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1 Preamble for the 2022 World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships (the WYTBC)

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest (GCoC) as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the 2022 WYTBC to be played in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy from 7th to 14th August.

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest (SCoC) and the GCoC together form the set of rules and regulations governing the 2022 WYTBC.

The Rules and Regulations Committee of the WBF and/or the WBF Championship Committee reserve the right to make any amendments to these Conditions at any time should it be deemed necessary to do so.

Note particularly the following sections of the GCoC:

Section 3 : Conditions of entry including eligibility regulations and the information regarding the Commitment form which must be signed and sent in advance by all participants (players, NPCs, Coaches and other team officials). If a player is a minor then it must be signed by the parent or guardian.

Section 5 : Ethics and Deportment;

Section 6 : Anti-Doping Regulations. Please also note that the Application form for Therapeutic Exemption together with examples of the Medical Certificate that will be issued if the Exemption is approved by the WBF Medical Commission can be found on the WBF Website (www.worldbridge.org). Details of prohibited substances can be found on the World Anti-Doping Website at www.wada-ama.org. Participants should be fully aware that Anti-Doping Tests will be carried out during the Championships.

Section 7 : Dress Code;

Section 8 : Restrictions and Security;

Sections 10 & 11 : Vu-Graph, Broadcasting and Media Presentation;

A list of contact names and addresses, together with the URLs of websites holding additional information about the Championships can be found in Section

In the event of a conflict between the GCoC and these SCoC, the Supplemental Conditions shall prevail.

2 Definitions

Expressions defined in the GCoC shall have the same meaning where used in these SCoC. 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 2022 World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships

means the World Youth Transnational Teams Championships, the World Youth Transnational Pairs Championships, World Youth Transnational Board-A-Match Teams Championships the World Youth Transnational Individual Championship, and any other event played concurrently, to be conducted under the auspices and organisation of the World Bridge Federation ("WBF"), from 7th – 14th August in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.

2.2 NPC

means non-playing captain.

3 Conditions of Entry

See also Section 3 of the GCoC.

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 their 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. Entries should be made through the WBF Website.

Participation in this event by a player representing an NBO of which he is a member, or a temporary member, will not affect his or her eligibility to represent the country of which he is a National, or Bona Fide resident, in a future World Representative Event.

Teams may consist of between 4, 5 or 6 players

3.2 Age Criteria

Players born on or after 1st January 1997 (U26 Open and Women), on or after 1st January 2002 (U21), on or after 1st January 2007 (U16), or born on or after 1st January 1992 (U31) in good standing with their own NBOs, are eligible to play in their respective categories.

3.3 Submission of Entries

All entries to the Championships must be submitted electronically, via the WBF website. The entries will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of the applicant and are subject to their approval, as well as to the approval of the WBF Credentials Committee.

Championship Event

Entry Fee

World Youth Pairs	€ 200
World Youth Teams	€ 600
World BAM Youth Teams	€ 300 (free of charge for Teams coming from the World Youth Teams)

Entry to the Board-A Match Youth Teams is free for Teams/Pairs dropping out of the Teams Championship.

The entry fees may be paid by Bank Transfer **on or before 31st July 2022** 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

Alternatively the prescribed entry fees for championship events as listed above may be paid at the site of these Championships no later than the day before the commencement of the championship event in question (or if applicable, the final of a Championship event). Contestants should check the [Championship website](#) for updated information concerning how entry payments should be made.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, the Championship Committee, in conjunction with the Credentials 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: General Description

4.1 Youth Pairs

to be played from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th August. Prize giving will be held on Wednesday at 19.00, or 30 minutes after the end of play, whichever is later.

4.2 Youth Teams

to be played from Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th August. Prize giving will be held on Saturday at 19.00 hours, or 30 minutes after the end of play, whichever is later.

The entry fee guarantees the right of all the teams to play in the Board-A-Match Teams Championship.

4.3 Board-A-Match Youth Teams

to be played from Friday 12th to Saturday 13th August. The prize giving for the BAM Teams and the Closing Ceremony for the Championships will be held as per § 4.2 above.

4.4 Categories

Depending on the number of entries:

All championship events may consist of separate categories (U31, U26, U26 Women, U21 and U16). Some Categories, except U16, may be combined if necessary to provide a sensible format however there will be a separate ranking per Category.

5 Schedule of Play

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

6 Eligibility for Master Point Awards

WBF Master Points will be awarded for all Championship Events in accordance with the [WBF Master Point Plan](#).

7 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.

7.1 *Unauthorised Systems*

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.

7.2 *Event Categories*

In accordance with the [WBF Systems Policy](#) all Events at these Championships are designated as Category 3 events and thus neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker Conventions are permitted at any time or in any event.

7.3 *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 WBF Systems Committee, or its designee, shall be final and binding on all contestants.

7.4 *Supplementary Sheets*

Where a conventional sequence cannot be described adequately in the space provided on the WBF System 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 must be submitted along with the Card.

7.5 *Registration of systems*

Systems need not be registered in advance. However players must bring copies of their system card, in the correct format to the venue in order to be able to give a copy to each opponent at the table. It is advisable to bring extra copies as copying facilities will not be available at the venue.

7.6 *Convention Card Editor Programs*

The System Cards may be prepared using either of the following programs:

Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel ([blank templates are available – click here to go to the WBF Website](#))

7.7 *Psyching of Conventional or Artificial Opening Bids*

The psyching of conventional or artificial opening bids is prohibited. This provision over-rides the current Systems Policy. Law 12 applies in case of violations.

7.8 *Penalties*

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

TEAMS COMPETITIONS

8 Entry and Participation

Each team may consist of four, five or six players plus a non-playing captain. 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 (no later than 10th August), 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 the Championship and Credentials Committees.

The Tournament Director may seat a substitute player in the case of Force majeure, specifically if the team has only four players and may, if he considers it necessary, approve a substitution for other reasons.

9 Teams Format

9.1 General Description

Depending on the final number of participants in the respective Categories, either:

- a) Preferably a two-day Qualification phase played as a Swiss or complete Round Robin, followed by a one-day Knockout phase, or
- b) a complete Round Robin over three days, or
- c) Whichever format will be deemed appropriate by the Championship Committee

9.2 Qualification Phase

9.2.1 Swiss

The seating for the first round will be made by random draw.

9.2.2 Round Robin

This method of Qualification will be used only if the participation numbers allow a complete Round Robin.

9.3 Knockout Phase

For the Knockout phase the teams will be seeded according to their ranking after the Swiss phase.

9.3.1 Pairing

The top 25% qualifiers will, in turn, choose their opponent among the last 50% qualifiers. The remaining teams will be seeded based on their ranking in the Qualification, with the highest facing the lowest remaining seed.

9.4 Brackets for the Knockout phase

To be announced on site

9.5 Direct Knockout

A tie will be broken in favour of the team ranked higher in the Qualification Phase.

10 Line-Ups

10.1 Qualification Phase

In each match, the first named team will sit North-South in the Open Room, and will be the Home Team, therefore the opposing team will have to sit first; there is no requirement to submit line-ups in advance.

10.2 Knockout Phase.

In a match divided into stanzas, the team with the seating rights in the first half of a stanza sits NS in the open room during that stanza.

The procedures for determining the Home and Visiting team in each match or session of play shall be as follows:

10.2.1 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 North and South in the Open Room.

10.2.2 Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, Final and Play off

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

10.2.3 Two stanzas

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

10.2.4 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.

10.3 Direct Knockout: Line-up Times

From the Quarter Final onwards, line-ups for the Direct Knockout are to be submitted at the place designated by the Director of Operations or the Head Tournament Director. The Team required to submit its line-up first shall do so no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the Session or at such time as the Director of Operations or the Head Tournament Director determines.

The Team required to submit its line-up second shall do so no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the Session (see Section 11.4 for penalties for a breach of these procedures): provided that if the team required to submit its line-up first is late, the other team shall be allowed 5 minutes from the time of such late submission in which to submit its line-up.

See also Section 11.4

11 Penalties

The following schedule of penalties is supplemental to any penalties prescribed by the Laws of

Duplicate Bridge.

11.1 Monetary Fines

Monetary fines shall be paid in Euro. Monies collected shall be turned over to the Tournament Director

11.2 Victory Point Penalties

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

11.3 IMP Penalties

An IMP penalty applied during the knockout 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

11.4 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

- a) for the first such offence a warning will be issued by the Tournament Director
- b) for the second offence there will be a penalty of 1 IMP.
- c) for the third offence there will be a penalty of 2 IMPs and for each subsequent offence there will be a penalty of 4 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 apply only to the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. Following the filing of the offending team's line-up the non-offending captain then has up to five minutes to file his own team's line-up. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the five minute grace period, this captain is also subject to penalty.

11.5 Late Arrival

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:

During the Qualification stage

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

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

11.6 *Slow Play*

The time allowed for each match or session is computed from the time play is started by a Tournament Director. A Tournament Director who judges that a match will be so late that it disturbs the start of the next round may truncate the match by removing boards. Law 86 may apply.

If play continues after the time allowed by Section **Error! Reference source not found.** of these Conditions, then one or both pairs are subject to penalty as follows:

11.6.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Round-Robin

0+ – 5 minutes late -	1 VP
5+ – 10 minutes late -	1½ VPs
10+ – 15 minutes late -	2 VPs
15+ – 20 minutes late -	2½ VPs
20+ – 25 minutes late -	3 VPs
Over 25 minutes late -	5 VPs plus 1VP for each additional 5 minutes and the Head Tournament Director will impose disciplinary penalties on the pair and/or on the team. After 40 minutes the match will be truncated by removing unplayed boards; if this happens the match will be scored only with the boards played at both tables, with the same conversion scale as for completed matches. At the discretion of the Head Tournament Director this may include recommendation of forfeit of a match or more severe action by the Championship Committee.

Example:

If a 16-board match or session took 2 hours and 35 minutes (excess of 15 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 6 extra minutes, the total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2 VPs penalty and pair B 0.8 VP penalty.

Excess time apportioned to a pair during the knockout stage

0+ – 25 minutes late -	1 IMP for each minute or part thereof.
Over 25 minutes late -	30 IMPs plus 2 IMPs for each minute thereafter and the Head Tournament Director will impose disciplinary penalties on the pair and/or on the team. After 40 minutes, the match will be truncated by removing unplayed boards. At the discretion of the Head Tournament Director this may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the President will determine responsibility for slow play. A partnership that considers the opponents are playing slowly must inform the Tournament Director and a monitor may be appointed to the table; the partnership is only protected from the time the Tournament Director is informed. A Director may install a monitor without request of the players.

12 Board-A-Match

12.1 General Description

The detailed format and schedule will be defined, and published, when the number of entries is known.

12.2 Movement

Depending on the number of entries, the movement will be either "Mirror Mitchell" or "Mirror Barometer Howell".

12.3 Seeding

In order to have sections as well balanced as possible, the teams will be seeded according to their ranking after the Qualification phase, and spread among the sections accordingly.

In case of Teams registering just for the BAM, they will be seeded according to WBF rank of their top four players. The specific regulation will be published on site, if needed, by the Operations Director.

12.4 Tie Breaking Procedures

The following criteria will be used in order until the tie is broken:

- Minimum number of boards lost.
- If all teams involved played each other the result of all boards played among them.
- Total points of all boards played in common.
- Total points of all boards played.

12.5 Starting Time Lateness Penalties

These will be the same as those for Pairs events – see section 19.

13 Disqualification - Withdrawal

In the case of a team being disqualified or withdrawing the following rules apply:

- a) if this happens up to half of the scheduled matches: all previous results of such team are cancelled;
- b) if this happens from the half +1 of the scheduled matches on, the results achieved by the opponents will be retained and for the successive matches the teams will receive either the number of VP equal to their own average (at the end of the round-robin) or the VP average of their opponents in the matches against the disqualified team or 1.2 VP, whichever is greater.

There will be no refund of the entry fee in this instance.

PAIRS COMPETITIONS

14 Format

Depending on the final number of participants in the respective Categories, either:

- a) a two-day Qualification phase followed by a one-day Final A and B, or
- b) a complete "Howell" movement over three days.

15 Seeding

In case a phase is **not** played as a complete Howell, the Championship Committee will seed the field and assign starting positions so as to, to the extent possible, create a balanced field.

The Operations Director 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.

16 Fill-In Pairs

Since it is desirable that all Sections are of equal size, the Championship and Credentials Committees are authorized to approve the entry of pairs not officially entered in the event to equalize Section sizes.

17 Substitutes and Alternates

After the announced number of qualifying pairs is selected in case of Format 15 a), all other pairs rank as alternates, in order of their qualifying score.

The Operations Director and the Head Tournament Director may make emergency substitutions whenever they are necessary for 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.

18 Movements and Scoring

When the number of entries in each event becomes known, the Championship Committee will decide and publish the Format, number of pairs qualifying for Final A in case of 15 a) and number of boards to be played. In the finals, each pair will play against each other pair, barometer style. Scoring in all events will be across the field.

19 Duration of Rounds

The time allowed for completion of a round is based on 8½ minutes per board, including changes.

If this time limit is exceeded, penalties will be imposed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

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.

Penalties imposed by the Tournament Director in accordance with this Section are final.

20 Carry-Over

There may be a carry-over from one stage to another (to be announced on site).

21 Tie-Breaking

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.

22 Correction of Scores

Contestants are advised to agree their scores with opponents after each round. An agreed score that is proven erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Head Tournament Director, shall be corrected up to 30 minutes after the posting of the scores at the end of play of the penultimate match of the round robin, and the penultimate stanza of a KO match. As for the last match, and the last stanza, the correction period expires 30 minutes after the end of play in that specific match.

23 26 Eligibility for Awards and Master Points

Titles and Medals will be awarded irrespective of the number of boards played

The Master Point scale for the Championships can be found at www.wbfmasterpoints.com and the awards will be published on that website following the event.

Any queries relating to Master Points will be settled by the Master Points Committee on site.

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24.6 *Websites:*

The official WBF Website:

www.worldbridge.org

The Website for these Championships

<http://championships.worldbridge.org/salsomaggiore-wyoc-22>

The WBF Master Points website:

www.wbfmasterpoints.com

The official Website of the Olympic Movement:

www.olympic.org

The official Website of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

www.wada-ama.org