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45th WORLD 2021 BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, Wuhan Cup
WORLD NATIONAL TEAMS TROPHY

27th March – 9th April 2022

Organised by the World Bridge Federation
in cooperation with the City of Salsomaggiore Terme
with the support of the Italian Bridge Federation

Since October 2019 we have not had the opportunity to meet and to enjoy either bridge or social time together. This has meant that, owing to the dramatic effects of COVID-19, that shocked the whole world, we have been obliged first to delay and then to cancel all our Championships and Events for two whole years, 2020 and 2021.



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The virus is not yet completely eradicated, but thanks to the tremendous efforts made by the Science in finding a vaccine capable of reducing and mitigating its devastating effects, we have begun to return to a more normal life.

The situation has to be carefully considered and approached, but we are allowed to restart our planning to hold our championships in 2022.

As we stated, we have a strong will to do this and have had work in progress which means that now I am very pleased to confirm that the 45th World Bridge Team Championships will be held at

**PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI
Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy**

Of course, all the legal and safety requirements concerning COVID-19 (including vaccination and tests) that are in effect for the period and the duration of the event will be strictly applied and respected.

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy & Wuhan Cup

Format of the Championships

All four Championships will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. At the end of the round-robin (16 boards matches) the first best ranked teams will be admitted to the knock-out stages. Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final KO (96 boards matches will be played.

Timetable

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| • Teams on-site Registration | Sunday 27 th March (starting 9.30 hrs.) |
| • Captains meeting & Welcome | Sunday 27 th March at 18.00 |
| • Round Robin 1 st Match | Monday 28 th March at 10.00 |
| • Round Robin Last Match | Sunday 3 rd April at 16.15 |
| • Captains Meeting (Qualified Teams) | Sunday 3 rd April at 19.00 |
| • Quarter-final | Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th April |
| • Semi-final | Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th April |
| • Final & Playoff | Friday 8 th (Play-Off end) & Saturday 9 th April |
| • Prize-giving & Closing | Saturday 9 th April at 16.00 hrs. |

The complete schedule will be published on the WBF Website in due course.

Right to enter



Zonal Qualified teams for all four championships (in addition to the Host Teams):

- Zone 1 – 8 teams
- Zone 2 – 3 teams
- Zone 3 – 2 teams
- Zone 4 – 2 teams
- Zone 5 – 1 teams
- Zone 6 – 3 teams
- Zone 7 – 2 teams
- Zone 8 – 2 teams

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the following to Zone 6 and the third to Zone 1. Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

To be eligible for participation in the 45th World Team Championships each player, non-playing captain, coach, trainer and other team official **must comply with the Competitors Commitment & the WBF Laws and Rules & Regulations**. In addition the players and non-playing captains **must comply with the conditions of eligibility** set forth in the WBF Eligibility Code.

WORLD NATIONAL TEAMS TROPHY

It is with regret that, in view of the situation with Covid 19 and the various issues that arise as a result, it has been decided to cancel the World Open Transnational Teams on this occasion. However, a World National Teams Trophy will be introduced in its place, reserved solely for **the teams not qualified to the KO stage and the teams not qualified for the Semifinal of the WBTC. There is no entry fee for this event.**

The **World National Teams Trophy** will take place during the second week, starting at 10.00 in the morning on Monday 4th April. The format will be Swiss Teams with the teams from all four Championship events playing together. This will be followed by a KO stage.

The Swiss is normally played as 10-board matches (5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The Quarter Final and Semifinal will be played on Thursday 7th April, both on 32 board/matches (two sessions of 16). The Final (48 board/match – 3 sessions of 16) & Play-off (2 sessions of 16) will be played on Friday 26th August.

A BAM event will be organised on 7th and 8th of April for the teams not qualified to the KO stage in this event. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams in this event.

Medals & WBF MP will be awarded for the World National Teams Trophy. In addition, medals will be awarded for the leading teams not winning overall medals in each of the four categories Open, Women, Seniors & Mixed.



General Information

Communication of the qualified NBOs

The Zonal Presidents are kindly invited to communicate **as soon as known** the NBOs qualified from their own Zones to participate the Bermuda Bowl, the Venice Cup, the d'Orsi Senior Trophy and the Wuhan Cup to

Gianarrigo Rona

president@worldbridgefed.com

Registration of Teams for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior's Trophy & Wuhan Cup

All entries to the Championships **must be submitted electronically** (the pages will be available from 30 September 2021), **via the WBF website (not by email) by 15th December 2021**. It is very important that this deadline is respected.

Registration of Players' Names

Registration of players and NBO Delegation members must be sent **via the WBF website (not by email) by 31st January 2022**

Registration of Teams for the World National Teams Trophy

Registration of teams should be made **on site**.

Entry Fees & Payment

The entry-fee for each team competing in Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, Wuhan Cup is 4.000 (four-thousand) Euros to be paid **before on 15th December 2021**.

Free entry for the World National Teams Trophy.

Payments received after 15th December 2021 are subject to an automatic arrearage penalty of € 250 per team unless the NBO has made a separate arrangement with the WBF.



The entry fees **must be paid by bank transfer 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
(To be indicated)

If the bank requires the name and address of the recipient this is:

World Bridge Federation
Maison du Sport International
54 av. de Rhodanie
1007 Lausanne
Switzerland

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including the Eligibility Code, Anti-doping Regulation, Disciplinary Code, and the Dress Code **will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF website.**

Competitor's Commitment

Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials are required **to have signed the WBF Competitor's Commitment before the start of the event.** The Competitor's Commitment is binding and the absence of a valid signature **renders the competitor ineligible to participate the championship.** The NBOs are directly responsible for the fulfilment of the above mentioned mandatory requirement.

Blank copies of the Commitment form may be obtained from Anna Gudge (anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com) or downloaded by [clicking here](#). All four pages of the signed copies must be scanned and **returned by email before on 31st January 2022.**

Dress Code

The WBF Dress Code will be applied.



Antidoping & TUE

The full WBF Anti-Doping Rules and information about Anti-Doping can be found on the WBF Website by [clicking here](#). Zones and NBOs are asked to ensure that all their players are full aware of them.

From the day of the Opening up to and including the day of the Closing, individual competitors from the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Wuhan Cup will, in accordance with the WBF Anti-Doping Regulations, be randomly selected for anti-doping testing. It is obligatory for selected competitors to undergo such testing. The analyses will be done by WADA accredited laboratories.

All Players should be aware that failure to attend or refusal of a test if selected is **deemed a positive test and may lead to a suspension**. In addition, in some countries it is also deemed a criminal offence.

The NBOs are strongly recommended to pay attention to the Anti-doping Regulations and to ensure that their players are fully aware both of the regulations and of the penalties for not following them.

Please note that WADA has stated: *COVID-19 vaccines are not known to contain any Substance or Method on the Prohibited List or to interfere with anti-doping analysis.*

If a Competitor is **undergoing medical treatment** for a condition which requires medication on the World Anti-Doping Authority Prohibited list, the Competitor must get a dispensation (TUE) from the WBF Medical Commission.

The players requiring a Therapeutic Use Exemption Certificate **must complete the Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) Application Form and return it to the address given on the document as soon as possible and no later than 30 days before the commencement of the competition** in which they are participating. TUE forms can be downloaded by the WBF Website, where other essential information about the Antidoping Rules can be found.

The list of prohibited substances can be found at

<http://www.wada-ama.org/>

and the TUE form is available to download from the WBF website at

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

or by email from : anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com



Systems Registration

Systems for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Senior Trophy & Wuhan Cup **have to be registered with the World Bridge Federation Systems Administrator by 31st January 2022** to:

anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com

The conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration. **No HUM, or Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted at any stage of the Round Robin in either the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup or Wuhan Cup nor will they be permitted at any stage of the d'Orsi Senior Trophy.**

Pairs wishing to register Brown Sticker conventions or HUM systems for use in the KO phase **must register these, together with the relevant BS forms, by 31st January 2022.**

No extension to this deadline will be accepted. Players playing HUM systems will lose their seating rights.

Hotel Accommodation

A selection of hotel rooms at different price categories has been reserved in Salsomaggiore Terme by the LOC for the 45th World Bridge Team Championships. Hotels rated from 2 to 5 stars are available at the following rates (Bed & Breakfast accommodation):

Grand Hotel 5 Stars (200 meters to the venue)

Double for Single Use Room	€ 140
Double Room	€ 155

4 Star Hotels (from 200 to 500 meters to the venue)

Double for Single Use Room	€ 98
Single Room	€ 93
Double Room	€ 130

3 Star Hotels (from 200 to 500 meters to the venue)

Double for Single Use Room	€ 77
Single Room	€ 67
Double Room	€ 105

2 Star Hotels (from 200 to 500 meters to the venue)

Double for Single Use Room	€ 65
Single Room	€ 60
Double Room	€ 85



In addition to the above rates, the participants may have meals at their hotel (either lunch or dinner) a set menu, including a bottle of water, will be available at the following rates:

Grand Hotel: 35 €; 4 Star Hotel 30 €; 3 Star Hotel 25 €; 2 Star Hotel 20 €.

It's possible to arrange with the hotels a full or half board rate. Also arrangement in triple room is available.

Participants are advised to make their reservation as early as possible to have the best choice of available rooms. **Hotel accommodation is subject to availability and will be allocated on first come, first served basis. The LOC guarantees that current pricing will remain in effect until the end of January 2022.**

All the hotel reservations must be done through

Welcome Salso-Tabiano srl
E-mail: commerciale@welcomest.it
Phone: +39 375 6123907

Available also for any further information regarding hotels & accommodation.

Further Information

For further information contact

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I would be grateful if the Zonal Presidents could forward this first information letter to all the interested NBOs, thanking them in advance for their support and cooperation.

I am confident that in Salsomaggiore we will finally once again enjoy all together another great bridge event.

Yours sincerely,

Gianarrigo Rona