

WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**Supplemental Conditions of Contest
for the
2008 World Mind Sports Games**

Incorporating the World Bridge Games:

**Individual Men's & Women's Championships
WMSG National Open Teams
WMSG National Women's Teams
WMSG National Youth Bridge Teams
WMSG National Youth Bridge Pairs
WMSG National Youth Individual Championship
The Ortiz-Patiño Trophy (under-26)
The Damiani Cup (under-21)**

**Other Championships:
World Seniors International Cup
World Transnational Mixed Teams**

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1. Preamble

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Championships, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the World Mind Sport Games, incorporating the World Bridge Games: WMSG National Youth Bridge Teams; WMSG National Youth Bridge Pairs; WMSG National Youth Individual Championship; National Open Teams; National Women's Teams; the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy (under-26) and the Damiani Cup (under-21)

Other Championships: Individual Invitation Open & Womens' Championships; World Seniors International Cup; World Transnational Mixed Teams.

These events are to be played in Beijing, China, from 3 - 18 October 2008; the Opening Ceremony will be on Friday 3rd October, play will start on Saturday 4th October. The Closing Ceremony will be on Saturday 18th October.

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2008 World Mind Sport Games, Bridge Games and other associated bridge events.

2. Definitions

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in duplicate bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007). 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; reference to one gender shall include the other.

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplemental Conditions of Contest and, in addition, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

2.1 *General Conditions of Contest*

mean the General Conditions of Contest issued by the World Bridge Federation for the World Bridge Championships.

2.2 *Open and Closed Rooms*

for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated by the Tournament Director.

2.3 *these Championships*

means the World Mind Sport Games, Bridge Games and all associated Bridge Championships and championship event means any of the events referred to in Section 1.

2.4 *these Conditions of Contest*

mean the within Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

2.5 *World Mind Sport Games*

means the Games to be conducted in Beijing, China from 3 - 18 October 2008 or at such other time and place as the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA) determine, consisting of Bridge, Chess, Chinese Chess, Go and Draughts

2.6 *World Bridge Games*

means the Games to be conducted in Beijing China from 3 - 18 October 2008 or at such other time and place as the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA) and WBF determine. The Bridge Games consist of: Individual Open and Women's Championships; National Open Teams; National Women's Teams; National Youth Bridge Teams; National Youth Bridge Pairs; National Youth Individual Championship; the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy (under-26) and the Damiani Cup (under-21)

2.7 *Associated Bridge Championships*

means the Championships to be conducted in Beijing China from 3 - 18 October 2008 or at such other time and place as the WBF determine. The Associated Bridge Championships consist of: The Seniors International Cup and the World Transnational Mixed Teams Championships.

2.8 *Individual Men's Championship*

means the individual event for men to be played on Friday 3 October and Thursday 9 October. 36 players will participate.

2.9 *Individual Women's Championship*

means the individual event for women to be played on Friday 3 October and Thursday 9 October. 24 players will participate.

2.10 *WMSG National Open Teams*

means the Open tournament of the World Bridge Games; teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players.

2.11 *WMSG National Women's Teams*

means the Women's tournament of the World Bridge Games; teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 women players; the NPC and other team officials may be male.

2.12 *WMSG National Youth Bridge Teams*

means the youth bridge teams tournament of the World Mind Sport Games for national teams of 4, 5 or 6 players aged under 28 years (i.e. born in 1980 or later); there is no age restriction for the NPC and other team officials.

2.13 *WMSG National Youth Pairs*

means the youth bridge pairs tournament of the World Mind Sport Games for national pairs aged under 28 years (i.e. born in 1980 or later).

2.14 WMSG Individual Youth Championship

means the individual youth bridge tournament of the World Mind Sport Games for players aged under 28 years (i.e. born in 1980 or later).

2.15 The Ortiz-Patiño Trophy

means the tournament for national youth teams qualifying from their Zonal Championships. Teams must consist of 4, 5 or 6 players aged under 26 years (i.e. born in 1982 or later); there is no age restriction for the NPC and other team officials.

2.16 The Damiani Cup

means the tournament for national youth teams qualifying from their Zonal Championships. Teams must consist of 4, 5 or 6 players aged under 21 years (i.e. born in 1987 or later); there is no age restriction for the NPC and other team officials.

2.17 Seniors International Cup

means the Senior tournament of the Associated Bridge Championships for National Teams; teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players; players must reach the age of 58 years during the calendar year 2008 (i.e. born during or before 1950); there is no age restriction for the NPC and other team officials.

2.18 World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

means the Mixed Transnational tournament of the Associated Bridge Championships; teams must consist of mixed pairs playing in partnership. The event is Transnational, and thus players from any nation may play in partnership within the teams.

2.19 NPC

means the non-playing captain of any team. Teams are not obliged to have non-playing captains: a team member may act as a playing captain if this is preferred. Non Playing Captains are considered to be members of the team and will receive any medals awarded. They are also permitted to play in the WTMTTC free of charge.

2.20 Coach

teams may elect to have a Coach or other official(s) attending the World Mind Sport Games. Coaches are not eligible for medals or other awards, nor may they play in the WTMTTC free of charge.

3. Conditions Of Entry

See also Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

See also the General Conditions of Contest for information concerning the way in which

participation - or non-participation - in this Olympiad may affect the participation of a country in future Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup events.

3.1 Eligibility Requirements

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied that each nominated contestant satisfies the birth and residence requirements of the country to which the NBO nominating him belongs and was either:

- a) nominated by the NBO (or the Zonal Conference of the Zone to which that NBO belongs) of the country of his birth, or by the NBO of which such nominated contestant first became a member; and that such nominated contestant has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years (having regard to the year in which the relevant World Bridge Championship is to be held) represented a different NBO (or different Zone, while representing a different NBO) in a World Bridge Championship or Zonal Championship; or
- b) nominated by the NBO (or the Zonal Conference of the Zone to which that NBO belongs) of the country of his citizenship or bona fide residence (see section 3.1.1 below); and that such nominated contestant has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years (having regard to the year in which the relevant World Bridge Championship is to be held) represented a different NBO (or different Zone, while representing a different NBO) in a World Bridge Championship or Zonal Championship:

PROVIDED THAT those contestants nominated for participation in any World Junior Championship shall not be subject to the conditions of this Section.

All players should be aware of Section 5 of the General Conditions of Contest, with particular reference to Section 5.4 since competing for a country other than that of which they are a national (i.e. a passport holder) may jeopardize their right to compete in a subsequent Olympic Event or Olympic Qualifier.

Entries may be rejected if any NBO whose nominated contestants are submitted for invitation is in arrears in the payment of monies due to the WBF for annual dues or for entry fees to any WBF event (including non-championship events such as the Worldwide Bridge Contest).

No male shall be a playing member of or a substitute player in a team or pair competing in a women's event.

3.1.1 Residency qualification

To be considered a bona-fide resident of an NBO, the following list of criteria must be satisfied, in whole or in substantial part.

The player must:

- a) reside in the country for at least one-half of the year prior to the event, or not have lived in any other country for a longer period than in the resident country during the previous two years
- b) be a registered member of the NBO's organization

- c) be a registered voter of no country other than the country for which he/she is seeking to play
- d) maintain a valid driver's license or identity card issued by a political subdivision of the country, such as a city or state
- e) either own real estate or rent a residence in the country.

The WBF reserves the right to require documentary evidence that it considers to be satisfactory proof of any of the above if there are any concerns about the credentials of a player.

3.2 Submission of Entries

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate one team for the WMSG Youth Teams and those players may then participate in the WMSG Youth Pairs and Individual Championships; if an NBO is unable to field a team, they may send a pair to compete in the WMSG Youth pairs or even an individual player to participate in the WMSG Youth Individual Championship. In addition each NBO shall be entitled to nominate one team for the Open Series, one team for the Women's Series and one team for the Seniors series.

Teams eligible to participate in the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy and the Damiani Cup shall be those qualified through their Zonal Youth Championships or equivalent selection process for the Zone. There will be a total of 18 teams in each series.

The entries for all the above named events should be sent to the WBF President before 1 May 2008. The submission of entries for the teams means the confirmation by the NBO that it will be participating in events for which entry is made.

The names of the non-playing captain and the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest, should be sent, in writing, before 01 July 2008 to the WBF President.

3.2.1 World Transnational Mixed Teams Entries

Players wishing to participate in the World Transnational Mixed Teams should contact their NBO and request nomination. If the team is transnational, nomination should be made by one NBO with reference to the other(s), ensuring that all the NBOs involved approve the participation of their member players.

Entries for the WTMTTC should be sent to the WBF President as soon as possible, but ideally before 1 September 2008; entries from teams dropping out of the Open, Women's and Seniors teams may be made on site, although it would be helpful if teams could indicate their intention of playing in the WTMTTC if eliminated from these events as early as possible. Entries received after 1 September 2008 will be accepted provided there is sufficient space at the venue.

3.3 Entrance Fees

The prescribed entrance fees for the championships events, namely US\$ 4,000 per team for the Open, Women's and Senior Teams, should be paid by bank transfer to the order of the WBF.

If bank transfer is not possible, please contact Mrs Francin to discuss possible alternative arrangements for payment.

WMSG Teams, Pairs, Individual are free of charge. The fees for the Ortiz Patino Trophy will be \$1,500 and for the Damiani Cup \$1,000.

3.3.1 Entry fees for the World Transnational Mixed Teams:

Entry fees for the WTMTTC may be paid in advance by bank transfer, or may be paid on site, in cash (US \$ or Euro), or in Travellers Cheques. It is regretted that Credit Card facilities will not be available. The entry fee for the WTMTTC is \$1,500 (for a team of four, five or six players).

Players eliminated from the Open, Women's or Senior Teams may form new Mixed teams and will receive free entry provided no players who have not participated in these events are added.

In the event that a team is made up from players who have not participated in the three main events, with players from these events added to the team, the charges will be as follows:

- A team with four new players & one or two eliminated players: 1,500
- A team with three new players & up to three eliminated players: 1,200
- A team with 2 new players & up to four eliminated players: 800
- A team with 1 new player & up to five eliminated players: 400

The NPC will, for the purpose of calculating the entry fee, be deemed to be an "eliminated player" if he or she wishes to participate in the WTMTTC, but no other team official (e.g. the coach) shall be eligible for free entry to the event.

3.4 Team Members

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. If an NBO wishes to replace a team member, or members, or if fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, (except in the case of the WTMTTC) such replacement or increase must be from the NBO submitting the team and may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with the permission of the Credentials Committee present at the site. However, the Executive Council reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee, to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

3.5 Penalty for Non-Participation

In the event a previously entered team in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the WBF shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the WBF of non-participation shall result in the imposition of a US\$500 penalty, payable by the NBO which nominated the team; an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the WBF deems it appropriate. The entry fee will be refunded only if the NBO notifies the WBF prior to July 31 2008 that its team or teams will not participate.

4. Eligibility For Awards

WBF Master Points will be awarded for the all events in accordance with the WBF Master Points Plan, particulars of which are set out on the website at www.wbfmasterpoints.com.

5. Anti Doping Regulations

The procedures provided by the Antidoping Policy of the International Olympic Committee

will be followed and enforced. Players should note that the WBF takes these regulations very seriously and any breach will result in severe penalties being imposed.

The WBF Anti-Doping Regulations are published as an appendix to the WBF General Regulations and can be found, together with the required Exemption Form at www.worldbridge.org and www.ecatsbridge.com

6. Open & Women's & Senior Teams Championships

Teams will compete in accordance with schedules drawn up independently for all series.

The schedule is drawn up in the expectation that there will be approximately 80 teams in the Open Series and 48 Teams in the Women's & Seniors Series. If entries in any event are different from these numbers the WBF President may, at his discretion, make such changes to these conditions of contest as he deems appropriate, including varying the number of boards played in each series or in any phase of these Championships.

The groups will be formed according to the criteria and procedures established by the WBF Management Committee and effected by an ad hoc committee nominated by the President.

In any case, the Round Robins will start on Saturday 4 October. There will be no play for the Teams on Thursday 9 October, when the final stages of the Men's and Women's Individual Invitation Championships will be played. The knockout phase will begin on Saturday 11 October.

The Teams are divided into appropriate groups, and they will play a complete round robin of 16 board matches within each group, starting on Saturday 4 October and finishing on Friday 10 October.

The number of teams qualifying from each group will depend on the number of groups in the event; they will play knockout matches starting on Saturday 11 October. The Round of 16 will be followed by the Quarter Finals, the Semi Finals and the Final. The winners of the semi-finals play the final and the losers will playoff for the third place.

There will be no carry-over in any of the knockout matches

6.1 Knock Out Phase - Open Teams

At the end of the round-robin the procedure outlined below will be followed:

1. The draw for the groups in the Knock Out phase was made in the WBF office, and resulted in Group A v Group B and Group C v Group D.
2. In each pair of groups the first placed team of each group chooses its opponent of the round of 16 among the 2nd, 3rd and 4th qualified of the other group.
3. Of the remaining teams, the higher placed team of each group will be automatically paired with the lower ranking of the other group
4. After the matches of the round of 16 are determined, the knockout phase will continue as follows:

Round of 16:

- Match 1 - 1st of A against 4th of B (by choice)
- Match 2 - 1st of B against 3rd of A (by choice)
- Match 3 - 2nd of A against 3rd of B (automatically)

- Match 4 - 2nd of B against 4th of A (automatically)
- Match 5 - 1st of C against 2nd of D (by choice)
- Match 6 - 1st of D against 4th of C (by choice)
- Match 7 - 2nd of C against 4th of D (automatically)
- Match 8 - 3rd of D against 3rd of C (automatically)

Quarter-finals:

- Match 9 - winner of match 1 against winner of match 7
- Match 10 - winner of match 2 against winner of match 8
- Match 11 - winner of match 3 against winner of match 5
- Match 12 - winner of match 4 against winner of match 6

Semi-finals:

- Match 13 - winner of match 9 against winner of match 11
- Match 14 - winner of match 10 against winner of match 12

The winners of the semi-finals play the final and the losers will playoff for the third place. There will be no carry-over in any of the knockout matches.

6.2 Knock out Phase - Women's Teams

At the end of the round-robin, unless there are three groups, the procedure outlined below will be followed:

The first placed team from each group freely chooses its opponent among the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th placed teams of the other group; after this choice is made, the same process follows for the second and third placed teams of each group. The last two matches of the round of 16 will be automatically determined.

In the event of there being three groups, full details will be contained in the Daily Bulletin, describing how the 16th qualifier will be determined and how the pairings for the knock-out phase will be decided.

For the quarter finals matches will be: The winner of the match involving the first placed team of each group against the winner of the match involving the fourth placed team of one group and the winner of the match involving the second placed team of one group against the winner of the match involving the winner of the third placed team of each group.

For the semi finals the matches will be: The winners of the matches involving the first placed team of each group (or the team that beat it) against the winners of the other two matches.

Example assuming that the teams qualified are:

- group A: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A
- group B: 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B

Round of 16 (eighth finals)

- Match 1 - 1A vs. 8B (by choice)
- Match 2 - 1B vs. 8A (by choice)
- Match 3 - 2A vs. 7B (by choice)
- Match 4 - 2B vs. 7A (by choice)
- Match 5 - 3A vs. 6B (by choice)
- Match 6 - 3B vs. 6A (by choice)
- Match 7 - 4A vs. 5B (automatically)
- Match 8 - 4B vs. 5A (automatically)

Round of 8 (quarter finals)

Match 9 - winner of match 1 vs. winner of match 8

Match 10 - winner of match 2 vs. winner of match 7

Match 11 - winner of match 3 vs. winner of match 6

Match 12 - winner of match 4 vs. winner of match 5

Round of 4 (semi-finals)

Match 13 - winner of match 9 vs. winner of match 12

Match 14 - winner of match 10 vs. winner of match 11

Play off (for the third place)

Match 15 - losers of match 13 and 14

Final (for the championship)

Match 16 - winner of matches 13 and 14

There will be no carry-over in any match of the KO phase.

6.3 Knock out Phase - Senior Teams

At the end of the round-robin the procedure outlined below will be followed:

If there are sufficient teams, a round of 16 will be played: The first placed team from each group freely chooses its opponent among the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th placed teams of the other group; After this choice is made, the same process follows for the second and third placed teams of each group. The last two matches of the round of 16 will be automatically determined.

In the event of there being three groups, full details will be contained in the Daily Bulletin, describing how the 16th qualifier will be determined and how the pairings for the knock-out phase will be decided.

For the quarter finals matches will be:

The winner of the match involving the first placed team of each group against the winner of the match involving the fourth placed team of the other group and the winner of the match involving the second placed team of one group against the winner of the match involving the winner of the third placed team of each group.

For the semi finals the matches will be:

The winners of the matches involving the first placed team of each group (or the team that beat it) against the winners of the other two matches

Example assuming that the teams qualified are:

group A: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A

group B: 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B

Round of 16 (eighth finals)

Match 1 - 1A vs. 8B (by choice)

Match 2 - 1B vs. 8A (by choice)

Match 3 - 2A vs. 7B (by choice)

Match 4 - 2B vs. 7A (by choice)

Match 5 - 3A vs. 6B (by choice)

Match 6 - 3B vs. 6A (by choice)

Match 7 - 4A vs. 5B (automatically)

Match 8 - 4B vs. 5A (automatically)

Round of 8 (quarter finals)

Match 9 - winner of match 1 vs. winner of match 8

Match 10 - winner of match 2 vs. winner of match 7

Match 11 - winner of match 3 vs. winner of match 6

Match 12 - winner of match 4 vs. winner of match 5

Round of 4 (semi-finals)

Match 13 - winner of match 9 vs. winner of match 12

Match 14 - winner of match 10 vs. winner of match 11

Play off (for the third place)

Match 15 - losers of match 13 and 14

Final (for the championship)

Match 16 - winner of matches 13 and 14

There will be no carry-over in any match of the KO phase.

6.4 Seating Rights in Round Robin (all Series)

During the Round Robin the first mentioned team in the schedule of play will be the home team and will sit N/S in the Open Room and E/W in the Closed Room. The second named team is the visiting team and sits E/W in the Open Room and N/S in the Closed Room. (See the regulations for line-up on section 11). If the round-robin match is played in two sessions, the first mentioned team is the Home Team in the first session and the Visiting Team in the second.

Full Details regarding Line Ups and Seating rights are contained in Sections 11 and 12

6.5 Age Limit - Seniors International Cup

Players in the Senior International Cup must reach the age of at least 58 during the calendar year 2008 (i.e. born during or before 1950).

6.6 Authority of the Rules and Regulations Committee

The Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee has the authority to make some changes in the groups (and, as a consequence, in the sequence of play) if required by occurrences after the seeding has been announced.

7. World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship (WTMTC)

7.1 Mixed Team Definition

A mixed team consists of 4, 5 or 6 players. Partnerships must comprise one player of each sex at all times.

7.2 Conditions of Entry

All players participating in the WTMTC must be approved by the NBO of origin and submitted to the WBF Credentials Committee.

7.3 Registration of Entries

The teams should be pre-registered and the players' names be submitted to the WBF

before 01 September 2008 The WBF will accept entries for Mixed Teams of which the majority of members are from teams not qualified for the knockout phase of the Open, Women's and Seniors events and, in this case, the entry fee can be paid on site. Late entries will be accepted provided there is sufficient space at the venue. For teams registering on site, the deadline for registration will be announced in the Daily Bulletin and the teams are required to indicate, as soon as possible, that they will be participating in the WTMTTC if eliminated from the other events.

7.4 Type of Contest

The format will depend on the final number of entries, but is likely to be swiss type of 10 board matches, followed by a KO stage (phase).

Depending on the number of entries, the KO stage (phase) will commence either with a round of 16 or 8 or 4, to be decided on site, with semi-finals and a final being played in order to determine the Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists. There will be a play off between the losing semi finalists for the bronze medal.

The pairings for the Knock Out phase of the World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship will be decided on site when the number of teams and the qualification criteria is known; the information will be published in the Daily Bulletins.

If, with one or more matches still to play, a team is in a position that it has already secured a qualifying position from the Swiss into the knock-out phase and can neither improve on that position nor worsen it, then that team shall take no further part in the Swiss phase of the event.

7.5 Systems

The WTMTTC is deemed to be a Category 3 event throughout.

7.6 Tie-breaking

In case of ties, the tie-breaking procedures for the the Open, Women's & Senior teams will apply with the following differences: In the Swiss, in order to determine a position at any time, the first two criteria (a) and (b) are reversed, (b) becoming (a) and vice-versa (see points 16.1, 16.2 and 16.3 for the tie-breaking procedures). In the Semi-finals and final, there will be 4 additional boards instead of 8 and only one series of 4 boards will be played (see 16.4) after which sudden death boards will be played.

7.7 Drop-in Rules

All Teams are expected to play from the very first match of the Swiss.

Should a problem arise that prevents the defeated quarter-finalists from joining the Swiss at Match 1, the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee will decide the drop-in method.

7.8 Carry Over

The carry over will be half or one-third of the IMP difference in the meeting of the teams in the qualification phase. It will be half if the highest ranked team in the qualification phase won the match against their opponents and one-third if the highest ranked team in the round lost the match to its knock out opponent.

The maximum carryover used in any event will be:

8 for a 32 board match
12 for a 48 board match
16 for a 96 board match
20 for a 128 board match

If one or more round of 16 matches does not have a carry over then no carry over will be applied to any round of 16 matches. Likewise if one or more quarter-final matches does not have a carry over then no carry over will be applied to any quarter-final matches. Likewise, if one semi-final has a carry over, but the other does not, then no carry over will be applied to either match.

8. World Mind Sports Games - Youth Bridge Championships

8.1 Conditions of Entry

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate one team for the Youth Championships. In the event that an NBO is unable to field a team, they may instead nominate a pair to compete in the Pairs Championship or an individual to compete in the Individual Championship. All players in the teams Championship shall be entitled to participate in the Pairs and Individual Championships.

8.1.1 Age Limit

The maximum age is 28 (ie. born in 1980 or later).

8.1.2 Dates for Submission of Entries

The entries for the teams should be sent to the WBF President no later than 1 May 2008. Names of the players must be submitted by 01 July 2008.

8.2 Entry Fee

There are no entry fees for the U-28 Championships.

8.3 Type of Contest

The type of contest for the teams will be Swiss Format to qualify 8 teams. The pairs will start after the end of the Swiss and will be followed by the Individual Championship.

8.4 Systems

This event is deemed to be a Category 3 event throughout.

8.5 Tie-breaking

In case of ties, the tie-breaking procedures for the Open & Women's Teams will apply.

9. The Ortiz-Patiño Trophy & the Damiani Cup

9.1 Conditions of Entry

NBOs that have qualified for these events in accordance with the details given in Section 3.2 are entitled to nominate teams for these events.

9.2 Age Limits:

The age limit for the Ortiz Patino Trophy is 26 years (born in 1982 or later) and for the Damiani Cup is 21 (born in 1987 or later).

9.3 Dates for Submission of Entries

The entries for the teams should be sent to the WBF President no later than 01 May 2008. Names of the players must be submitted by 01 July 2008.

9.4 Type of Contest

The events will consist of a complete round robin of 16 board matches. The eight teams in each event with the highest VP totals at the end of this phase will qualify for the quarter finals, followed by semi finals and final. The losers of the semi-finals will play off to determine the bronze medal position. Players not qualifying for the semi-finals will be eligible to play in the WMSG Junior Pairs Championship and subsequently the WMSG Individual Championship.

9.5 Systems

These events are deemed to be a Category 3 event throughout.

9.6 Entry Fee

The entry fee for the Ortiz Patiño Trophy is \$1,500 per team and the entry fee for the Damiani Cup is \$1,000 per team.

9.7 Tie-breaking

In case of ties, the tie-breaking procedures for the Open & Women's Teams will apply.

10. Conversion Scales for All Events

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams at the end of the matches scored in IMPs shall be converted to Victory Points, according to the official WBF conversion scales. (see Appendix 5 of the General Conditions of Contest).

11. Regulations for Electronic Line-Ups

The Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure of a captain to submit his line-up in a timely fashion shall result in fines according to Section 18.2.

The line-ups during the round robin must for both teams be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous round; teams will not know the line-up of their opponents. The line-up for the first round must be given in accordance with the decision taken in the Captains Meeting.

In the K.O. phase the team to line-up first must submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session. The second team must then submit its line-up no later than 20 minutes after the end of the previous session or no later than 5 minutes after the submission of the first line-up, whichever is latest.

Line-ups are to be submitted at the place designated by the Operations Director. This

will be a dedicated area, with computers, where the teams will Line-Up. However, each team will have its own dedicated page, with a password, in the wireless LAN set by the organization. Therefore, team captains with their own laptops would be able to use them, using their own password. All information for team captains will be relayed to them via these pages and there will be no pigeon holes as at past Championships.

The time of the Line-Up will be recorded automatically by the system, and penalties for late line-ups will be mandatory accordingly. An official clock will be set in the playing area for the purpose of showing the official time.

If a partnership that has not registered a specific Convention Card is to play, they should indicate on the line-up form which of the registered Convention Cards will be used.

12. Seating Rights

12.1 The Knock Out Phase

In the knock out phase, in each match, each series of 16 boards constitutes a session; two sessions constitute a portion. If there are an odd number of sessions, each session constitutes a portion.

If the portions are divided into 2 sessions, the teams in turn, by draw, select a portion and decide in which of the two sessions they want to line-up after their opponents. In the other session they will line up first. There shall be a coin toss to decide which team has first choice to select a portion.

In the matches in which one portion is equal to one session, the teams in turn, by draw, select a session and decide if they want to line-up before or after their opponents. There shall be a coin toss to decide which team has first choice to select a portion.

In the portion of its choice, a team sits N/S in the Open Room (and is considered to be the Home Team) and E/W in the Closed Room.

If there is an odd number of portions, the winner of the coin toss has the right of choice for the majority of the portions.

12.2 Seating rights for Tie-breaks in the knockout phase

If there is a tie at the end of the quarter-finals, semi-finals, or the finals, requiring that an extra session of boards be played, there shall be a draw by the captains to determine the "Home Team". If, after the first series of additional boards, a tie still exists, the "Visiting Team" during the first extra eight boards shall be the "Home Team" for the next eight boards. The Home Team sits N/S in the Open Room. If after 8 boards, a tie still exists for the second set of extra boards, these rights go to the other team. Line-up changes may be made before 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" team lining up first shall submit its line-up at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director, the "Home Team" the other team captain within five minutes thereafter. Each group of eight "extra" boards shall be considered as a separate session. At the discretion of the captain of the "Home Team" for the second group of eight boards, a pair or pairs may play against a pair or pairs it played against during the first eight extra boards. 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.

12.3 Change of Players

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session (but see exception in Section 16 when extra tie-break boards are played.)

13. Disclosure of Systems And Conventions

13.1 WBF Systems Policy

The latest version of the WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest. This can be found on the WBF Website, or at www.ecatsbridge.com or a copy can be obtained by contacting Anna Gudge (see section 21.3). All events are deemed to be Category 3 events, and thus Brown Sticker Conventions and HUM Systems will not be permitted at any time.

13.2 Submission of Systems for the Championships

Each team captain in all events except the World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship (see Section 13.8) is responsible for sending the convention cards by email to Anna Gudge - anna@ecats.co.uk - as soon as possible, but in any event before **Monday 11 August 2008**, for every partnership that will play in these Championships, their Systems described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, using an approved Convention Card Editor (CCE) together with such Supplementary Sheets as are necessary to describe conventional sequences in detail. Penalties for failure to submit Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets in time are (in addition to Section 13.5) specified in Section 18.

13.3 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.

13.4 Approved Convention Card Editors

The Convention Cards may be prepared using any of the following programs - the **WBF Convention Card Editor** (Windows Version), which is available for free download from the **WBF Website** or the **ECatsBridge Website**, the Convention Card Editor written by Lee Edwards, the DOS Convention Card Editor provided free of charge by the WBF, Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel. The cards may also be provided in Acrobat PDF format, but in this case the file size should not exceed 150k.

PLEASE NOTE that image files of any type are not acceptable (i.e. files in formats such as .jpg, .tif or .bmp.) Nor are pdf files created from scanned documents or images.

These cards will be converted by the Systems Administrator to PDF files which can be read and printed using Acrobat Reader which is available as a free download from www.adobe.com.

13.5 Penalties for non-submission of Systems

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not reached Anna Gudge in accordance with these Conditions of Contest, shall (in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 18.1) be required by the Tournament Appeals Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than the first two days.

13.6 Distribution of Systems

Following registration of the systems for all pairs in a team, the systems will be displayed on a web site designed for the purpose, and the URL (Internet address) sent by email to the captain of the team making the registration and, if email addresses are provided for the team members, also to them individually. If captains have queries concerning the systems of other teams, they should email the Systems Administrator (anna@ecats.co.uk) who will pass the query on to the team concerned.

Following the event, 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 WBF deems the publication of the URL of the private web site to the Captains of all teams submitting systems in accordance with the regulation detailed above to constitute distribution of systems. All teams should make every effort to download and print sufficient copies of their opponents' systems for their own use. Should there be any changes to systems uploaded, the WBF Systems Administrator will email details to all captains / players on the email list so that they are aware of them as soon as possible. No changes will be made to any systems on the web site after 10 September 2008 except in cases of emergency, in which event full notification will be sent to all other captains.

13.7 Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets

- a) Any changes to the duly submitted Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see (e) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event no later than 12 September. **NOTE:** these changes may only be clarifications, amendments, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy. Substantive changes to system will NOT be permitted after initial registration.
- b) In order for a change to be implemented, it will be uploaded to the website and an email sent to all captains to inform them that the Convention Card has been altered.
- c) Any essential changes or registration of new systems (for example caused by the necessary change to a partnership as a result of withdrawal of a player) made after 15 August will be relayed to all Captains by email. If such change is made after 12 September, the information will be made available to the Captains at the Captains' Meeting or through Captains' Mailboxes on site.
- d) Approval for a change requested once teams have reached the venue may be given or refused in whole or part by the Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee and may be given subject to conditions. One such condition will usually be that any such change cannot be implemented in the course of a particular round robin or in the course of a particular stage of the event, with possible prejudice to unprepared opponents being a particularly important

negative factor. Clarifications and improvements to presentation will not be considered as substantives changes.

- e) Official format for changes:
A new page of the Convention Card/Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change
A separate text document describing completely the proposed change and referring to the place(s) on the new pages where they can be found and any cross-references to Supplementary Sheet notes.

13.8 Systems World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets, completed in accordance with Section 13.1 above will be required for each player in the this events. These Cards need not be registered in advance, but all players will be required to have two copies of their Card available for the opposition at all times. These Championships are Category 3 in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy and neither Brown Sticker nor HUM systems are permitted at any time.

14. Psyching of Conventional or Artificial Opening Bids

The psyching of conventional or artificial opening bids is prohibited in any Category 3 event This provision over-rides the current systems policy.

15. Length Of Matches

- 10 board matches: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 12 board matches: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 16 board matches: 2 hours 20 minutes
- 20 board matches: 2 hours 50 minutes

Teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see Section 18). 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. Vu-Graph presentation for any match or session, will not start until the Tournament Director notifies the Chief Commentator or his designee.

For shorter or longer matches the allowed time will be based on approximately 8 minutes and 45 seconds per board.

16. Tie-Breaking Procedures

16.1 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):

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

- (c) Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- (d) Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:
- (e) One board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

16.2 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) 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 to Section 16.1. 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 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 Section 16.1. 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 in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with Section 16.1
- (d) In all other cases, ties 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 Section 16.1. 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 Section 16.1. 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 Section 16.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - (iv) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

16.3 Four Teams

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 in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Section 16.1. and 16.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:
- (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 Section 16.2, 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 in that particular

event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sections 16.1. or 16.2 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.

16.4 Knockout Phase

In the round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals, if a tie exists at the end of the match, it will be resolved by playing eight additional boards. (See Section 12 for the procedure used to determine whether teams play N/S or E/W in the Open and Closed Rooms). Should a tie still exist, eight more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, one-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

In the case of the World Transnational Mixed Teams, four additional boards shall be played; if a tie still exists, four more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, one-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

17. Disqualification

In the case of a team being disqualified, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee, usually depending on the validity of the matches, be declared void and the scores earned by its opponents in those matches may be cancelled or varied.

18. Penalties

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007. All infringements of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007. Monetary fines shall be paid in U.S. Dollars, or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee. Upon 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 Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 or of these Conditions of Contest. Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the Round-Robin. The VP penalties shall not affect individual matches for purposes of tie-breaking procedures in any manner, but may determine a team’s ranking. 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, before its VP score is calculated. However, the score of the non offending team shall not be affected, except in the knockout phase.

An IMP penalty applied during the knock-out 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.

18.1 Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion

Any team containing a partnership that, through the agency of its captain, or otherwise, has failed to comply with the time requirements shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 13.5):

- (a) be subject to a decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee which 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; and

- (b) be fined US \$100 to be paid prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

18.2 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups 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 US\$ 80
- (c) for the third offence there shall be a fine of US\$ 100 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of US\$ 150
- (d) 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 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.

18.3 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:

18.4 During the Round-Robin

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	at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

18.4.1 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	at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

18.5 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 15 of these Conditions 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:

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

0+	- 5 minutes late	1 VP
5+	- 10 minutes late	1 1/2 VPs
10+	- 15 minutes late	2 VPs
15+	- 20 minutes late	2 1/2 VPs
20+	- 25 minutes late	3 VPs
Over	25 minutes late	at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

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 only with the boards played at both tables, but the same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

18.5.2 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 Tournament Appeals Committee; 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 being requested to by the players.

18.6 Fouled Boards

See the General Conditions of Contest 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 procedural penalty.

18.7 Appeals without merit

Teams will forfeit the deposit of US\$ 100 if the Tournament Appeals Committee determines the appeal was without merit. See Sections 32 and 33 of the General Conditions of Contest.

19. Recording Of Matches And Verification Of Scores

Bridgemates will be used for the official recording of the scores throughout the Championships and Recorders will be required for the KO stages to record the bidding, play and scores. This recording is the responsibility of the team sitting North/South at each table.

The N/S pair at each table will be responsible for the keying of the bidding, play and scores into the Bridgemates, whether this is undertaken by a member of the partnership or by the Captain, Coach or other designated person. The E/W pair (or their Captain, Coach or other designated person) will be responsible for agreeing the score by keying in their confirmation.

The official score will be that keyed in by N/S and agreed by E/W.

Players and Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores.

The correction period in Law 79C expires upon the commencement of the next match or segment, or - in respect of the final match or segment of any phase of the event only (each KO match being a phase in its own right for this purpose) -30 minutes after the final result has been posted and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- awaiting decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;
- completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

19.1 Score Corrections

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71.

An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director and the Appeals Committee, may be corrected up to thirty minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

20. Appendix A - Eligibility For Awards & Master Points

20.1 Special Conditions for Team Matches

In order to qualify for the Medals, Title, MPs and PPs won by the team, a player, in any case, must have played at least one third of the boards in the Round Robin.

For first place: at least one third of the total number of hands in the final, semi-final and quarter-final combined and at least one third of the total number of hands in the final.

For second place: at least one third the total number of hands in the semi-final and quarter-final combined and at least one third of the total number of hands in the semi-final.

For third place: at least one third of the total number of the hands in the semi-final and quarter-final combined and at least one third in the playoff.

For fourth place: at least one third of the total number of the hands in the semi-final and quarter-final combined.

Full details of the Master Point Awards can be found on the WBF Master Point website at www.wbfmasterpoints.com or by contacting the WBF Master Point Secretary at the address given in Section 21.

21. Appendix B - Contact Addresses and Websites

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For Master Point information:
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/

Copies of the WBF Systems Policy, WBF Alerting Policy and the WBF Policy on Psychic Bidding are available on the WBF Website, or at www.ecatsbridge.com (in the Documents section) or by contacting Anna Gudge (address above).