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1. Preamble for the 2014 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 2014 World Bridge Series Championships to be played in Sanya, China from Friday 10th – Saturday 25th October 2014

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2014 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 "2014 World Bridge Series"

means the World Mixed Teams Championships, 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 Championships for the Rand Cup (also known as the "Rand Senior Teams"), the World Open and Women's Pairs Championships and the World Senior Pairs 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 10th – 25th October 2014, in the MGM Grand and the Sheraton Hotels or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.

2.2 "these Championships"

mean the 2014 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 Championships 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 aged at least 60 years old. The player must be (or attain) the required age during the calendar year of the Championship.

2.15 "NPC"

means non-playing captain.

2.16 "Bridgemate"

means an electronic device used for scoring. North or South is responsible for the use of the device and is required to familiarise him or herself with its operation. A player voluntarily misusing a Bridgemate, as, for example, not entering each score at the end of each board or entering an incorrect lead, is liable to a penalty given as a score deduction.

2.17 Open and Closed Rooms

The rooms respectively referred to as the "Open" and the "Closed" rooms shall be so designated in each match (or Session) by the Operations Director or his designee.

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such

meaning, the decision of the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to any one gender shall include the other gender.

3. Conditions of Entry

See also Sections 3 and 4 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 Submission of Entries

Entries shall be made through the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org. Players are encouraged to enter in advance, but in any case entries should be made by 1st September 2014. However, late entries will be accepted if there is sufficient space at the venue.

3.3 Entry Fees

Mixed Teams	US \$ 1.200
Open, Women, Senior Teams	US \$ 1.500
Open, Women, Senior, Mixed Pairs	US \$ 600

Players are strongly encouraged to pay the entry fees for the main Championship events in advance when they register at www.worldbridge.org in order to facilitate their entry at the Championship site.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, the Tournament Rules and Regulations 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 Transnational Mixed Teams

to be played from 11 - 15 October. The Knock-out stage will start Monday 13 and end on Wednesday 15

4.2 Transnational Mixed Pairs

to be played from 13 - 17 October. The Qualification stage will be played on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15, with the A & B finals on Thursday 16 and Friday 17

For both the Mixed events, in order to ensure that there shall be a man and woman on each side of the screen, the men shall sit North and West, the women East and South.

4.3 Transnational Knockout Open (Rosenblum), Women's (McConnell) and Senior (Rand) Teams

to be played from 18 - 23 October.

The Qualification Swiss will start on Saturday 18; the Knock-out will start on Monday 20 and the event will finish on Thursday 23. See Section 9 for more detail.

4.4 Transnational Open Women's & Senior Pairs

to be played from 21 - 25 October.

The qualification will be played on Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23, with the Finals for A & B being played on Friday 24 and Saturday 25.

5. Schedule of Play

The Schedule of Play is given in Section 25. Due to the uncertain number of entries, all schedule of play & drop in regulations etc are subject to revision under the Conditions of Contest. Any such revisions will be published in the Daily Bulletin and on the Bulletin Boards on site.

6. 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.

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 Disclosure Requirements

Contestants in all Championship Events are required to make full written and oral disclosure of their Systems - see Sections 11 - 13 of the General Conditions of Contest, the WBF Systems Policy and the WBF Guide to

Completion (of the WBF Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets), Failure to comply with this obligation will result in penalties being imposed.

For the purposes of these Conditions of Contest, unless repugnant to the context, Supplementary Sheets are deemed to be part of the Convention Card of a partnership.

All pairs will be responsible for ensuring that they have two properly completed convention cards in English at the table at the start of each session. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in penalties being applied.

Players are advised that no photocopying facilities will be provided on site by the World Bridge Federation.

Players are encouraged to call the Tournament Director if they consider that their opponents are playing an unauthorised system. Players discovered playing unauthorised systems will be subject to penalty and required to stop playing such systems with immediate effect. Repeated offences may result in their expulsion from the event.

7.2 Event Categories

In accordance with Section 3 of the WBF Systems Policy all Championship Events at these Championships are designated as Category 3 events. Consequently, neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker Conventions are permitted at any time or in any event. Players are responsible for ensuring that they have correctly categorised their system (especially with regard to Red Sticker systems which must be registered in advance – see Section 8.1).

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 Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee or his 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 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.

8. Additional Systems Regulations

8.1 Filing of Systems and Cards- Red Sticker Systems

It is a requirement that Red Sticker systems are pre-registered by email with the WBF Systems Administrator for any event in which these are to be used no later than 20 September 2014; such systems will be posted on the website for other players to download and study before the start of the Championships. Each system pre-registered must be accompanied by an email stating:

- a) the names of the players & their NBOs (country/countries)
- b) email addresses for both players wherever possible
- c) the Championship events being entered using the system

8.2 Approval of Red Sticker Systems

Even though Red Sticker Systems have been registered and displayed on the Web-site they may still be restricted on site at the discretion of the Chairman of the Systems Committee (or his designee). If Red Sticker Systems are not registered in advance, then pairs will not be permitted to play these systems for the duration of the relevant championship.

8.3 Registration of other systems

While it is not mandatory to register systems other than Red Sticker, pairs are encouraged to do so, and any registered systems will be displayed on the website for other teams to download. Please ensure that email addresses for as many players as possible are supplied to the WBF Systems Administrator in order to facilitate communication.

8.4 Convention Card Programs

The Convention Cards may be prepared using any of the following programs:

- Microsoft Word or Excel – a template can be downloaded from the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org
- the WBF Convention Card Editor (Windows Version) may also be used as may
- the Convention Card Editor written by Lee Edwards but their use is discouraged.

When sending cards generated by the WBF CCE, pairs should ensure that if they have supplementary notes, the notes file, which is generated separately by the program, is also included.

The Convention Card may also be sent in Acrobat (PDF) Format PROVIDED Acrobat ver 6 is used and the file size is small, but these may not be scans of a paper copy; they may only be generated from the original program using Acrobat Professional or a similar program. Picture formats (.jpg, .bmp etc) will not be accepted.

Whatever program is used, players are responsible for ensuring that the formatting is such that all the information lies within the printable area of the page. If there is insufficient space then supplementary sheets (cross referenced and in English) must be used.

On receipt of the cards, the Systems Administrator will convert the format to PDF files which can be read and printed using Acrobat Reader which is available as a free download from www.adobe.com. It is advised that the latest version should be obtained.

Pairs are responsible for checking their own convention cards on line, to ensure that the card displayed is complete, correct and has any supplementary notes that are required.

The WBF reserves the right to display the Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets in a public area for interested parties to see them. If a full system is submitted, this will not be included on such pages of the site.

The fact that Cards and Supplementary Sheets are circulated by the WBF does not mean that the WBF has considered such Cards as completely acceptable; systems although accepted as registered, may require amendments after being circulated.

8.5 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 7 and 8. A decision on such a matter is final.

Teams Competitions

9. All Teams Events

9.1 Rosenblum Teams

For the Rosenblum Teams, the first day (October 18) will be a qualification phase consisting of a Swiss with 8 matches of 7 boards, qualifying approximately 50% of the field for the semi-final A; the rest of the teams will play the semi-final B. Both semi-finals will be a Swiss, of 8 x 7 board matches played on the second day (October 19). The leading 27 teams of the A semi-final and the 5 teams of the B semi-final will go on to play the knock-out phase. There will be a carry-over from the qualifying to the semi-final teams (see 9.4 below). If the number of entered teams is substantially greater than 240, then the number of qualified teams for the semi-final A may be varied but will never be less than 40% of the field.

The Knock-out phase will proceed as follows:

October 20: Round of 32 (42 boards, 3 x 14 board rounds) and round of 16 (1 x 14 board round)

October 21: Round of 16 (28 boards, 2 x 14 board rounds) and round of 8 (28 boards, 2 x 14 board rounds)

October 22: Round of 8 (14 boards, 1 x 14 boards round) and semi-final (42 boards, 3 x 14 board rounds)

October 23: Final (56 boards, 4 x 14 board rounds).

On October 20 for the eliminated teams, a "bracketed KO" for the teams will be organized for players/teams that have not qualified for the KO stage, together with additional teams. New players (not NPCs or official coaches) will pay an entry fee of US\$20 per match.

Team numbers: teams are numbered according to the seeding (see 9.4) and keep their numbers for the semi-final phase (second day). For the KO phase, the teams will be renumbered according to the new seeding.

9.1.1 Carry Over:

the score of the teams qualifying to the Swiss A & B Semi-finals will be adjusted to a carryover by using the factor produced by the following formula:

$$C = S * (Q/E + 1)/2$$

Where C = carryover

S = raw score

Q = number of qualifiers

E = number of participating teams

If this factor produces a spread of more than one and one half of matches of Victory Points (30), then the appropriate factor is used to cause a spread of 30 VP between the higher and the low qualifiers.

9.2 Mixed Teams

The Mixed Teams will have the same format as the Rosenblum teams with some differences in the number of the boards in the KO phase, as follows:

October 11: qualification phase 8 x 7 board matches

October 12: semi-final A and semi-final B, both 8 x 7 board matches. Qualifies 27 and 5 respectively.

October 13: Round of 32 (28 boards, 2 x 14 board rounds) and round of 16 (28 boards, 2 x 14 board round)

October 14: Round of 8 (28 boards, 2 x 14 board rounds and semi-final (32 boards, 2 x 16 boards)

October 15: Final (56 boards, 4 x 14 board rounds)

9.3 Women's and Senior Teams

The Women's and Senior Teams will follow the same principles of the Rosenblum and Mixed, depending on the number of entries: they will play a 2 or 3 day qualification, followed by a knock-out phase. Details will be published in the Daily Bulletin and on the Bulletin Board.

9.4 Drop-in Regulations

For the regulations regarding drop-ins to the Pairs Championships please see section 15.

9.5 Seeding

In these events, the teams will be seeded by a Seeding Committee. See Section 24 for the seeding criteria.

9.6 Venue for the Playing Area

It is anticipated that there will be a large number of teams participating in this event. Up to 160 teams from a single championship event can be accommodated in a single venue (the MGM Grand Hotel) but in the event of there being more teams, then the Mixed and Rosenblum Teams (and if necessary the McConnell and Senior Teams) will be divided into two groups, one of which will play in the MGM Grand Hotel, the other in the Sheraton.

In this event, teams will be seeded according to the seeding criteria outlined in Section 24 and groups will be formed by the Championship Committee which will seek to obtain the best possible balance between them.

In the Knockout phase, the teams will play direct knockout matches in accordance with the schedule of play. See Section 25.

9.7 Use of Screens

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

9.8 Brackets

Full details of the brackets for all team events will be published on site when final numbers are known.

9.9 Bronze Medals

In all teams competitions the losers of the semi-finals are considered Bronze Medallists and will receive the Master Points awarded to the 3rd place.

10. 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:

10.1 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):

IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:

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:

Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains then:

Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains then:

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

10.2 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) 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 10.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

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 10.1.

If the three teams remain tied, then:

- i. 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 10.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- ii. 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 10.1;

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

- a) 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 10.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

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 Sub-section 10.1. If the three team remain tied, then:

Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 10.1.

If the three teams remain tied, then:

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

10.3 Four Teams or more

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:

- 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 Sub-section 10.2, 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 10.1 and 10.2 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 10.1 or 10.2 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.

10.4 Direct Knockout

10.4.1 All matches except the Semi-Finals and Finals:

The criteria is as follows: (1) A two-board match will be played, teams keeping the same positions at the table and the same line-up of the last round; (2) one "sudden death" board as many times as necessary to break the tie.

10.4.2 Semi-Finals and Finals:

In the semi-finals there will be additional 4-board matches and in the final an additional 8-board match. After these matches, if the tie still remain, teams will play one "sudden death" board as many times as necessary to break the tie.

11. Line-Ups

11.1 Swiss Teams.

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

11.2 Direct Knock-out.

In the two round matches: the lower numbered team will sit NS in the open room and will choose to be home or visiting team or pass this choice to the opponents. In the three round matches there will be a coin toss. The winner of the toss may elect to have seating rights in any one of the three 14-board rounds; the opposing team then have seating rights in the remaining two rounds. Alternatively, the winner of the toss may pass the initial choice to their opponents, in which case the opponents chose any one round and the winner of the toss takes the remaining two rounds. In the four rounds matches there will be a coin toss. The winner of the toss may elect to be Home or Visiting team in one of the two 28-boards segments or may pass this election to the opposing team. Accordingly, each team shall be Home team for one segment and Visiting team for the other; either the Operations Director or the Head TD will determine how and where the line-ups will be submitted.

12. Adding Players to a Team

Each team is entitled to have six members 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 5th October), 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 Credentials Committee.

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.

PAIRS COMPETITIONS

13. 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.

14. Substitutes and Alternates

After the announced number of qualifying contestants is selected, all other contestants rank as alternates. Alternates rank in order of their qualifying score.

The Championship Committee may authorise the Operations Director or Head Tournament Director to make emergency substitutions if they are necessary to the smooth operation of the event. If this results in the disqualification of any contestant, the contestant shall be ineligible from the time the substitution is made to continue to win Master Points.

15. Format & Drop in Regulations

All the Pairs Competitions will consist of qualification rounds, followed by semi-finals and finals. In the Mixed and Open the finals will be in four sessions (54 pairs will participate in the A final and the rest of the pairs will participate in the B final). In the Women's and Seniors the number of participating pairs in the finals will depend of the number of original entries. In all cases, the qualified pairs from the qualification rounds to the semi-finals will be about 50% of the field. Changes in these principles will be clearly announced on site in the Daily Bulletin & on the Bulletin Board 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.

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

- a) Only players knocked out of the relevant team event can drop in to the semi-finals or final. For the 2014 World Bridge Series, because of the anticipated number of entries to the Rosenblum teams, players eliminated from the Rosenblum may drop into any of the three pairs events – i.e. two women who have played in the Rosenblum teams may drop into the Women's Pairs, or two senior players into the Senior Pairs. However, those from the McConnell Teams may only drop into the Women's Pairs and those from the Senior Teams may only drop into the Senior Pairs, but see 9.2 above). 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 into. If this is not done, they will not be permitted to drop in.
- b) Drop-Ins to the semi-finals.
 - i. Mixed teams: Any pairs, NPCs and official coaches eliminated in the round of 8 or the semi-finals may drop in to the semifinal of the Mixed Pairs.

- ii. Open Teams: Any pair (but not NPCs or official Coaches) eliminated in the round of 8 or the semi-finals of the Open teams may drop in to the semi-final stage of the Open pairs.
 - iii. Mixed and Open Teams: In addition, any World Grand Master who wishes to play with a player who has been eliminated in the round of 8 or semi-final of the Mixed or Open teams can drop in the semi-final of the pairs competition provided that: (1) the World Grand Master registers in accordance with section a) above and announces that he will play with such player in the pairs competition, independent of which stage at which such player is eliminated and (2) the player concerned has complied with the minimum requirements of play until the stage he was eliminated (see section 22).
 - iv. Women's and Senior Teams: These regulations regarding the semi-final drop-ins may be different for Women's and Senior teams because of the number of entries, and will be detailed in the Daily Bulletin and on the Bulletin Board on site. The drop-ins will not include NPCs and official coaches at the semi-final stage but the rights of a World Grand Master will remain in accordance with section iii above.
- c) Drop Ins to the finals. Any pair (but not the NPCs or official coaches) participating in any of the team finals may drop in to the final of the respective pair tournament (but see sections a) above. In addition, any World Grand Master who wishes to play with a player who has participated in the team finals, may drop in the pair finals provided that: (1) the World Grand Master registers in accordance with a) above and announces that he will play with such player in the pairs competition and (2) the player concerned has complied with the minimum requirements of play until the stage he was eliminated (see section 22).
- d) Two World Grand Masters playing in partnership may drop-in directly to the Semi Final provided they are duly registered in advance.

16. Starting Time

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

17. 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.

17.1 Monetary Fines

Monetary fines shall be paid in US Dollars and the exact amounts of the fines will be published on the WBF Website pages for the event and detailed in the Daily Bulletin on site. Monies collected shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmission to the WBF Treasurer.

17.2 Victory Point Penalties

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

17.3 IMP Penalties

Penalties assessed in IMPs shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the match during which the penalty was imposed,

before its VP score is calculated. However the score of the non-offending team shall not be affected.

In the knockout phase a penalty fully affects the score of both teams (e.g. if the score between teams A and B is 32 to 29 before calculating any penalty, and team A has been penalised 3 IMP, the final score will be 29-29). Following such an eventuality, the tie-break process will apply.

17.4 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a captain fails to submit his team's line-up in accordance with Section 11:

- a. For the first such offence a warning shall be issued by the Tournament Director.
- b. For the second offence there shall be a fine of not less than US\$30**
- c. For the third offence there shall be a fine of not less than US\$60 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of not less than US\$75.**

** the exact amount of the fines to be imposed shall be decided in advance and the participants informed before the start of the event.

Penalties are cumulative

When failure to provide the line-up in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, penalties under this Section shall be imposed only on the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. The captain of the other team shall have five minutes after the filing by the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the extra five minutes allocated in the foregoing, whichever is later, this captain too is deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to penalty under this Section.

17.5 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:

17.5.1 During the Round-Robin

Minutes Late	Penalty
0+ - 5	Warning to captain(s)
5+ - 10	1 VP
10+ - 15	2 VP
Over 15 minutes late	at the discretion of the Head Tournament Director; may include recommendation of forfeit of the match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

17.5.2 During the Direct Knockout Matches

Minutes Late	Penalty
0+ - 5	Warning to captain(s)
5+ - 25	1 IMP plus an additional 1 IMP for each full minute or part thereof beyond 5 minutes.
Over 25 minutes late	at the discretion of the Head Tournament Director; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

A contestant who is late, having been warned as to lateness on a prior occasion, shall be penalised. Where these Conditions prescribe no greater penalty, the minimum to be applied in such a case is ½ VP in round-robin matches or 3 IMPs in Direct Knockout matches. All decisions as to lateness shall be made by the Tournament Director, and shall be final.

17.6 Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the time play in such match or session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the time allowed by then either or both of the pairs shall be subject to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

17.6.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Swiss

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 - at the Discretion of the Head Tournament Director; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

In the Swiss, after 10 minutes following the scheduled finish time, the TD will truncate the match and the result will be scored using the VP table for 7 boards, irrespective of the number of boards actually played.

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 total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2 VPs penalty and pair B 0.8 VP penalty. In any case if the Tournament Director judges that one match will be so delayed that it would disturb the starting time of the next round, he may truncate it, reducing the number of the boards played: if this happens the match will be scored with the boards played at both tables, and for boards played at just one table Law 86D will be applied. The same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

17.6.2 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Knock Out Phase

0+ – 25 minutes late 1 IMP for each minute or part thereof

Over 25 minutes late at the Discretion of the Head Tournament Director 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 shall determine responsibility for slow play. A partnership which considers its opponents are playing slowly shall inform the Tournament Director who may appoint a monitor if he thinks it is necessary; the partnership is only protected from the time at which the Tournament Director is informed. A Director may install a monitor without request of the players.

17.7 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.

17.8 Starting Time and Lateness Fines in Pair Games

All participants are required to be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time for each Session of play. Should either member of a partnership not be seated in his starting position at the announced starting time, the pair receive an official warning for a first offence during that phase of the event for being up to 5 minutes late, then 10% of a top for each period of 5 minutes or part thereof up to 20 minutes, after which penalties shall be at the discretion of the Championship Committee, which may include disqualification from the event. These penalties are in addition to any boards that are removed and scored as 40%.

If a player fails to arrive within 20 minutes of the announced starting time of the Session, that pair shall be withdrawn from that Championship Event. The Head Tournament Director may, in his discretion, seat a provisional substitute in case of emergency.

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

A pair delaying the tournament will be penalised at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

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

18. Withdrawing Wrong Cards from a Board

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

19. Carry-Over

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

20. Tie-Breaking in Pairs Events

Scores are tied only if they are identical. If a tie needs to be broken, the winner is the pair with the highest score in its best Session played at that stage. Further ties are broken likewise. If there is still a tie, the highest score in two Sessions is decisive. This applies both in the qualifying stages and in the final.

If a tie (or ties) still exists the remaining tie (or ties) shall be broken in favour of the pair who scored the most match points against the highest ranking pair or pairs that all the tied pairs played against. Should a tie still exist, the foregoing procedure shall be used with the next highest ranking pair or pairs and so on until the tie is broken.

21. Recording of Scores

The recording of scores will normally be done using the Bridgemate computer system. However, in the event that it has to be done manually at any stage, the North or South player is responsible for filling out the scoring form, including entering the correct score for each board immediately after the completion of play. The East or West player must verify the score by initialling the scoring form. When entering the required information on the scoring form, care must be taken to ensure its legibility. Pairs failing to enter or verify a score correctly may be penalised 10% of the available match points on one board.

22. Eligibility for Master Points

In order to be eligible to receive Master Points for the qualifying stages of the Mixed and Open teams, a player must play at least three 7-board matches in each stage.

For the Women's and Senior Teams it will depend on the number and size of the matches of the respective qualifying stages.

In order to be eligible to receive Master Points in the KO stage of:

- The Mixed teams: a player must play at least one session in each two-session match and two sessions in the final.
- The Rosenblum teams: a player must play at least one session in each three-session match and two sessions in the final.

For the Women's and Senior Teams it will depend on the number and size of the matches of the respective KO stages.

For the Women's and Senior Championships, the MP eligibility regulations will be announced on site and published in the Daily Bulletin and on the Bulletin Board.

The Master Point scales for the World Bridge Series will be published on the WBF Website.

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The WBF Website through which registration can be made in advance, 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.

24. Appendix A – Criteria for Seeding the Teams

Seeding will be based upon WBF Master-Points, but weighted in the case of teams-of-five or -six based upon the minimum number of boards the 5th/6th ranked player would normally be expected to play (See section 22).

The second day of the Swiss is considered to be a new event; teams will start with their respective carry-overs. The carry-over formula refers to both the A and B events. Therefore round 1 assignments for this second phase are based purely upon the carry-over score, and 're-matches' from day one may arise throughout day two.

For the first day of the Swiss, the teams will be divided into three groups of approximately the same size (one third of the field each).

The first group will be composed of the teams with higher number of seeding points. The third group will be composed of the bottom one third of teams, with the lowest number of seeding points. The second group will contain the rest of the teams.

For pairings in the first match, teams from the first group will play against the third group (random draw) and the teams from the second group will play within their own group (random draw).

24.1 In the Rosenblum & Mixed Swiss Teams events

24.1.1 Team of four:

the average number of MPs per player.

24.1.2 Team of five:

the average weighted in the ratio 29, 29, 29, 29, 12 per player (12 for the lowest ranked player).

24.1.3 Team of six:

the average weighted in the ratio 26, 26, 26, 26, 12, 12 per player.

In the case of the Mixed Teams only, the four higher ratios relate specifically to the top two highest rated male players and the top two highest rated female players in the team.

24.2 For the Rosenblum and Mixed KO

24.2.1 In the Rosenblum KO

As above, but with bonus seeding points added based on overall ranking at the end of the qualifying stage (see section 24.4).

24.2.2 In the Mixed KO

As per the Swiss above, except that the ratios for teams-of-five or -six become:-

Team of five: 7, 7, 7, 7, 4.

Team of six: 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 4.

With bonus seeding points added based on overall ranking (see section 24.4).

24.3 In the McConnell and Rand Swiss and KO

The basic criteria will be the same but will depend on the number of teams entered.

24.4 Bonus Seeding Points

The criteria for seeding the teams remains the same, varying the number of boards (different for Mixed and for Rosenblum) and adding a bonus to reflect the position of the team in the qualification phase (for this purpose, the teams from semi-final B will be placed 28th to 32nd according to their positions in the semi-final B).

The bonus seeding points to be added are ten times the inverse of the team's position in the qualification. For example, the first qualified will get $32 \times 10 = 320$ bonus points; the second placed in the qualification will received $31 \times 10 = 310$ bonus points and so on.

24.5 Renumbering for the KO phase of all events

For the KO phase of all events (Mixed, Rosenblum, McConnell & Rand), teams will be renumbered according to the reseeding criteria. The bracket of the KO will be as shown in section 24.6, which is for 32 qualified teams. If because of a reduced number of entries, the KO starts with a round of 16, a similar bracket will be used.

24.6 Bracket for 32 Teams



25. Appendix B – Schedule of Play

World Bridge Series			
FRIDAY	Meetings		
	Opening Ceremony		
SATURDAY	MIXED Teams- SWISS – qualification 1 (8 matches, 7 boards) qualifies about 50% of the field		
SUNDAY	MIXED Teams- SEMI-FINAL A (8 matches, 7 boards) qualifies 27 teams for the KO	Semi-final B - 8 x 7 qualifies 5 for the KO	
MONDAY	MIXED Teams - Rounds of 32 and 16 (28 boards each)	PAIRS - qualification. 1 & 2	
TUESDAY	MIXED Teams - R of 8 and SF (28 and 32 boards)	PAIRS - qualification. 3 & 4 qualifies +/- 50% to the SF	
WEDNESDAY	MIXED Teams - Final (56 boards) Losers of the R of 8 and SF can drop-in to Pairs SF	PAIRS Semi-Final 1 and 2 qualifies 54* for the Final	PAIRS Final B 1 & 2
THURSDAY		PAIRS Final 1 and 2	PAIRS Final B 3 & 4
FRIDAY		PAIRS Final 3 and 4	
SATURDAY	ROSENBLUM Swiss qualification.: 8 x 7 boards qualifies about 50% of the field		
SUNDAY	ROSENBLUM semi-final A 8 x 7 boards qualifies 27 teams for the KO	Semi-final B - 8 x 7 qualifies 5 for the KO	
MONDAY	ROSENBLUM - R of 32 (42 boards) + R of 16 (14 boards)	Swiss B - continues	
TUESDAY	ROSENBLUM - R of 16 (28 boards) + R of 8 (28 boards)	PAIRS - qualification. 1 & 2	
WEDNESDAY	ROSENBLUM - R of 8 (14 boards) + SF (42 boards) Losers of the R of 8 and SF can drop-in into Pairs SF	PAIRS - qualification 3 & 4 qualifies +/- 50% to the SF	
THURSDAY	ROSENBLUM Final - (56 boards)	PAIRS SF - 1 & 2 qualifies 54* for the Final	PAIRS Final B 1 & 2
FRIDAY		PAIRS Final 1 & 2	PAIRS Final B
SATURDAY		PAIRS Final 3 & 4	
	Closing Ceremony		

* qualifies 54 less the drop-ins

Remarks

- 1) The number of qualified pairs for the final depends on the drop-ins
- 2) There will be no play-offs to reduce the drop-ins into the pair finals.
- 3) The schedule of play outlined here is for Mixed and Open teams and pairs. Some adjustments will be made for Women and Seniors events where the number of entries is anticipated to be substantially lower than those for the Mixed and Open events.
- 4) Provisional Time Schedule – this is just indicative and the detailed schedule will be published in due course

Pairs	10:30 and 16:45				
Teams					
7 board matches	2 rds, 14 brds	1 + 3 rounds	2 + 2 rounds	3 + 1 rounds	4 rounds
	2 rds, 16 brds	14 boards	14 boards	14 boards	14 boards
10:00-11.00	10:00-12:00	10:30-12:30	10:30-12:30	10:30-12:30	10:30-12:30
11:20-12:20	12:20-14:20	13:40-15:40	12:50-14:50	13:40-15:40	13:40-15:40
12:40-13:40	15:30-17:50	16:00-18:00	16:00-18:00	16:00-18:00	16:00-18:00
15.00-16.00	18:10-20:30	18:20-20:20	18:20-20:20	18:40-20:40	18:20-20:20
16:20-17:20					
17:40-18:40					
19.00-20.00					
20.20-21.20					