



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

YOUTH COMMITTEE

1st WORLD SCHOOLS BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, NY, USA • 12-14 July 2004

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. Preamble for Schools 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 **1st World Schools Bridge Team Championship** to be played in New York, NY, USA, from 12 to 14 July 2004.

These *Supplemental Conditions of Contest* and the *General Conditions of Contest* together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 1st World Schools Bridge Team Championship.

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. '*1st World Schools Bridge Team Championship*' means the 1st World Schools Bridge Team Championship to be conducted under the auspices of the WBF from 12-14 July 2004 in New York, NY, USA, or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.
- 2.2. '*these Championships*' means the 1st World Schools Bridge Team Championship referred to in Section 2.1.
- 2.3. '*the host NBO*' means the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).
- 2.4. '*these Conditions of Contest*' means the within *Supplemental Conditions of Contest* for the 1st World Schools Bridge Team Championship.
- 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 half a match in the round-robin.
- 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 26.

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 1st World Schools Team Bridge Team Championship will be conducted under the auspices of the WBF. The event will be played in accordance with the International Code 1997 (with the revisions approved thereafter by the WBF Laws Committee) 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 the Championship through representative teams. For the present first edition of this Championship only Zones 1 and 2 stated that they are able to participate, and they were each awarded three representative teams.

No transnational teams may be entered.

By participating in this Championship, 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 Championship ('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 Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee in writing or by email (together with the postal address of the non-playing Captains and/or their emails) using the address:

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in order to reach the Chairman no later than 15 June 2004 unless the Chairman 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 1983.
- 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 and has not, during the current or immediately preceding calendar year, represented a different NBO in any WBF competition or any zonal or intra-zonal competition; *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 and has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years, represented a different NBO in any WBF competition or any zonal or intra-zonal competition.

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, a statement of the date of birth of each player, signed by a Zone official or the non-playing Captain on behalf of the Zone, submitted in accordance with Section 3.3. should be sent to the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee (see address in Section 3.3(a) above) before 15 June 2004.

3.5. Entrance Fees

The prescribed entrance fee for this event, namely five hundred US dollars (\$500) per team, should be paid to the WBF Financial Director:

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F-75008 Paris
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and payment must have 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 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. 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 **paggers** 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.
- 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 during or after the round in the playing area or toilets will result in his team being fined 1 VP. 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 1st Schools Team Bridge Team Championship shall be decided by the WBF Master Points Committee and approved by the WBF Executive Council.

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 order to earn the title of Schools Team Champion, a player must participate in at least one third of the boards played by his team.

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 be played as a single Round-Robin. The number of boards per match 24, played in two halves with a break in between.

6. Time Schedule

The time schedule of play will be as follows:

Monday, 12 July 2004	13.00 hrs	Round 1	Half 1
	15.15 hrs	Round 1	Half 2
	19.30 hrs	Round 2	Half 1
	21.45 hrs	Round 2	Half 2
Tuesday, 13 July 2004	13.00 hrs	Round 3	Half 1
	15.15 hrs	Round 3	Half 2
	19.30 hrs	Round 4	Half 1
	21.45 hrs	Round 4	Half 2
Wednesday, 14 July 2004	13.00 hrs	Round 5	Half 1
	15.15 hrs	Round 5	Half 2

6.1. Time Schedule - Line-up Submission Schedule

The Visiting and Home Team Captains (see §7 below) must submit their line-ups prior to the start of each session according to the following schedule:

- 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

The schedule of matches is as follows:

<i>Round</i>	<i>Table 1</i>	<i>Table 2</i>	<i>Table 3</i>
1	Israel - USA Red	Poland - Norway	USA Blue - Canada
2	USA Red - USA Blue	Canada - Poland	Norway - Israel
3	Canada - USA Red	Norway - USA Blue	Israel - Poland
4	USA Red - Poland	USA Blue - Israel	Canada - Norway
5	Norway - USA Red	Israel - Canada	Poland - USA Blue

In each match, the team mentioned first in the above schedule is designated as the *Home Team*. Their opponents are designated as the *Visiting Team*.

Throughout the match, the *Home Team* sits in the North-South position in the Open Room, and in the East-West position in the Closed Room.

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/dept/systems/policy.htm>) which in its entire form is part of these Conditions of Contest.

Participants are reminded that the Championship is a category 3 event. It follows 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 or mailing to the

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before 30 June 2004, 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/dept/systems/cce.htm>.

Penalties for failure to submit Systems on time are (in addition to Section 9.2.1) specified in Section 18.

9.2.1. Penalties for non-compliance

- a. 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 18.1.) 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.

- b. 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.

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.

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.

11. **Seating of Players**

In the Round-Robin, teams play according to the published schedule (§7).

The ‘Home Team’ sits throughout any Round-Robin match 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.

12. **Tie-Breaking Procedures**

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the Championship, 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 Championship, 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 the first sub-section above (two teams tied). 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied). 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied).
- 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied).
- 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied). 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied). 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied). 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 Championship, 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied), 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied), 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 the first sub-section (two teams tied), 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.

13. Length of Matches

Each 12-board session is to be completed within one hour and forty-five minutes. After that, 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. 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 other teams 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. **Curtain Cards**

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 is 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.

16. **Scoring and Recording**

16.1. **Scoring at the table**

At each table North is responsible for completing the official scorecard, which will be collected at the end of each match. If matches are being fully recorded by official scorers, North's responsibility for scoring the official scorecard remains.

At the end of each match North and East at each table must agree on the scores on the official table scorecard and confirm this by signing their initials.

16.2. **Recording the matches**

At each table South (or the N/S team's non-playing captain, or his designate - who may not be a sitting-out player of the same team - to be approved by the Tournament Director) is responsible for recording the bidding, play to the first three tricks, leads to the remaining tricks and the result on the appropriate form provided at the table.

The hand records will be provided by the organizers.

17. **Verification of Scores**

Team Captains will determine and agree upon the scores for each match and segments thereof. At the conclusion of each match, or session of a match, the Tournament Director shall post a provisional result on the official score-board. After the correction period specified in Law 79C the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

1. pending score verification by the Scoring team;
2. awaiting decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;
3. completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

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

18. 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 US Dollars (\$). 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.

18.1. 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 9.2.1.):

- a. not be provided with a copy of the Systems of opposing teams unless and until the Chairman of the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee has been provided with the required number of copies of the System used by that teams own pairs; *and*
- b. 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.

18.2. 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 \$20;
- c. for the third offence there shall be a fine of \$50 *and*
- d. for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of \$100.

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:

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.

18.4. 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:

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 session 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.

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 install a monitor without request of the players.

18.5. 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.

18.6. Frivolous Appeal

Forfeiture of the deposit of \$50 if the Tournament Appeals Committee determines the appeal to be without merit ('frivolous'). See Section 19 of the *General Conditions of Contest*.

18.7. 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.

19. Duplicated Boards

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

20. Ethics and Deportment

- a. The privilege of representing one's country as a player in a World Bridge Championship is not an inalienable right; rather it is dependent upon the display of good sportsmanship, correct deportment and above all irreproachable ethics. In the absence of penalties expressed in match points, and because participants appear as public representatives rather than private individuals, observance of the highest standard becomes the more imperative. Players are therefore urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Proprieties.

Players are expected to accept the decisions of the Appeals Committee in a sportsmanlike manner. Violations may result in the suspension or disqualification.

- b. Players are requested not to look at their partners during play of a hand. The object is to avoid any suggestion of unethical communication.
- c. As a matter of propriety, and in order to save time, players are enjoined during play to avoid discussion with partner or argument with opponents. In case of dispute a player's proper recourse is to refer to the Tournament Director in charge.
- d. Under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, a player is not allowed to make a call or play based on a partnership understanding unless the opposing players may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning.

Psychic bids are permissible (except of conventional opening bids), but at all times should have the same element of surprise for partner as for the opponents.

21. Appeals

- a. A player may appeal against the ruling of a Tournament Director who ruled, provided that the appeal is made within one hour of the start of the next session, and in case of the final session within 30 minutes of the publication of the ranking list at the end of the final session.

Notification of intention to appeal must be given to one of the Tournament Directors. In the first instance such notification does not need to be in writing, but it should be committed to the official Appeals form as soon as is practicable with the help of the Tournament Director who made the ruling and the form, when completed, should be given to the Tournament Director who will hand it to the member of the Appeals Committee on duty.

The Appeals form must be filled out completely and correctly. The Tournament Director states the facts (board identification and bidding), what happened at the table, his ruling and who made the appeal. Each player may add its remarks to the explanation of the Tournament Director and may state whether they want to make an oral statement to the Appeals Committee. The Appeals form must be signed by the Tournament Director and all players involved. After signing, no corrections are allowed.

A deposit of \$50 must accompany each appeal. This deposit will be returned unless the appeal is judged to be without merit.

One or more of the players appealing must present himself at the hearing of the appeal. If no one from the players appealing presents himself at the hearing the Appeals Committee shall dismiss the appeal and the deposit shall be forfeited.

- b. On receipt of the duly completed Appeals form, the Tournament Director will, as soon as possible, inform any member of Appeals Committee on duty, who will advise the Tournament Director at what time the Appeals Committee will convene to hear the appeal.

The Appeals Committee will be entitled to interview and to take into account the statements or representations of any person and any documentary matter which it considers may assist the Committee to reach a decision.

The verdict of the Appeals Committee will be written on the Appeals form and handed to the Tournament Director for him to notify the players concerned.

22. Appeals Committee

- a. All appeals against the ruling of Tournament Directors shall be dealt with by an Appeals Committee appointed by the WBF. The Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee and the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee may, before the commencement of or during the tournament, appoint additional members of the Appeals Committee who shall have full voting powers. Three members of the Appeals Committee form a quorum. Any member of the Appeals Committee whose nationals are concerned shall abstain from taking part.
- b. The Appeals Committee may at its discretion investigate any matter touching upon or arising out of the Laws or these *Conditions of Contest*, which may arise during the course of the

Championship, irrespective of the way in which such a matter has been brought to its attention, either by way of an appeal against a Tournament Director's ruling or on its own initiative or otherwise howsoever.

- c. The Appeals Committee, also acting as the national authority as meant in Law 93.C, shall have the power to determine all facts and decide all questions of Law, whether under the Laws or these *Conditions of Contest*, arising from any appeal or investigation and its findings and decisions will be final.

The Appeals Committee may confirm, reverse, vary or modify the findings or decisions of a Tournament Director, and remove, increase or vary any penalty which may have been imposed, or substitute a different class of penalty or an adjusted score.

On an investigation made for reasons other than an appeal the Appeals Committee may impose such penalty on any party or direct that such an adjusted score be entered for any boards as it shall deem proper.

In any case, whether on an appeal or otherwise, where circumstances are considered by the Committee to justify or require it, the Appeals Committee may recommend to the Executive Council (represented by its present members) to disqualify a player. This rule does not in any way affect the power of suspension given to a Tournament Director under the Laws.

23. Journalists and Spectators

20.1. Journalists

20.1.1. *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.

20.1.2. *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.

20.2. Spectators

20.2.1. *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.

20.2.2. *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.

20.3. **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.

24. **IOC Compliance**

- a. **Dress code.** NBOs are asked to take note of the recognition of bridge as a sport by the International Olympic Committee ('IOC') and request that players should, at all times, be dressed appropriately.
- b. **Antidoping regulation.** The procedures provided by the antidoping policy of the IOC will be followed and enforced. Players are requested to submit themselves to the antidoping test on request. If any player takes substances that might result positively when tested he is required to hand in the respective prescription or doctor's certificate in a sealed envelope on registration. This envelope will be opened only if the player concerned is drawn for the antidoping test. Otherwise, at the end of the Championships the sealed envelope may be collected from the organizers or may be destroyed unopened. Refusal to subject to the test or non-appearance will attract penalties decreed by the IOC policy.

25. 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.

26. 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 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.

