



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

YOUTH COMMITTEE

11th WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

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CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. Preamble for Youth Teams

The *Conditions of Contest* herein set forth are supplemental to the *General Conditions of Contest* for the World Bridge Championships, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the *11th World Youth Bridge Team Championships* to be played in Bangkok, Thailand, from 29 July to 8 August 2006.

These *Supplemental Conditions of Contest* and the *General Conditions of Contest* together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 11th World Youth Bridge Team Championships.

2. Definitions

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. '*11th World Youth Bridge Team Championships*' means the 11th World Youth Bridge Team Championships to be conducted under the auspices of the WBF from 29 July to 8 August 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand, or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.
- 2.2. '*these Championships*' means the 11th World Youth Bridge Team Championships referred to in Section 2.1.
- 2.3. '*the host NBO*' means the Contract Bridge League of Thailand (CBLT).
- 2.4. '*these Conditions of Contest*' means the within *Supplemental Conditions of Contest* for the 11th World Youth Bridge Team Championships.
- 2.5. '*Schedule of Play*' means the schedule of play of each championship event, either as contained in these Conditions of Contest or as subsequently determined by the Tournament Committee.
- 2.6. '*Session*' means one match in the round-robin (if matches are played straight through without a break), or half a match in the round-robin (if matches are played in two halves with a break in between), or a 16-board set of the head-to-head matches.
- 2.7. '*Table Score Card*' means the form prescribed by the WBF to score the matches.

2.8. 'World Standard Card' means the Card referred to in Section 9.2.1, copies of which will be available at this Championship.

2.9. 'Designated Pit Matches' means the matches referred to in Section 21.

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in the 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 & Regulations Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to one gender shall include the other gender.

3. Conditions Of Entry

See also Section 3 of the *General Conditions of Contest*.

3.1. General

The 11th World Youth Bridge Team Championships comprise two series: for **Junior** and **Schools** teams. They will be conducted under the auspices of the WBF. The event will be played in accordance with the International Code 1997 and these Conditions of Contest, whose special provisions for this Championship supplement the International Code as required.

3.2. Entitlement to Participate

Each Zone of the World Bridge Federation is entitled to take part in each series of the Championships through representative teams. Zone 1 may be represented by up to five teams in each series; Zones 2 and 6 by up to three teams; Zone 3 by up to two teams; Zones 4, 5, 7 and 8 by up to one team. The host country may also participate with one representative team in each series. In case one of the above teams does not participate, one additional (sixth) team may be invited from Zone 1.

Each NBO, duly qualified in its Zone, shall be entitled to nominate one team for each series of the championships, except if the qualified NBO has more than 125,000 members in which case they may enter up to two teams in each series, with the consent of the corresponding Zone.

No transnational teams may be entered in any series, unless a Zone has, in total, fewer than 2,500 members. In this case, the Zone may enter transnational teams consisting of players from countries belonging to the Zone, provided that each such country does not exceed 500 members).

By participating in these Championships, each Zone and its contestants agree that all or portions of the event may be filmed, recorded, or otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the WBF.

Participation is by WBF invitation only. Furthermore, no player should be eligible to compete unless his name has been submitted for invitation by the WBF, in writing, by his Zone – see, *inter alia*, Section 3.3.

3.3. WBF Credentials Committee

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the WBF, the President has appointed a Credentials Committee from among the members of the Executive Council, whose functions shall be (subject to these Conditions):

- (1) To determine all questions relating to the rights and eligibility of players, non-playing Captains and other team officials whose names have been submitted by Zones for invitation to compete in this Championships ('nominated'), taking into account the reports received from Zonal Conferences and NBOs (if any) regarding previous discipline or suspension of players under their jurisdiction.

The names of players, non-playing Captains and other team officials submitted by the eligible Zones for invitation to this Championship must be transmitted to the WBF electronically via Internet using the form available at the address:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/bangkok.06/asp/EntryFormStep1.asp>

no later than 30 June 2006 unless the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee in his discretion authorizes a later notification.

- (2) In its discretion, to refuse to invite any player, non-playing Captain or team official whose name has been submitted for invitation by a Zone, as aforesaid, to participate in this Championship. In such cases of refusal, no reason shall be given by the Credentials Committee.

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied, *inter alia*, that each contestant:

- a. was born on or after 1st January 1980 (for the Junior series) / on or after 1st January 1985 (for the Schools series).
- b.
 - (i) was nominated by the NBO (or the Zone to which that NBO belongs) of the country of his birth, or the NBO of which such nominated player first became a member; *or*
 - (ii) was nominated by the NBO (or by the Zone to which that NBO belongs) of the country of his citizenship or bona fide residence.

In the case of a Zonal representation, including players of different NBOs, each player must satisfy the conditions of (i) or (ii) above, in his respective NBO.

Entries shall be rejected if any NBO whose players are submitted for invitation by a Zone is in arrears in the payment of any monies due to the WBF for annual dues, entry fees to any WBF event (e.g., the Worldwide Bridge Contest), as to which circumstance the decision of the WBF President shall be final.

3.4. Submission of entries

The names of the non-playing Captain, team officials and the players in each team, and the dates of birth of each player must be submitted to the WBF through Internet following the procedure at <http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Bangkok.06/EntryProcedure.htm> before 30 June 2006.

3.5. Entrance Fees

The prescribed entrance fee for this event, namely US\$3,000 per team (but a discount of \$2,000 will be granted to teams obtaining a signed confirmation from the venue hotel that they have paid for their rooms as members of the 'world bridge' group), should be paid to the WBF Financial Director:

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and payment must have been received by the WBF before the start of the Championship. The Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee may not allow the participation of a team which is in arrears with the entrance fee at the start of the Championship.

3.6. Team Members

In addition to a non-playing Captain, and possibly other officials, each team may have four, five or six members; if a Zone wishes to replace a team member or members, or if fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement and/or increase to five or six members (each must be from the Zone submitting the team) may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with permission of a majority of the members of the Credentials Committee present at the site. However, the Tournament Appeals Committee reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee, to place, at its discretion, any restrictions, substitutions or replacements on that team it deems proper.

3.7. Restrictions on smoking, mobile phones and pagers, and alcohol

3.7.1. **Smoking** in the playing area, the lobby and toilets is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area in order to smoke before the end of the session. Any player or team official smoking before, during or after the session in the playing area, lobby or toilets will result in his team being fined 1 VP. This penalty is mandatory and non-appealable. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing, and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area and lobby.

- 3.7.2. **Mobile phones and pagers** may not be brought into the playing area, the lobby and toilets. Any player or team official bringing a mobile phone or pager into the playing area, the lobby and toilets will result in his team being fined 2 VP. This penalty is mandatory and non-appealable.
- 3.7.3. **Alcohol.** The consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area and toilets is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area in order to consume alcohol. Any player consuming alcohol, before, during or after the round in the playing area or toilets will result in his team being fined 1 VP. This penalty is mandatory and non-appealable. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation of this regulation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing.

4. **Eligibility for Awards**

The scale of WBF Master Points Awards for the 11th World Youth Bridge Team Championships, with more than 10 participating teams, shall be: 150 Master Points for each qualified member of the winning team; 100 Master Points for each qualified member of the second placed team; 50 Master Points for each qualified member of the third placed team.

In order to receive Master Points for any placement, a player must participate in at least one third of the boards played by his team in the Round-Robin and, in addition:

- a. In order to be eligible to receive Master Points for the first place, a player must participate in at least one-third of the total number of boards played by his team in the semi-final and final combined, with the proviso that the player must participate in at least one-third of the boards played in the final.
- b. In order to receive Master Points for the runner-up position a player must participate in either
 - (i) at least one-third of the boards played by his team in the semi-final; *or*
 - (ii) at least one-third of the total number of boards played by the team in the semi-final and final combined.
- c. In order to receive Master Points for the third or fourth place a player must participate in at least one-third of the boards played by his team in the semi-final and play-off combined.

In order to earn the title of World Junior/Schools Champion, a player must participate in at least one third of the boards played by his team in the Round-Robin and at least 48 of the boards played by his team in the semi-final and final combined with the provision that these boards include at least 32 boards played by his team in the final.

Boards played to break a tie do not count as part of the total number of the boards played by a team. However, they shall count as boards played by those who participate in them.

5. Type of Contest

The Championships will start with one complete qualifying Round- Robin in each series. The number of boards per match depends on the number of participating teams.

With 15 or more teams in each series, matches will be of 16 or 20 boards respectively, played straight through without a break; with 13-14 teams, matches will be of 24 boards played in two halves with a break in between; with 11-12 teams, matches will be of 32 boards played in two halves with a break in between.

In each series, the four teams with the highest VP totals at the end of this phase will qualify for the semi-finals. The semi-finals will be knock-out matches of 64 boards. The two semi-final winners will meet in a final match of 96 boards which will determine the first and second place. The defeated semi-finalists will meet in a 64-board match to determine the third and fourth place.

6. Time Schedule

The time schedule of play will be announced when the final number of entries is known.

6.1. Time Schedule - Line-up Submission Schedule

The Visiting and Home Team Captains must submit their line-ups prior to the start of each session according to the following schedule:

a. One-session matches (without break):

not later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session (one hour before the start of the first session), without knowledge of each other's line-up.

b. Two-session matches (with break):

- for the first session (half): *Visiting team* – not later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session (one hour before the start of the first session);

Home team – not later than 20 minutes after the end of the previous session (55 minutes before the start of the first session), and after being informed of the opponents' line-up.

- for the second session (half): same schedule as above with the Home team and the Visiting team being exchanged.

6.2. Line-up Change

A submitted line-up may be changed for cause, at the discretion of the Chief Tournament Director. Any changes permitted by the Director may be reviewed by the Tournament Appeals Committee. The Committee may impose penalties or adjust the result of the match in case the cause is judged to be insufficient.

If a team is allowed to change its line-up, then the opponents may also change their line-up and will be permitted a reasonable length of time to do so.

7. Designation of Matches

7.1. Round-Robin

The schedule of matches will be announced when the final number of entries is known.

7.2. Semi-Finals

In each series, if two teams of the same NBO or country qualify for the semi-finals they shall be required to play against each other at this stage. Otherwise, the team placed first in the qualifying Round-Robin will have as opponent the second, third or fourth placed team in the Round-Robin, according to its free choice. The two remaining teams will meet each other for the other semi-final match.

There shall be a coin toss to determine the 'Home Team' rights in both the semi-final matches. The winner of the toss may elect to be 'Home Team' or 'Visiting Team' during any of the two 32-board portions of the match, or it may pass this right of choice to the opposing team. After the selection of the 'Home Team' portion has been made the opposing team shall be designated 'Home Team' for the remaining portion of the match.

7.3. Final

In each series, there shall be a coin toss to determine the 'Home Team' rights immediately after the end of the semi-finals. The winner of the toss may elect to be 'Home Team' or 'Visiting Team' during any one of the three 32-board portions of the match, or it may pass this right of choice to the opposing team. After the selection of the 'Home Team' has been made, the other team selects in which one of the remaining two 32-board portions it will be 'Home Team'. For the remaining 32-board portion, the winner of the toss (or the opposing team, if the winner gave up its rights) will select if it will be 'Home' or 'Visiting'.

7.4. Play-off for third place

The 'Home Team' rights for the play-off shall be according to the same criteria as in the semi-final.

8. Conversion Scale

The difference in International Match Points (IMPs) earned by the two opposing teams at the end of each match of the Round-Robin will be converted to Victory Points (VPs) according to the WBF IMP-VP conversion scale for the number of boards played, as published in the *General Conditions of Contest*.

9. **Obligation to Disclose Systems & Conventions - Restrictions under WBF Systems Policy**

9.1. **WBF Systems Policy**

The Championship will be played in strict accordance with the WBF Systems Policy (revised August 2002 and available on Internet at the address: <http://www.worldbridge.org/departments/systems/policy.asp>) which in its entire form is part of these Conditions of Contest.

Participants are reminded that the use of both HUM systems and 'Brown Sticker' conventions is prohibited.

9.2. **Disclosure of Systems and Conventions**

Each team Captain is responsible for sending via electronic mail to the

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before 15 July 2006, for every partnership that will play in this Championship (according to the *WBF Systems Policy*, a maximum of four different Systems are allowed per team, regardless of the number of pairs that could be lined-up by the team) their System described on an official WBF Convention Card, accurately completed, plus a maximum of two Supplementary Sheets, to describe conventional sequences in detail.

Teams are required to fill in their Cards electronically using the *WBF Convention Card Editor*, version 2 for Windows (do not use the DOS version). The software is available for downloading, free of charge, at the Internet address: <http://www.worldbridge.org/departments/systems/cce.asp>

After all Systems of a team have been approved:

1. that team will be given a password allowing them access to all approved Cards & Supplementary Sheets of other teams of the same series at a designated Internet address.
2. 25 copies of each Card and Supplementary Sheet must be made, brought to the Tournament site and delivered to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee before the Captains' Meeting. Upon request, this job may be undertaken by the organizers but a fee may be charged.

Copies of the Cards and Supplementary Sheets will be made available to the Captains at the tournament site on the day of the Opening Ceremony

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary sheets have not been submitted in accordance with these Conditions, may (in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 19.1.) be required to use the System described on the *World Standard*

Card for one or more of the first four matches of the Round-Robin. In addition, a penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

9.3. **Supplementary Sheets**

Where a conventional sequence cannot be described adequately in the space provided on the WBF Convention Card, a reference number should be placed prominently at the appropriate place on the Card: a Supplementary Sheet bearing that reference number, and containing the complete explanation, must be submitted along with the Card (a maximum of two Supplementary Sheets are allowed – see Section 9.2). The provisions of these Conditions of Contest applying to Convention Cards shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to Supplementary Sheets.

9.4. **Requirements for Disclosure**

Contestants are required to make full written disclosure of their System, and to make a full disclosure of the meaning of any call or play in response to a proper question at the table from an opponent. The only correct way of disclosure is in writing and no claims of damage will be considered if this procedure is not followed.

If a player makes use of any conventional call not sufficiently described on his Card (including Supplementary Sheets), that player's team may be subject to a procedural penalty (Law 90) for the infraction, or to disciplinary penalty (which may include suspension by the Tournament Appeals Committee of the partnership of which the offending player is a member for one or more future sessions of the relevant Championship event) as well as to score adjustments to correct the damage.

The onus of disclosure is on the user. When there is a claim of damage through inadequate disclosure, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Appeals Committee will give the benefit of any doubt to the opponents.

10. **Home Team – Visiting Team Designations**

'Home Team' and 'Visiting Team' designations shall be in accordance with Section 7.

If there is a tie at the end of the semi-final, the play-off or the final, requiring that an extra session of boards be played, there shall be a draw by the Captains to determine the 'Home Team'. If a tie still exists after the end of the first set of eight tie-break boards, the 'Visiting Team' during the first eight boards shall be the 'Home Team' for the final eight boards. Line-up changes may be made before the play begins for either the first or second (if needed) group of eight tie-break boards. In each case, the Captain of the 'Visiting Team' shall submit line-up at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director, the 'Home Team' Captain within five minutes thereafter. Each group of eight extra boards shall be considered as a separate match. If a tie still exists, requiring that single-board 'sudden death' matches be played, the line-ups and seating positions for both teams will be the same as for the second eight boards of the tie break.

11. Seating of Players

In the Round-Robin, teams play according to the schedule which will be published in the programme.

The 'Home Team' sits throughout any Round-Robin match and any 32-board portion of matches in the semi-final, final and play-off, in the N-S direction in the Open Room and in the E-W direction in the Closed Room. A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a session. (But see exception in Section 12.2. when extra tie-break boards are played.)

12. Tie-Breaking Procedures

12.1. Round Robin

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the Round-Robin, the tie shall be broken as follows (in the sequence shown):

- a. IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams. If the tie remains, then
- b. Victory Points earned by the tied teams in that match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then
- c. IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then
- d. Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then
- e. Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams. If the tie remains, then
- f. One board ('sudden death') matches will determine the winner.

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the Round-Robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a. IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then
- b. If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them, it shall be declared the winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then
- c. If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them, it shall be declared the winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with Sub-section 12.1.

- d. If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1.
- e. In all other cases, the tie shall be broken in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then
 - (ii) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then
 - (iii) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then
 - (iv) One board ('sudden death') matches will determine the winner.

If four or more teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the Round-Robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a. IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1., if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then
- b. If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams 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 12.1., if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then
- c. Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1., if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then
- d. One-board ('sudden death') matches will determine the winner.

12.2. **Semi-Final, Play-Off and Final**

In the semi-final, play-off and final, if a tie exists at the end of the match, it will be resolved by playing eight additional boards. (For line-ups see Section 10). Should a tie still exist, eight more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, a one-board ('sudden death') match will determine the winner.

13. Length of Matches

Each 12-board session is to be completed within one hour and forty-five minutes, each 16-board session within two hours and twenty minutes, and each 20-board session within two hours and fifty minutes. After that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see Section 19).

Additional time will not be allowed for teams playing on Vu-Graph; neither will extra time be granted because of the use of bidding boxes, screens, discussions of systems or for other similar reasons. Time allowed for additional boards in tie-breaks shall be 9 minutes per board. (Vu-Graph presentation for any match or session will not start until the Tournament Director notifies the Chief Commentator or his designee.)

14. Byes – Match Forfeiture – Disqualification

Byes: In the event of a team having a bye in any session, it will receive 18 VPs.

Teams must play against every other team against whom they are drawn. A country not able to play against another country will score zero. Its opponents will receive a figure arrived at by taking the average score obtained against the defaulting country by the eight teams nearest in the ranking list to themselves at the end of the Championships, or 18 VPs, whichever is the greater.

In case a team is disqualified, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may, in the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee, be declared void and scores earned by its opponents in those matches may be canceled or varied.

15. Carry-Over

There will be carry-over from the Round-Robin match into each of the semi-final, play-off, and final matches.

This carry-over in each case will be calculated by reference to the net IMP difference on the boards played against each other by the two opposing teams during the Round-Robin. The calculation is 50% of the difference, if in favor of the team which was placed higher at the end of the Round-Robin, and 33 1/3% otherwise.

The maximum carry-overs will be: for the semi-final and play-off matches, 16 IMPs; for the final, 24 IMPs.

16. Curtain Cards (if used)

At the start of each match, or session of a match, which is played with the same set of boards in both rooms, each player may be required to write the name of his NBO on a Curtain Card. At the conclusion of play of the first board, in each room of a match, each player should place the Curtain Card on top of the bridge hand so that it may be read after playing cards have been returned to the duplicate board.

After the boards are moved to the other table in the match, each player shall examine the Curtain Card in the pocket of the designated position. If the Curtain Card names the NBO of the opponents the play proceeds. If the Curtain Card names the player's own NBO or an NBO other than that of the opponents, the Tournament Director must be summoned forthwith, before the playing cards are removed from the duplicate board. Failure to follow this procedure will result in penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

17. Scoring and Recording

17.1. Scoring at the table

The 'Bridgemate' will be used for scoring all matches.

At each table North is responsible for entering the required data on the 'Bridgemate', and East must confirm. Players may record these data on unofficial score cards provided, for their own use.

17.2. Recording the matches

There will be no recording at the table.

The hand records will be provided by the organizers.

18. Verification of Scores

18.1. Scoring of results

Match results will be available from the organization at the end of the round. No action is required by the teams.

18.2. Control of results

If a team does not agree with the posted result of their match, they should inform the Tournament Director on duty.

18.3. Protest time

In respect of scores and results, protest time ends at the starting time of the first match on the day following, and in respect of the final day's play two hours after the official finishing time of the final match.

18.4. Official results

If at the end of protest time no protest has been lodged, the posted result, shall become the official result of the match with the exception of:

- a. a pending appeal;

- b. adjustment in respect of any fines to which either team is liable;
- c. final completion by the replay of one or more boards where such a replay has been directed;
- d. an error in score discovered later by the scoring team.

An official result may be altered only by written notice from either the Tournament Committee or the Appeals Committee.

18.5. **Publication of decisions**

All decisions involving play, penalties, deals, infringement of Rules etc., must be posted on a board at a marked location. However, the fact that a penalty has not yet been posted and that the attention of the players or captains has not yet been drawn to it, does not nullify the penalty.

19. **Penalties**

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the International Code. All infringements of the International Code will be dealt with in accordance with the International Code. Monetary fines shall be paid in Thai Baht. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee. Further to the publication of these Conditions of Contest no further warning is required (whether from the Director or otherwise) prior to the application of any penalty under the provision of the International Code or of these Conditions of Contest.

Victory Points penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the Round-Robin. The VP penalties shall affect individual matches for purposes of tie-breaking procedures.

Penalties assessed in IMPs shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the match during (i.e. in regard to) which the penalty was imposed and these penalties do affect the results for purposes of tie-breaking procedures.

19.1. **Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion**

Any team containing a partnership that, through the agency of his Captain, or otherwise, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 9.2. shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 9.2.):

- a. not be provided with the password enabling them to access the Systems of the other teams at the designated Internet address.
- b. not be provided with a copy of the Systems of opposing teams on-site, unless and until the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee has been provided with the required number of copies of the System used by that team's own pairs;

- c. be subject to a decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee who may forbid the team to use specific conventional understandings not submitted in accordance with these Conditions of Contest. If a disallowed convention is used, the Tournament Appeals Committee may impose penalties at its discretion.
- d. the Tournament Appeals Committee may also decide to impose a monetary penalty on the NBO of the team that failed to comply. This penalty may not exceed ten times the deposit required for lodging an appeal (Section 19.6.)

19.2. Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with Section 6:

- 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 Bt 1,000;
- c. for the third offence there shall be a fine of Bt 2,000; *and*
- d. for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of Bt 5,000.

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

19.3. Lateness

Any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of a match or a session of a match will be assessed a penalty according to the following scale:

- *During the Round-Robin*
 - 0-5 minutes late: warning for the first offence, ½ VP for each subsequent offence;
 - 5-10 minutes late: 1 VP
 - 10-15 minutes late: 2 VPs
 - 15-20 minutes late: 3 VPs
 - 20-25 minutes late: at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include forfeit of match or more severe action.
- *During the Semi-final, Play-off and Final*
 - 0-5 minutes late: warning

- 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: at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

19.4. **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 Section 13 of these Conditions then either or both of the teams shall be subject to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which the pairs are judged responsible, as follows:

19.4.1. *Excess time apportioned to the teams during the Round-Robin*

- 0-5 minutes late: 1 VP
- 5-10 minutes late: 1 ½ VPs
- 10-15 minutes late: 2 VPs
- 15-20 minutes late: 2 ½ VPs
- 20-25 minutes late: 3 VPs
- over 25 minutes late: at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

Example: If a 12-board match took 2 hours (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.

19.4.2. *Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Semi-final, Play-off and Final*

- 0-25 minutes late: 1 IMP for each minute or part thereof
- over 25 minutes late: at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee or his designee, 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. The Tournament Director may seat a monitor without request of the players.

19.5. **Fouled Boards**

See the *General Conditions* for explanation. If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to an automatic penalty of 1 VP in the Round- Robin and 3 IMPs in the semi-final and final and play-off. Above that a further procedural penalty may be given.

19.6. **Frivolous Appeal**

Forfeiture of the deposit of Bt 2,500 if the Tournament Appeals Committee determines the appeal to be without merit ('frivolous'). See Section 19 of the *General Conditions of Contest*.

19.7. **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.

20. **Duplicated Boards**

Duplicated boards will be used throughout this Championship, whenever possible.

21. **Journalists and Spectators**

21.1. **Journalists**

21.1.1. *Application of these Conditions of Contest*

All Journalists are invitees of the WBF and their presence at the Championship is subject to their behaving in a correct, ethical and sportsmanlike manner and to them observing these *Conditions of Contest*, to which they are subject.

21.1.2. *Accreditation*

All Journalists present at the Championships must be jointly accredited by the Credentials Committee of the WBF and by the proper Committee or Official of the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA). In the event of disagreement over accreditation between the WBF and the IBPA, the view of the WBF shall prevail.

21.2. **Spectators**

21.2.1. *Application of these Conditions of Contest*

All Spectators are considered invitees of the WBF and their presence at the Championship is subject to their behaving in a correct, ethical and sportsmanlike manner and to them observing these *Conditions of Contest*, to which they are subject.

21.2.2. *Entry in the Open Room*

Entry in the Open Room is normally allowed during approximately the first two thirds of the time allowed for each session, as it will be specified by the Chief Tournament Director. Thereafter no spectators will be admitted, nor will spectators who have left the room for whatever reason be re-admitted. The Chief Tournament Director may decide to alter this rule for security reasons.

21.3. **Watching at the table**

Spectators, team officials and journalists (collectively named 'spectators' below) are subject to the following rules:

- a. No more than eight spectators shall be permitted at any one table, unless the Chief Tournament Director decides otherwise. (Where 'pits' are in use a large number of spectators shall be permitted. The number permitted shall be determined by the Chief Tournament Director.)
- b. Spectators may watch at only one table. The observance of this regulation is particularly important when pre-duplicated boards are in play. Any spectator who attempts to watch at a second table will be required to leave the Open Room and, at the discretion of the Appeals Committee, may be subject to greater penalties. If a spectator leaves the room temporarily and then re-enters he must return to the same table.
- c. Spectators are requested to remain quiet and must refrain from addressing the players or otherwise distracting their attention.
- d. Looking at two hands is forbidden. If this opportunity should arise by accident, no special interest must be shown. Sitting in a position so as to see both sides of the screen is forbidden.

22. Attendance in the Closed Room

Subject to any supplementary regulations made by the WBF and to spectators at Designated Pit Matches, except by special permission of the President or the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee, only the following are permitted to enter the playing rooms:

- a. participants assigned to play in that room;
- b. Tournament Directors;
- c. WBF Director of Operations;
- d. personnel needed to operate this Championship, including official scorers, recorders (including the N/S team's non-playing captain acting as a recorder, except when the match is shown on Vu-Graph in which case recording will be made by assigned tournament personnel), timers, monitors, caddies and Vu-Graph personnel;
- e. the President;
- f. Chairmen of the Tournament Appeals Committee and Youth Committee;
- g. Members of the Tournament Appeals Committee who are on duty;
- h. staff people for provisions of refreshment and room clean-up, if necessary;
- i. 'Officials on duty' appointed for a specific session or sessions by the President, the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee or the Chairman of the Youth Committee;
- j. a maximum of two members of the Daily Bulletin staff to be named by its Editor;
- k. a maximum of four approved journalists who have been accredited by the President (or his designee) of the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) and ratified by the Chairman of the WBF Credentials Committee or his designee.

The assignment of places in the playing rooms to those in categories (j) and (k) shall be made by the Editor of the Daily Bulletin subject to the following rules: (There are a maximum of 6 individuals who represent categories (j) and (k). For purposes of the following, those 6 are considered a single group and members of it are referred to as 'representatives'.)

- (i) Except by permission of the President or the Chairman of the Youth Committee, not more than one 'representative' shall be at any table at the same time; preference will be given to category (j).
- (ii) A 'representative' who has also been registered as a team official will not be allowed to watch his team.
- (iii) The 'representative' must enter the room before the session begins, must remain on the same side of the screen throughout the session and, should he leave before the end of the session, may not re-enter the room.
- (iv) A 'representative' from category (k) may not be assigned to either room of a match that is presented on Vu-Graph. A 'representative' from category (j) may be assigned only to the Closed Room of a Vu-Graph match. However, if both rooms of a match are being simultaneously presented on Vu-Graph, 'representatives' from all categories shall be excluded from both playing rooms of the match.
- (v) A 'representative' from category (k) who is from the same NBO as a player in that room, is deemed to be, for the purpose of Law 11, a spectator for whose presence at the table that player is responsible. Accordingly, the player's consent is required for the 'representative's' presence at the table.

23. Pit Matches

If the WBF does not decide to allow general admittance into the Open Room, it may still allow the Open Room segment of selected matches in the Round-Robin to be played in special areas (Pits) designed for spectators to observe the play. Such matches are referred to in these Conditions as 'Designated Pit Matches' and (if they take place) may be subject to supplementary regulations issued by the WBF after the date of these Conditions of Contest. However, spectators at any Designated Pit Match shall not include non-playing team members from either of the competing teams.

