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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

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 who wilfully misuses a Bridgemate by, for example, not entering the score at the end of each board or entering an incorrect lead, is liable to a score deduction as a penalty.

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.

No player will be permitted to play nor any Non-Playing Captain or Coach participate in any of the Championship events without having first registered a Commitment Form as required. Instructions for completing and sending the form together with the form to be downloaded are can be found by [clicking here](#)

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. Players required to take any medication that is prohibited should apply for a TUE* no later than 30 days before the play begins in the event they plan to take part in..

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, and entries should be received by the 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 at the same time as they register at www.worldbridge.org in order to facilitate processing on arrival 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 bring in 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 uncertainty of entry numbers, 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 site Bulletin boards.

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 players will be responsible for ensuring that their partnership has 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 there will be no photocopying facilities provided 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 to be playing systems that are not authorised, will be subject to penalty and required to stop playing such systems with immediate effect. Repeated offences may result in expulsion from the event.

6.2 Event Categories

In accordance with Section 3 of the WBF Systems Policy all events at these Championships are designated as Category 3 events. Consequently, neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker Conventions are permitted at any time during 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 masterpoints.

8.2 *McConnell and Rand Teams*

In both 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 masterpoints.

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*

8.6.1 *Rosenblum & Mixed Teams*

The top 16 teams at the end of the Swiss, choose their opponent from among the bottom 32, then the rest of the bracket is automatically assigned using the original seeding of the left-over teams

8.6.2 *McConnell & Rand*

The top 8 teams at the end of the Swiss, choose their opponent from among the bottom 16, then the rest of the bracket is automatically assigned using the original seeding of the left-over teams

8.7 Changes

According to art.38 of the General Conditions of Contest and to the number of entries the Championship Committee reserves the authority to modify the rules above indicated at 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.6 before the beginning of the championships. The changes will be immediately communicated and published.

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 teams 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 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 remains, teams will play one-board ("sudden death") matches as many times as is 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 is 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 maintaining the same line-up of the round just completed;
- iii. if the tie persists, one-board ("sudden death") matches as many times as is 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. Line-ups will not be submitted in advance.

10.2 The Knockout Phase.

The seating rights for each stanza will be automatically assigned by the scoring system, using random draw. The following restrictions will apply:

10.2.1 Two stanzas

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

10.2.2 Three stanzas

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

10.2.3 Four stanzas

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

10.2.4 Six stanzas

- a) Each team will have seating rights in three of the stanzas.
- b) The six stanzas are divided in portions of two each: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; when a team is assigned seating rights in one stanza of the portion, the other automatically gets the remaining stanza of that portion.
- c) If a team gets seating rights in stanza six, the other will get seating rights in stanza one.
- d) If a team gets seating rights in stanza one, the other will get seating rights in stanza 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, and 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 for the smooth running of the event. If this results in the disqualification of any contestant, that contestant will be ineligible to win Masterpoints from the time the substitution is made.

14. Format & Drop in Regulations

14.1 Format

All the Pairs Competitions will consist of qualification rounds, followed by semi-finals and finals. The Open, Women's, Senior and Mixed Pairs are play-through with no elimination. Players not qualifying for the A semi-final will play in the B semi-final and all players will play in either the A or B Final.

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 Pairs 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, which will be communicated via the Live News and Daily Bulletins on-site after the first qualifying session has commenced.

The total number of pairs in the Open 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 events, the number of participating pairs in each Semi-finals A & B and the Final will depend on the number of original entries which will be communicated via the Live News and Daily Bulletins on-site after the first qualifying session has commenced. 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 to these principles will be clearly announced on-site via 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 may drop into Pairs events, playing with a teammate, with someone having participated in another category in a 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 pm 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 in 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 pm on the day prior to the pairs event they have requested to play in. If this doesn't happen, 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. (Eg: 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 Pairs Qualification. Players eliminated in the round of 16 or Quarterfinals may drop into the applicable Pairs Semifinal. Players eliminated in the Semifinals may drop into the applicable Pairs Final.
- f) In the McConnell & Rand, players eliminated in the Round of 32 may drop into the applicable Pairs Qualification. Players eliminated in the round of 16 or Quarterfinals may drop into the applicable Pairs Semifinal. Players eliminated in the Semifinal may drop into the applicable Pairs Final.

- g) Drop-ins from the Mixed Teams to the Mixed Pairs, must include at least one player from the Mixed Team as per the rules provided above. Also, in the Mixed a pair composed of an npc and coach may not 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 Pairs Final, as losing semi-finalists are required to participate in a bronze medal playoff match.
- h) For drop-in purposes, the players must have fulfilled the minimum play requirements for Masterpoints.

15. Starting Time

All participants are required to be in their proper seating position five minutes before the announced start time for each play session.

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 relevant Swiss match. 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 match score at that time (eg if the score between teams A and B is 32 to 29 before calculating any penalty, and team A has been penalised 3 IMPs, the final score will be 29-29). In such an eventuality, the tie-break process will apply.

16.3 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

A Captain who fails to submit line-ups for KO matches in accordance with the Regulations will be subject to:

- a) for the first such offence - a warning from the Tournament Director;
- b) for the second offence - a penalty of 1 IMP.
- c) for the third offence - 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 a line-up first. The Captain of the other team will have five minutes to file his own after the offending team's line-up is filed,. If, following the 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 -	A minimum 5 VPs plus 1 VP for every 5 minutes thereafter, but after 40 minutes the match is cancelled and is considered a walkover. And at the discretion of the Head Tournament Director, may include a recommendation for 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 -	A minimum 30 IMPs plus 2 IMPs for each minute thereafter, but after 40 minutes the round is cancelled. And at the discretion of the Head Tournament Director, may include a recommendation for the 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 moment when play in a match or session is announced by a Tournament Director. If play continues beyond the time allowed, either one or both of the pairs will 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 after time -	Warning
5+ – 10 minutes after time -	2 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.

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
More than 15 minutes late	The Head Tournament Director will shorten the match.

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.

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 Pairs

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 will 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 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 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 who has reason to suppose that the delay in any round is caused by one pair rather than the other, may assess the penalty against the delinquent pair only.

17. Drawing cards from a board

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

18. Carry-over

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

19. Tie-breaking in Pairs events

Scores can be 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 similarly. If there is still a tie, the highest score in two sessions is decisive. This applies both in qualifying stages and finals.

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 correctly entering the score immediately following completion of play of each board. 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 a board.

21. Seating in Mixed competitions

There is no restriction on seating positions in Mixed competitions, whether it be Teams or Pairs..

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>