



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

Regulations for the World Seniors Bowl

1. Type of Contest

Teams will play a double round robin of 16 board matches, followed by a semi final and final with a play off for the bronze medal. Whenever possible the matches will use the same boards as those played in the Bermuda Bowl.

2. Home and Visiting Teams

One team shall be "Home Team" (the team with the seating rights) and the other team shall be "Visiting Team".

The "Home Team" is the team that sits North-South in the designated Open Room. The 'Home team' sits its players after its opponent.

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

2.1 *First Round-robin*

In each match of the first round-robin, in order to determine the players' position at the table, the first named team is the Home Team in the matches shown in Sections below.

2.2 *Second Round Robin*

The draw for the second Round Robin will be based on the ranking of the teams at the end of the first Round Robin, save that the WBF shall reserve the right to ensure that teams of the same nationality shall play against each other in an early round. The Home team from the first Round Robin will be the Away team in the same match of the 2nd Round Robin

In both Round Robins the visiting team submits its line up first, in accordance with the time limits determined in Section 14 of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

The winner of the Round Robin shall choose its semi final opponents from the teams placed 2nd, 3rd & 4th in the ranking except that should both USA teams qualify, they will play each other in the Semi-Final.

2.3 *Semi-finals, Final and Play off*

There shall be a coin toss to determine the "Home Team" rights in the semi-final, final and play off. The winner of the toss may elect to be "Home Team" or "Visiting Team" during any two of the 16-board portions of the match, or it may pass it to the opposing team. If 32 boards are played, then the winner of the toss may elect to be "Home Team" or "Visiting Team" for either portion.

The Semi Finals will end on Saturday 27 October, and the Finals / play off will end on Sunday 28 October before the start of the World Transnational Open Teams

3. Carry Over

The carry over will be applied in accordance with the rules as for the Bermuda Bowl (see Supplemental Conditions of Contest, section 6) the maximum being 12 IMPs for 48 board matches and 8 IMPs for 32 board matches

4. Tie Break Procedures

These will be the same as for the Bermuda Bowl (see Section 19 of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest)

5. Time Schedule

The time schedule for the World Seniors Bowl will be as follows:

Saturday 20 October

15:00	Captains' Meeting
19.00	Opening Ceremony

Round Robin Matches

Sunday 21, Monday 22 October

10.00	Rounds 1 & 4
14.00	Rounds 2 & 5
17.20	Rounds 3 & 6

Tuesday 23 October

10.00	Round 7
14.00	Round 8
17.20	Round 9 – end of the first round robin

Wednesday 24 October – Second Round Robin

10.00	Round 1b
14.00	Round 2b
17.20	Round 3b

Thursday 25 October

10.00	Round 4b
14.00	Round 5b
17.20	Round 6b

Friday 26, October

10.00	Round 7b
13.30	Round 8b
16.30	Round 9b

At the end of the final round there will be a Captains' Meeting

Evening	Players' Party
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Saturday 27 October & Sunday 28 October

Semi Final (finishing on Saturday), Final and Play off (to finish before the start of the World Transnational Open Teams Championship)

6. Systems

The World Seniors Bowl is a Category 3 Tournament, which means, according to the WBF System Policy, that use of HUM systems and “Brown Sticker” conventions is prohibited

7. Master Point Awards

Master Points will be awarded according to the WBF Master Point Plan