series.

4.3 Final

- a) In the Junior, Youngsters and Girls Championships the winners of the semi-finals will play the final on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th August. This will be an 84-board match (six 14-board sessions), with IMP scoring.
- b) In the Kids Championship the Winners of the semi-finals will play the Final on Wednesday 15th August. This will be a 48 board match (four 12-board sessions, with IMP scoring.

4.4 Play Off

- a) In the Junior, Youngsters and Girls Championships the losers of the semi-final will play a 56 board play-off match (four 14-board sessions) with IMP scoring for the third place. This will be on Friday 17th August.
- b) In the Kids Championship the losers of the semi-final will play a 36-board play-off match (three 12-board sessions) with IMP scoring for the third place; This will be on Wednesday 15th August.

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 (if not in case of force majeure which has to be stated by the Championship Committee)) will not be awarded any Master Points.

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 neither team will be awarded any Master Points.

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

4.5 Transnational Board-a-Match & Kids Consolation

These events are free of charge for all players knocked out of the main Championships. The format will be announced in the programme once the number of entries is known. Players who did not participate may play after paying an entry fee.

5. Carry Over

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

6. 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.

7. The Schedule of Play

The schedule of play will be published on the websites.

8. 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.

9. Time Schedule

The detailed time schedule will be published in the programme on site but the provisional schedule is as follows:

Both the matches for the Round Robin and the session for the KO phases will normally start at 10:00, 13:30, 15:50, 18:10.

10. Regulations for Electronic Line-ups

The Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure of a captain to submit a line-up in a timely fashion shall result in fines according to Section 17.1

The line-ups during the round robin for both teams must be submitted no later than 15 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 second team must then 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 latest.

Line-ups are to be submitted at the place designated by the Operations Director. This will be a dedicated area, with computers, where the teams will line-up. However, each team will have its own dedicated page, with a password, in the wireless LAN set by the organization. Therefore, team captains with their own laptops would be able to use them, using their own password.

The time of the line-up will be recorded automatically by the system, and penalties for late line-ups will be mandatory accordingly. An official clock will be set in the playing area for the purpose of showing the official time.

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

11. Designation of Matches and Seeding

11.1 Seeding

The teams competing in all the series will be seeded by draw; draws will be made on a random basis 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.

11.2 Responsibility for the Draw

The draw will be made under the direction of the Championship Committee. The team numbers and, by consequence, 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.

11.3 Seating Rights

11.3.1 Round Robin

In each match of the round-robin, in order to determine the players' position at the table, the first mentioned team in the published draw sits NS in the Open Room. Both teams will submit their line-ups without having seating rights in accordance with the time limits determined in Section 10.

11.3.2 The Knock Out 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:

a) Two segments

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

b) Three segments

One team will have seating rights in two segments and the other in one segment

- i. If a team gets seating rights in segment one, the other will get seating rights in segment three
- ii. If a team gets seating rights in segment three, the other will get seating rights in segment two
- c) Four segments

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

- i. 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.
- ii. If a team gets seating rights in segment six, the other will get seating rights in segment one.
- iii. If a team gets seating rights in segment one, the other will get seating rights in segment six.
- d) Six segments

Each team will have seating rights in three of the segments.

- i. 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.
- ii. If a team gets seating rights in segment six, the other will get seating rights in segment one.
- iii. If a team gets seating rights in segment one, the other will get seating rights in segment six.

12. Change of Players

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session.

13. Disclosure of Systems and Conventions

13.1 WBF Systems Policy

The latest version of the WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest. This can be found on the WBF website or a copy can be obtained by contacting Anna Gudge (anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com).

These Championships are Category 3 in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy and neither Brown Sticker nor HUM systems are permitted at any time.

13.2 Submission of Systems and Conventions

Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets, fully completed will be required for each player in these events.

All participants in the Junior, Girls and Youngsters series are required to register their convention cards in advance so that the other teams can obtain them before the event.

Systems should be sent to the WBF Systems Administrator, Anna Gudge (anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com) no later than 20th July, but preferably earlier.

They should be prepared using the WBF Convention card, in either Word or Excel – please note that preparing them on a Mac using pages will not work as they do not print correctly. Blank copies of the Word and Excel templates together with the Guide to completion of the Card can be found by clicking here

They will be published on a website set up for the purpose and the URL will be sent to the captains so that they can download their opponents' systems. It will also be displayed on the WBF website. NBOs are requested to ensure that the NPC's email address is sent to anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com as soon as possible.

Captains and Coaches are asked to ensure that their players complete the card fully, in English, with supplementary sheets as necessary to clarify any specific bids and sequences.

Players should note that, in accordance with the <u>WBF Systems Policy</u> no HUM or Brown Sticker Systems are permitted in Youth events.

Players will be required to have two copies of their card available for the opposition at all times.

13.3 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.

13.4 Penalties for non-submission of Systems

Any partnership whose duly completed original card and supplementary sheets are not delivered as above requested (see 13.2 above), shall be required by the Head TD or the Operations Director to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than the first two days.

14. Psyching of Conventional or Artificial Opening Bids

The psyching of conventional or artificial opening bids is prohibited in any Category 3 event. This provision over-rides the current systems policy.

15. Tie-breaking Procedures

15.1 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.

15.2 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 to Section 15. 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 Section 15. 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 Section 15
- d) In all other cases, ties shall be broken in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Section 15. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - (ii) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Section 15. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - (iii) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Section 15. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - (iv) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

15.3 Four Teams

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 Section 15. and 15.2 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 Section 15.2, 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 Sections 15. or 15.2 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.

15.4 Knockout Phase - Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals

If there is a tie at the end of the quarter-finals, semi-finals, or the finals no extra session of boards will be played and the team which won the round robin match will be declared the winner.

In the event of the head-to-head match being a tie the higher ranked team at the end of the round robin will be declared the winner.

16. Disqualification or Withdrawal of a Team

Should a team that has played one half or less of the scheduled matches be disqualified, all matches prior to disqualification will be declared void and the scores earned by its opponents will be cancelled; if the disqualified team has played more than one half of its scheduled matches the same procedure for walk-overs will apply (as per the General Conditions of Contest which include the statement: if a team, by its own fault, is unable to play against another team, it will score zero VPs. Its opponents will receive the whichever score is best of (a) 12 VP, (b) the team's average, or (c) the average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault.

17. Penalties

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017. All infringements of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017. Monetary fines shall be paid in Euro, or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the WBF Treasurer. 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 Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 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. Penalties assessed in IMPs shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the match during (i.e. in regard to) 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.

An IMP penalty applied during the knock-out phase affects the match score in full e.g. if a match score were 100 IMPs - 87 IMPs in favour of team A, then were team A to be penalised 3 IMPs the match score would then become 97-87

17.1 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with Section 26 of the General Conditions of Contest:

- a) for the first such offence a warning shall be issued by the Tournament Director;
- b) for the second offence there shall be 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
- d) 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 of 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.

17.2 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:

17.2.1 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 minimum 5 VP plus 1 VP every 5 minutes but after 40

minutes the match is cancelled and considered a walk-over.

17.2.2 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 minimum 30 IMPs plus 2 IMPs every 5 minutes but after 40

minutes the match is cancelled and considered a Walk-Over.

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

17.2.3 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 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:

17.2.4 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the round obin

0+ 5 minutes late warning 5+ 10 minutes late 2 VPs 15+ 20 minutes late 2½ VPs 20+ 25 minutes late 3 VPs

Beyond 10 minutes following the scheduled finish time, the Head Tournament Director will terminate the match forthwith and the result will be scored using the VP table for 9 boards, irrespective of how many boards were actually played.

17.2.5 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the knockout phase

0+ 15 minutes late 1 IMP for each minute or part thereof

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the Head Tournament Director 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; the partnership is only protected from the time at which the Tournament Director is informed. A Director may install a monitor without request by the players.

In case of forfeiture of a match the Head Tournament Director may recommend more severe action by the Championship Committee.

18. WBF IMP to VP Conversion Scale

The WBF IMP to VP Conversion Scale is published on the WBF Website at http://www.worldbridge.org/victory-point-scales.aspx

19. Addresses and Websites

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19.4 Master Points

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19.5 Official Websites:

19.5.1 WBF Website: www.worldbridge.org

Master Point information: www.wbfmasterpoints.com

19.5.2 Olympic Movement: www.olympic.org

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA): www.wada-ama.org

19.5.3 Copies of the WBF General Conditions of Contest

These are available on the <u>WBF website</u> or by contacting Anna Gudge (address above). Players and officials should ensure that they are familiar with the following:

- WBF Anti-Doping Rules
- WBF Eligibility Code
- WBF Disciplinary Code
- WBF Anti-Betting Regulation
- WBF Dress Code
- WBF Systems Policy
- WBF Alerting Policy
- WBF Psychic Bidding Guidelines, and the
- WBF Code of Practice