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**OF THE**  
**2006 WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
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## 1. Preamble for the 2006 World Bridge Championships

(incorporating The Rosenblum & World Pairs Championship)

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 2006 World Bridge Championships to be played in Verona, Italy from 9 – 24 June

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2006 World Bridge Championships.

The Rules and Regulations Committee of the WBF and/or the WBF Executive Council reserve the right to make any amendments to these Conditions at any time should it be deemed necessary to do so.

## 2. Definitions

Expressions defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning where used in these Conditions of Contest. In addition, unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

### 2.1 *“2006 World Bridge Championships”*

means the World Mixed Pairs Championship, the World Knockout Open Teams Championship (also known as the “Rosenblum Cup”) and the World Knockout Women’s Teams Championship (also known as the “McConnell Cup”), the World Open and Women’s Pairs Championships, the World Senior Pairs and Teams Championships, the IMP Pairs Championship, the Mixed Pairs Plate and the Swiss Plate to be conducted under the auspices and organisation of the World Bridge Federation, from 9 – 24 June 2006, at the Europa Conference Centre, Verona, Italy. or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.

### 2.2 *“these Championships”*

means the 2006 World Bridge Championships and “championship event” means any of the events referred to in Section 2.1

### 2.3 *“General Conditions of Contest”*

means the WBF General Conditions of Contest referred to in Section 0

### 2.4 *“these Conditions of Contest”*

means the Supplemental Conditions of Contest herein contained and referred to in Section 0.

### 2.5 *“Organizing Committee”*

means the Committee appointed by the WBF to organize these Championships.

### 2.6 *“the Knockout Teams”*

means the Transnational World Knockout Open and Women’s Teams Championships referred to in Section 2.1

**2.7 “the Knockout Open Teams/ the Rosenblum Teams”**

means the Transnational World Knockout Open Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1

**2.8 “the Knockout Women’s Team / the McConnell Teams”**

means the Transnational World Knockout Women’s Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1

**2.9 “direct Knockout”**

means the knockout Segments of the Knockout Teams.

**2.10 “round-robin”**

means the movements during the round robin phases of the Knockout Teams.

**2.11 “the Seniors’ Teams”**

means the Transnational World Seniors’ Swiss Teams Championship referred to in Section 2.1

**2.12 “the Mixed Pairs”**

means the Transnational World Mixed Pairs Championships referred to in Section 2.1.

**2.13 “the Open Pairs”**

means the Transnational World Open Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1

**2.14 “the Women’s Pairs”**

means the Transnational World Women’s Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1

**2.15 “the Seniors’ Pairs”**

means the Transnational World Seniors’ Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1

**2.16 “the IMP Pairs”**

means the Transnational World IMP Pairs Championship referred to in Section 2.1

**2.17 The Mixed Pairs Plate**

means the Transnational Mixed Pairs Plate referred to in Section 2.1

**2.18 “the Swiss Plate”**

means the Transnational Swiss Plate Teams event referred to in Section 2.1

**2.19 “Transnational Event(s)”**

means an event in which players in partnerships or teams may be from different NBOs.

**2.20 “Senior”**

means for the purpose of eligibility for Senior events at these Championships (see Section 2.1) a bridge player aged 57 years old. The player must be (or attain) the required age during the calendar year of the Championship.

**2.21 "NPC"**

means non-playing captain.

**2.22 "Hand Diagram"**

means the printed sheet containing a record of the four hands for any board played in these Championships.

**2.23 "Pick-up Slip"**

means the result sheet for a board in pairs events, intended for collection after that board has been played.

**2.24 "Bridgemate"**

means an electronic device used for scoring. North or South is responsible for the use of the device and is required to familiarise him or herself with its operation. A player regularly misusing a Bridgemate is liable to a penalty given as a score deduction.

**2.25 "Curtain Card"**

means the form prescribed by the WBF for use in the Transnational Knockout Teams to identify teams and compass direction on the changeover of the boards.

**2.26 "Designated Pit Matches"**

mean the matches referred to in Section 23.

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to any one gender shall include the other gender.

**3. Conditions Of Entry And National Representation**

See also Sections 3 and 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

**3.1 General**

Since all events are transnational, and teams and pairs may comprise players from different NBOs, the following procedures shall apply:

- For all events, Pairs and Teams may consist of players belonging to the same or different NBOs but each player must be approved by his/her NBO of origin and submitted to the WBF Credentials Committee. The team or pair shall be submitted by any NBO which has at least one player in the team or pair;
- Participation in these events will not prejudice a player's entitlement to represent an NBO in future World Bridge Championships, if otherwise eligible to do so.
- Teams may consist of between 4 and 6 players

**3.2 Submission of Entries**

Subject to the section above, the names of players in each pair, and the names of the players and non-playing captain (if applicable) in each team,

together with the WBF Player number if known, and wherever possible an email address must be submitted by the NBO to which that person belongs for the approval of the WBF Credentials Committee. Such nomination should be sent to the President of the World Bridge Federation no later than 8 May 2006.

Entries for the teams should be ranked by the NBO or NBOs concerned in accordance with the requirements of Section 11.1 (teams) and Section 25 (pairs). The WBF reserves the right to reject late entries.

An entry form can be supplied to NBOs on request – please contact Anna Gudge (see section 43). The WBF reserves the right to reject late entries.

### 3.3 **Entry Fees**

In order to receive the discount shown on the entry fees, players **MUST** make their hotel reservations at the WBF approved hotels **through the official agency**, High Performance Travel (see section 43.3). Evidence of such booking must be produced when payment of the entry fees is made, whether this is on site or in advance by bank transfer.

Championship Event	Entry fee (US \$)	Discounted Entry Fee (US \$)
Mixed pairs	375	300
Open pairs qualification rounds	625	500
Open pairs final	250	200
IMP Pairs: qualification rounds – <i>note</i> pairs failing to qualify for the Semi Finals of the Open/Women’s pairs may play the first two days free of charge	250	200
IMP Pairs final stages	250	200
Ladies Pairs qualification rounds	625	500
Ladies Pairs final stages	250	200
Senior Pairs	500	400
Rosenblum Teams (Open)	1250	1000
McConnell Teams (Women)	1250	1000
Senior Teams	1000	800
Swiss Plate	250	200

The prescribed entry fees for championship events as listed above shall be paid at the site of these Championships no later than the day before the commencement of the championship event in question (or if applicable, the final of a championship event). Contestants should check the website at [www.worldbridgehouse.com](http://www.worldbridgehouse.com) and at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) for updated information concerning how entry payments should be made.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee, in conjunction with the Credentials Committee, reserves the

right to accredit additional pairs or teams, in any Championship Event, for the technical convenience of the movement.

#### **4. Schedule Of Events: General Description**

##### **4.1 *Transnational Knockout Open Teams (Rosenblum Cup)***

to be played from 13 – 21 June.

The entry fee guarantees the right of the teams eliminated in the Round-Robin phase of the event to play in the Swiss Teams Plate).

##### **4.2 *Transnational Knockout Women's Teams (McConnell Cup)***

to be played from 13 – 20 June.

The entry fee guarantees the right of the teams eliminated in the Round-Robin phases of the event to play in the Swiss Teams Plate).

##### **4.3 *Transnational Seniors' Teams***

to be played from 16 – 19 June and is restricted to Seniors (see Section 2.20).

##### **4.4 *Transnational Mixed Pairs / Mixed Pairs Plate***

to be played from 10 – 12 June.

Players failing to qualify for the Final may enter the Mixed Pairs Plate free of charge.

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

##### **4.5 *Transnational Mixed Pairs Plate***

To be played on Monday 12 June.

Entry is free to the pairs not qualifying for the finals of the Mixed Pairs.

##### **4.6 *Transnational Open & Women's Pairs***

to be played from 17 – 24 June.

Pairs in these events failing to qualify for the semi final may play in the first two days of the IMP pairs free of charge.

##### **4.7 *Transnational Seniors' Pairs***

to be played from 20 – 23 June, and is restricted to Seniors (see Section 2.20).

##### **4.8 *Transnational Swiss Teams Plate***

to be played on Friday 16 June.

Entry is free to teams not qualifying for the Knockout phase of the Open and Women's Teams. Other teams shall pay the entry fee designated in Section 3.3

##### **4.9 *Transnational IMP Pairs Championship***

to be played from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Entry to the qualifying stage (20/21 June) is free to pairs not qualifying for the Semi Final of the Open or Women's Pairs; other pairs shall pay the entry fee designated in Section 3.3

**4.10 Procedures Governing Delayed Entry to Overlapping Championship Events**

It is permitted for individual players from the Rosenblum and McConnell Teams to participate in the Senior Teams up to and including the second day of the Senior Teams (Saturday 17 June) **provided** they are pre-registered with an existing team before the start of the Rosenblum or McConnell.

There is no provision for teams eliminated during the Round of 64 in the Rosenblum or the Round of 32 in the McConnell to enter the Seniors Teams.

## 5. Schedule of Play

The full schedule of play is also published on the websites for the event at [www.worldbridgehouse.com](http://www.worldbridgehouse.com) and [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org). Please check these sites regularly for updated information regarding exact times of play.

Date	Events	
Friday, 9 June	Opening Ceremony	
Saturday, 10 June	Mixed Pairs	Qualifier
Sunday, 11 June	Mixed Pairs	Qualifier / Final
Monday, 12 June	Mixed Pairs	Final - Plate
Tuesday, 13 June	Rosenblum Cup / McConnell Cup	
Wednesday, 14 June	Rosenblum Cup / McConnell Cup	
Thursday, 15 June	Rosenblum Cup / McConnell Cup	
Friday, 16 June	Rosenblum Cup McConnell Cup Swiss Plate Seniors' Teams	Round of 64 Round of 32
Saturday, 17 June	Rosenblum Cup McConnell Cup Open - Women's Pairs Seniors' Teams	Round of 32 Round of 16 Qualifier
Sunday, 18 June	Rosenblum Cup McConnell Cup Open - Women's Pairs Seniors' Teams	Round of 16 Quarterfinal Qualifier
Monday, 19 June	Rosenblum Cup McConnell Cup Open - Women's Pairs Seniors' Teams	Quarterfinal Semifinal Qualifier - Semifinal
Tuesday, 20 June	Rosenblum Cup McConnell Cup Open - Women's Pairs IMP Pairs Seniors' Pairs	Semifinal Final Semifinal Qualifier Qualifier
Wednesday, 21 June	Rosenblum Cup Open - Women's Pairs IMP Pairs Seniors' Pairs	Final Semifinal Qualifier Qualifier
Thursday, 22 June	Open - Women's Pairs IMP Pairs Seniors' Pairs	Final Final Final
Friday, 23 June	Open - Women's Pairs IMP Pairs Seniors' Pairs	Final Final Final
Saturday, 24 June	Open - Women's Pairs IMP Pairs Closing Ceremony	Final Final

## 6. Eligibility For Master Point Awards

WBF Master Points will be awarded for all Championship Events in accordance with the WBF Master Point Plan. See Section 42 of these Conditions of Contest.

## 7. Disclosure Of Systems - WBF Systems Policy

The WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest and further regulates the use of Systems at these Championships.

### 7.1 *Disclosure Requirements*

Contestants in all Championship Events are required to make full written and oral disclosure of their Systems - see Sections 12 - 15 of the General Conditions of Contest, the WBF Systems Policy and the WBF Guide to Completion (of the WBF Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets) Failure to comply with this obligation will result in penalties being imposed.

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

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

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

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

### 7.2 *Convention Card Editor*

The WBF Convention Card Editor can be obtained from the websites detailed in Section 43

### 7.3 *Event Categories*

In accordance with Section 3 of the WBF Systems Policy all Championship Events at these Championships are designated as Category 3 events. Consequently, **neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker Conventions are permitted at any time or in any event.**

### 7.4 *Interpretation of the Systems Policy*

Should any question arise during these Championships as to the correct interpretation of the WBF Systems Policy the decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee, after consultation with the Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee or his designee, shall be final and binding on all contestants.

### 7.5 *Supplementary Sheets*

Where a conventional sequence cannot be described adequately in the space provided on the WBF Convention Card, a reference number should be placed at the appropriate place on the Card; a Supplementary Sheet bearing that reference number, and containing the complete explanation must be submitted along with the Card.

## **8. Additional Systems Regulations**

### **8.1 Filing of Systems and Cards- Red Sticker Systems**

It is a requirement that Red Sticker systems are pre-registered by email with the WBF Systems Administrator for any event in which these are to be used no later than 20<sup>th</sup> May 2006; such systems will be posted on the website at [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) for other players to download and study before the start of the Championships. Each system pre-registered must be accompanied by an email stating:

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

### **8.2 Approval of Red Sticker Systems**

Even though Red Sticker Systems have been registered and displayed on the Web-site they may still be restricted on site at the discretion of the Chairman of the Systems Committee (or his designee).

If Red Sticker Systems are not registered in advance, then pairs will not be permitted to play these systems for the duration of the relevant championship.

### **8.3 Registration of other systems**

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

#### **8.3.1 Convention Card Programs**

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 [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) or [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com)
- the Convention Card Editor written by Lee Edwards, available for free download from [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) or [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com)
- the DOS Convention Card Editor
- Microsoft Word (a blank template is available from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com))
- Microsoft Excel
- PageMaker or InDesign for the PC

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

The Convention Card may also be sent in Acrobat (PDF) Format PROVIDED Acrobat ver 6 is used and the file size is small. Picture formats (.jpg, .bmp etc) will not be accepted.

If programs other than the approved WBF Convention Card Editor are used, players are responsible for ensuring that the formatting is such that all the information lies within the printable area of the page.

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

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

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

#### **8.4 Penalties**

The Chief Tournament Director, the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his designee, and the Tournament Appeals Committee are empowered to impose penalties for any breach of Sections 7 and 8. A decision on such a matter by the Tournament Appeals Committee is final. A decision on such a matter by the Director or by the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his designee may, in certain clearly-defined instances, be subject to appeal to the Tournament Appeals Committee, using the normal procedures for the filing of appeals.

### **9. Tournament Appeals Committee Procedures**

#### **9.1 General:**

See Section 19 and Appendix 1 of the General Conditions of Contest.

#### **9.2 Deposit:**

When lodging an Appeal, the appellant must deposit the sum of 50 Euro with the Tournament Director. This deposit will be refunded unless the Committee determines that the appeal was substantially without merit, in which case the deposit will be forfeited and paid to the WBF Educational Foundation.

## TEAMS COMPETITIONS

### 10. Knockout Teams

#### 10.1 *General Description*

To be played in two phases as follows:

- In the first phase (the Round-Robin phase), the teams will be divided into groups in such a way that, in each group teams play a complete round-robin during three days. The objective is to qualify 64 (Rosenblum) and 32 (McConnell) teams for the second phase (the Knockout phase). The number of groups as well as the number of teams in each group, the number of boards per match and the number of qualified teams in each group will be decided and duly published after the number of entries is known.
- In the Knockout phase, the 64 (Rosenblum) and 32 (McConnell) remaining teams will play direct knockout matches of between 56 and 64 boards, each played over one day. This phase will start on Friday 16 June and will finish on 20 June (McConnell) and 21 June (Rosenblum).

#### 10.2 *Use of Screens*

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

### 11. Schedule Of Play

#### 11.1 *Round-Robin phase*

For the Round-Robin phase to be played over three days, the following general rules will govern the organization of the schedule of play:

- i) The number of groups will be such as to permit each team to play approximately 140-160 boards.
- ii) The Rule (i) will determine the number of boards per match and the number of qualified teams per group.
- iii) Teams will be divided among the groups according to the following seeding rules:
  - (a) The NBOs, when sending the entries to the WBF, will rank their teams by strength (1 – 4), number one being the strongest (based on the criteria of the NBO). This information, together with information obtained from the WBF Master Points will assist the WBF Seeding Committee to seed the competing teams. Seeding decisions of this Committee will be final.
  - (b) The teams will be distributed among the groups in order to balance the average strength of each group. The WBF is aware that it is impossible to reach a perfect balance but will do its best to obtain at least a reasonable one.

The time schedule for the Round-Robin phase will be announced when the number of boards per match is known, but no team will ever have to play more than 64 boards in one day. For each group, the round will be organized

in such a way that the number one seeded team meets the others starting with the lower seeded and finishing with the higher, except that teams from the same country shall meet in the earlier rounds. The first match of the day will normally start at 10:30 hours and the last match will finish at about 20:00 hours.

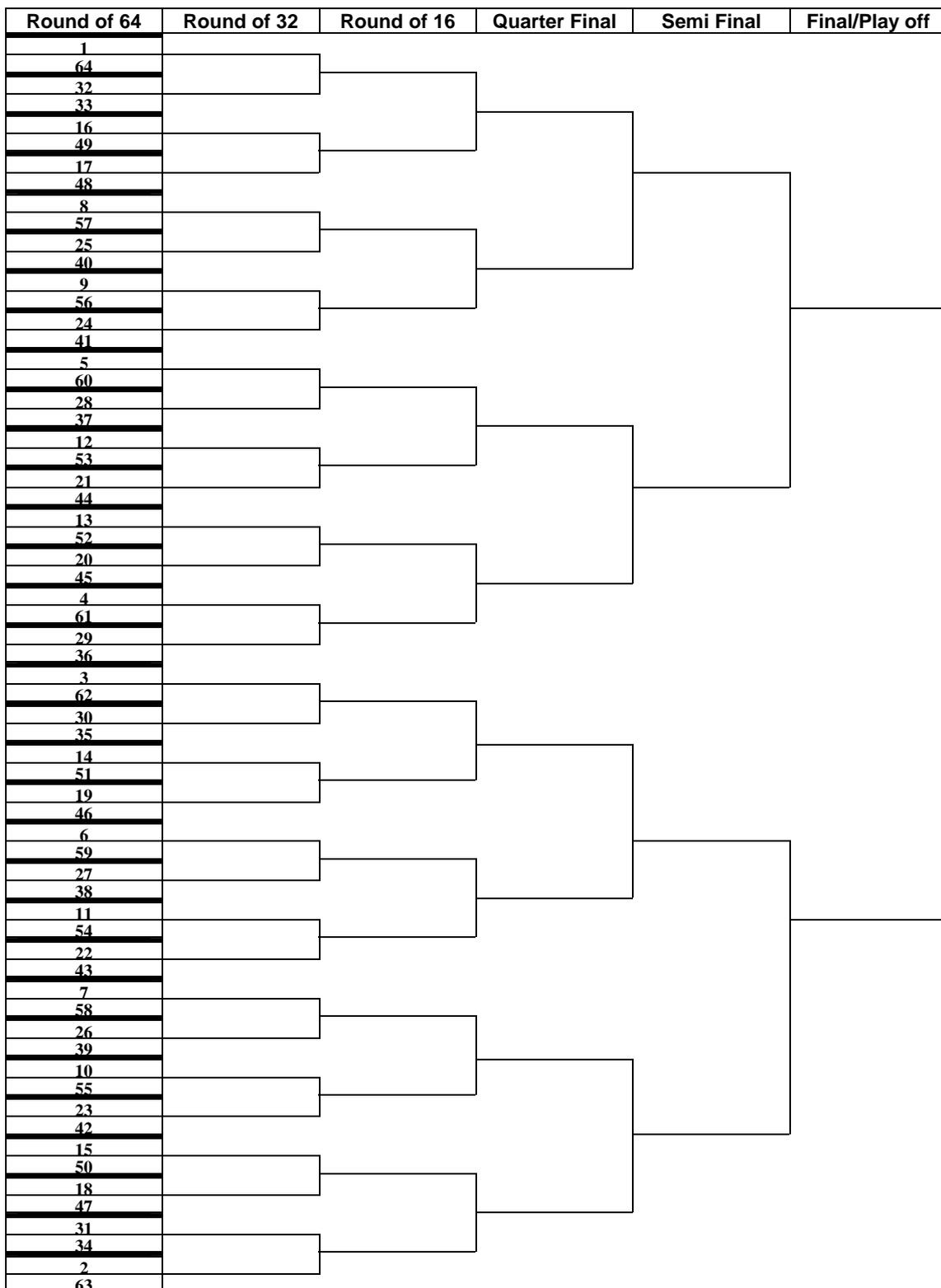
**11.2 Knockout Phase**

For the Knockout phase the teams will be re-seeded.

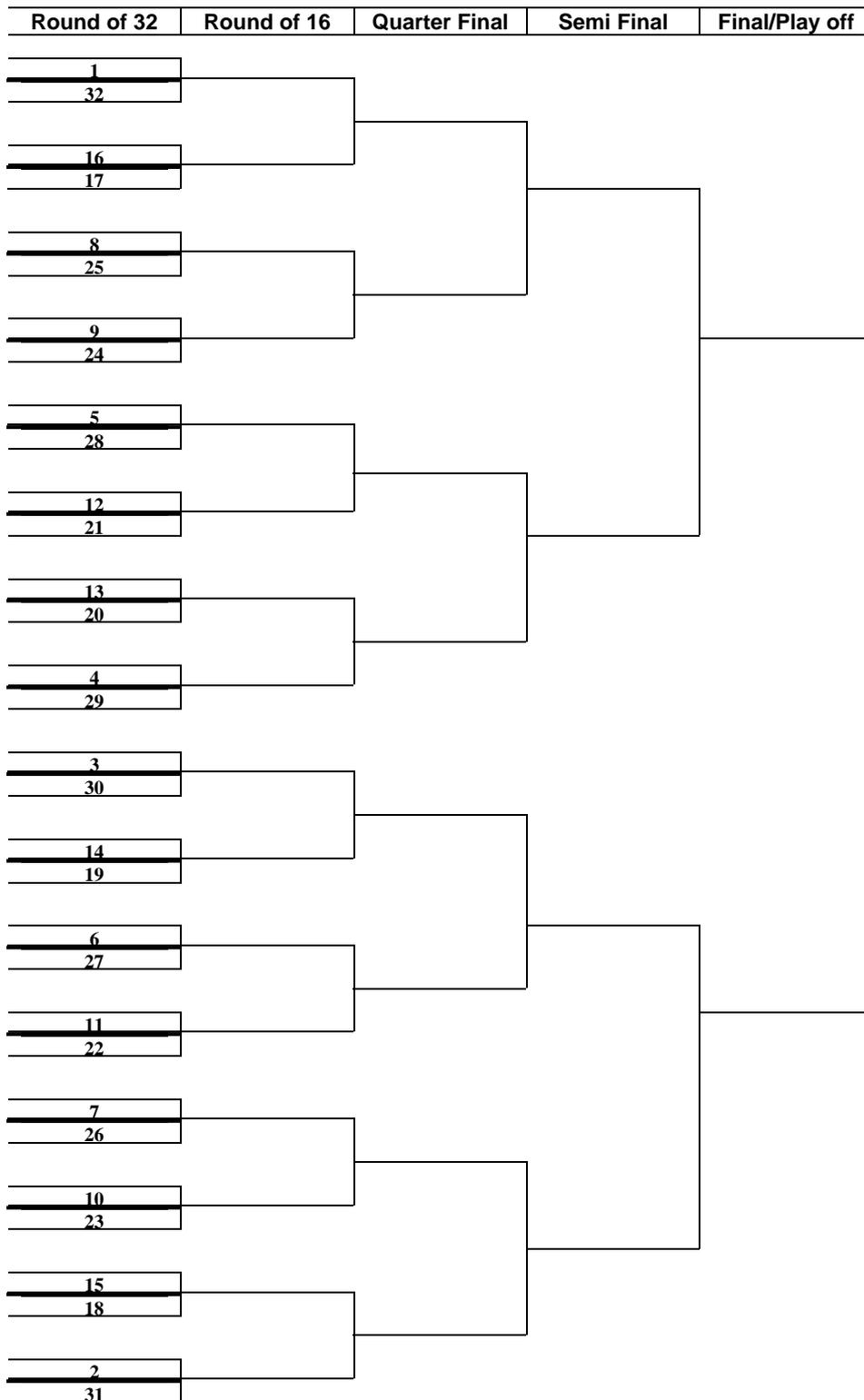
**11.3 Brackets for the Knockout phase of the Rosenblum and McConnell**

The brackets for the Knockout phase will be as follows (see next page).

11.3.1 The Rosenblum Teams



11.3.2 The McConnell Teams



## 12. Tie Breaking Procedures

### 12.1 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.

### 12.2 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 with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- (b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- (c) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- (d) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1;

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

- (e) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- (f) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three team remain tied, then:
- (g) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 12.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- (h) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

### **12.3 Four Teams or more**

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

- (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 Sub-sections 12.1. and 12.2 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 Sub-section 12.2, 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 Sub-sections 12.1 or 12.2 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.

### **12.4 Direct Knockout**

#### 12.4.1 All matches except the Finals:

If a tie exists at the end of a knockout match, it will be resolved by playing four additional boards (boards 1 to 4); if the tie remains, another four boards (5 to 8) will be played; if the tie remains, one board ("sudden-death") matches will determine the winner.

#### 12.4.2 Finals:

As in Section 12.4.1, except that eight additional boards, instead of four, will be played in the first two tie-breakers.

## **13. Line-Ups**

### **13.1 Round-robins.**

In each match of the round-robins, the first named team will be the Home Team and there is no requirement to submit Line-ups in advance.

### **13.2 Direct Knockout.**

Each match will be divided into two Segments, of two Sessions each. The lower numbered team shall be the Home Team in the first Segment and the Visiting Team in the second Segment until the semi-final. For the Semi Final, Final and Play Off there shall be a coin toss by the captains to determine seating rights. The winner of the toss may elect to be Home or Visiting Team in one of the two Segments, or may pass this election to the opposing team. Accordingly, each team shall be Home Team for one Segment and Visiting Team for the other. In all cases, line-ups shall be submitted in accordance with Section 13.4.

### **13.3 Direct Knockout: Tie-Breaking Matches.**

When a tie exists at the end of a match in the Direct Knockout, there shall be a coin toss by the captains to determine Home Team rights for the first tie-breaking match (4 or 8 boards as the case may be - see Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.2). If a tie still exists, Home Team rights in the second tie-breaking match shall pass to the Visiting Team in the first match. Line-up changes may be made before play begins in either of the tie-breaking matches; and in each case the captain of the Visiting Team shall submit his line-up at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director, and the captain of the Home Team shall submit his line-up five minutes thereafter. Each set of 4 or 8 boards (as the case may be) shall be treated as a separate match. If a still-existing tie requires that one board ("sudden death") matches be played, the line-up and seating positions for both teams will, until the tie is broken, remain as they were for the second tie-breaking match.

### **13.4 Direct Knockout: Line-up Times**

From the Round of 64 (Rosenblum) and Round of 32 (McConnell) onwards, line-ups for the Direct Knockout are to be submitted at the place designated by the Chief Tournament Director. The Team required to submit its line-up first shall do so no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the Session or at such time as the Chief Tournament Director determines.

The Team required to submit its line-up second shall do so no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the Session (see Section 19.4 for penalties for a breach of these procedures):

**PROVIDED THAT** if the team required to submit its line-up first is late, the other team shall be allowed 5 minutes from the time of such late submission in which to submit its line-up.

See also Section 14

## **14. Seating**

### **14.1 Round Robin**

In the round-robins, the designated Home Team (see Section 13.1) sits in the North-South direction in the Open Room and in the East-West direction in the Closed Room throughout the match. The Home Team has the right to seat its players after the Visiting Team has done so. There is no change of Line-up during the round-robin matches.

### **14.2 Direct Knockout**

In each Segment of the Direct Knockout (see Section 13.2) the Home Team sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room.

The Home Team has the right to designate its Line-up for the first Session after the Visiting Team has turned its Line-up over to the Tournament Director. For the second Session, the Visiting Team has the right to designate its Line-up after the Home Team has turned its Line-up over to the Tournament Director.

### **14.3 Open and Closed Rooms**

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

### **15. Adding Players To A Team**

Each team is entitled to have six members plus a non-playing captain. If only four or five members are registered at the time of the original entry, additional member(s) may be registered before the commencement of play (no later than 13 June), with the approval of the Credentials Committee. After play has begun, additional member(s) may be added to the four or five originally registered only by permission of the Tournament Appeals Committee and the Credentials Committee.

The Tournament Director may seat a substitute player in the case of force majeure, specifically if the team has only four players, and may if he considers it necessary, approve a substitution for other reasons, subject to the subsequent approval of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

### **16. Length Of Matches And / Or Sessions**

The time allowed to complete any Session of a match will be on the basis of 8 minutes 30 seconds per board.

### **17. Verification Of Scores**

At the conclusion of each match in the round-robin and of each Session in the Direct Knockout, the Captains of each team are responsible for giving the official Table Score Cards, duly completed and signed, to the Tournament Director or his designee. There is no obligation for the Captains to check the results with their opposing team. The Scoring Desk will check the Table Score Cards prior to posting a final result and will post an official result before the end of the following match. After receiving the Table Score Cards of a match, the Tournament Director will post a provisional result on the score-board.

The posting of the official result may be delayed:

- (a) while awaiting the decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;
- (b) while awaiting completion of play of boards ordered to be replayed at the direction of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

If thereafter a dispute arises concerning the number of tricks won or lost [including the case of acquiescence with a claim (Law 69B) or the case of a false concession (Law 71)] and the Director establishes that the initial agreement was incorrect, the correction period ends 30 minutes after the posting of the official result.

An error in computing or tabulating an agreed-upon score in tricks may be corrected during the round robin up to 30 minutes after the official completion time of the last match of the day. During the knockout phase, such errors may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the official completion time for the last Session of the match. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

### **18. Conversion Scale**

The WBF official conversion scales (IMPs to VPs) are given in the General Conditions of Contest.

## **19. Penalties And Fines**

The following schedule of fines is supplemental to the International Code. All infringements of the International Code will be dealt with in accordance with the International Code.

### **19.1 Monetary Fines**

Monetary fines shall be paid in Euro or the equivalent in US Dollars. Monies collected shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmission to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee, to be dealt with as in Section 9.2.

### **19.2 Victory Point Penalties**

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

### **19.3 IMP Penalties**

Penalties assessed in IMPs during round-robin or Swiss Team play shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the end of the match during which the penalty was imposed, before its Victory Point score is calculated. However the score of the non-offending team shall not be affected. These IMP penalties have to be taken into consideration for the purpose of tie-breaking procedures.

### **19.4 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time**

If a captain fails to submit his team's line-up in accordance with Section 13:

- (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 Euro
- (c) For the third offence there shall be a fine of 40 Euro and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of 50 Euro.

Penalties are cumulative

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

### **19.5 Late Arrival**

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

#### 19.5.1 During the Round-Robin

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

#### 19.5.2 During the Direct Knockout Matches

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

A contestant who is late, having been warned as to lateness on a prior occasion, shall be penalised. Where these Conditions prescribe no greater penalty, the minimum to be applied in such a case is  $\frac{1}{2}$  VP in round-robin matches or 3 IMPs in Direct Knockout matches. All decisions as to lateness shall be made by the Tournament Director, and shall be final.

### 19.6 *Slow Play*

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the time play in such match or session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the time allowed by Section 16 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:

#### 19.6.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Round-Robin

0+ – 5 minutes late -	1 VP
5+ – 10 minutes late -	1½ VPs
10+ – 15 minutes late -	2 VPs
15+ – 20 minutes late -	2½ VPs
20+ – 25 minutes late -	3 VPs
Over 25 minutes late -	at the Discretion of the 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.

19.6.2	Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Knock Out Phase
0+ – 25 minutes late	1 IMP for each minute or part thereof
Over 25 minutes late	at the Discretion of the 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 request of the players.

### **19.7 Fouled Boards**

See Section 13 of the General Conditions of Contest. 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.

### **19.8 Other Penalties**

The foregoing penalties are supplemental to the Laws. All infringements of the Laws will be dealt with in accordance with the International Code.

## **20. Disqualification**

In the event of a team being disqualified by the Executive Council, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may, in the discretion of the Executive Council, be declared void and scores earned by its opponents in those matches may be cancelled or varied. Any decision taken by the Executive Council in this respect will be final and will be made at the time of such disqualification. There will be no refund of the entry fee in this instance.

## **21. Seniors' Swiss Teams**

### **21.1 Description**

Teams will consist of 4, 5 or 6 players belonging to the same or different NBOs. The tournament will be a Swiss type to be played over four days and reserved for Seniors (see Section 2.20). No team will play more than 50 boards per day. Depending on the number of entries, at the end of the second day, the field may be divided into two groups of approximately the same size, the leading group for the Championship and the secondary group for the Swiss Plate. If this is the case, all teams will proceed with their VP totals but from this point on, the teams will only play within their group; there will be Master Points awarded to the winner of the second group. The time schedule will be announced when the number of entries is known and the above format can be changed if the number of entries is such that a different one would be advisable.

Senior Players eliminated in the rounds of 64 and 32 of the Rosenblum and of the rounds of 32 and 16 of the McConnell can form Senior teams of 4, 5 or 6 players and enter the "A Group" (the top of the two groups in which the Senior Teams will be divided after two days) of the Senior Teams and play the last two days of the competition.

These drop-in teams will be awarded a suitable carry-over score, to be determined once the final entry and full format of the competition is known.

Regardless of the actual carry-over score awarded, the drop-in teams will play their first match in the Swiss against the corresponding number of leading teams in the Swiss at that stage.

They will pay the same entry fee as the other teams (i.e. US\$ 1000 or \$800 with the discount).

The players should indicate in advance if they intend to form Seniors Teams, if eliminated from the Rosenblum and/or McConnell, as stated above.

## **22. Swiss Plate**

### **22.1 Description**

There will be a one day Swiss Teams Event called the "Swiss Plate" which, depending on the number of entered Teams, may be divided into two Sections (Open and Women) for the players from teams eliminated in the Round-Robin phase of the Knockout Teams and for other duly entered teams (see Section 4.8).

Six eight-board matches will be played, scored in Victory Points. Ties will be broken according to the tie-breaking rules of the Knockout Teams.

The time schedule and other details of the regulations will be announced on site.

## **23. Special Spectator Arrangements**

The following arrangements may be made if there is sufficient space.

In Teams Events at these Championships, the WBF may allow the Open Room Segment of selected matches to be played in special areas designed for spectators to observe the play. Such matches are referred to in these Conditions of Contest as "Designated Pit Matches" and (if they take place) may be the subject of supplementary regulations issued after the date of these Conditions of Contest. Spectators at any Designated Pit Match shall not include non-playing team members or the team captain from either competing team.

In Pairs Events at these Championships, designated tables may be allocated for spectators to observe the play at those tables. If more than one such table is allocated in the same Session, spectators at one table may not move to become spectators at any other table. Spectators may not follow East West players between tables.

No more than four persons may watch play at any one table. If designated representatives of the Press wish to watch play at a specific table, they will be given preference over any other spectators. The Chief Tournament Director may reduce the number of spectators at a table at his discretion.

Spectators are expected to be aware of Section 28 of the General Conditions of Contest.

## **24. General**

Unless repugnant to the context, or specifically modified by Section 21 above, or by further regulations issued by the WBF and by the Tournament Directors at the site of the tournaments, the Conditions of Contest applying to the Knockout Teams will apply to all Swiss Teams tournaments.

## **PAIRS COMPETITIONS**

### **25. Seeding**

The President or, by his designation, the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, will appoint a Seeding Committee to assist the Chief Tournament Director in assigning starting positions for pairs in the first Session of play-through events and for every phase of the Mixed, Open, Women's, Seniors' and IMP Pairs Championships.

The NBOs, when sending the entries to the WBF, will rank their pairs by strength (1 – 4), number one being the strongest (based on the criteria of the NBO). This information, together with information obtained from the WBF Master Points will assist the WBF Seeding Committee to seed the competing pairs. Seeding decisions of this Committee will be final.

The Director and the Committee shall attempt, where feasible, to spread players from the same NBO equally among the groups (when there are groups) and to assign positions so that pairs from the same NBO, if seeded in the same group, play against each other in the early rounds of each phase.

### **26. Fill-In Pairs**

Since it is desirable that all Sections in a pairs event be of equal size, the Credentials Committee and the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee are authorized to approve the entry of pairs not officially entered in the event to equalize Section sizes.

### **27. Substitutes and Alternates**

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

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

### **28. Movements And Scoring**

When the number of entries in each event becomes known, the Chief Tournament Director shall meet with the Tournament Rules and Regulations and Organizing Committees to advise on the selection of movements, conditions of qualifying, and number of boards to be played. Except as specified in these Conditions of Contest, the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee shall make these determinations and advise the contestants accordingly. In the qualifying and semi-final stages of the Open and Women's Pairs Championships, a maximum of 24 boards per Session will be played.

Without qualifying the generality of this Section, it is anticipated that:

Approximately 192 Open Pairs and 90 Women's Pairs will qualify for the semi-finals; 64 to 72 Open Pairs and 32 to 44 Women's Pairs will qualify for the finals; approximately 44 Seniors' Pairs will qualify for the finals and about 40% of the field will qualify for the finals of the Mixed Pairs. Approximately 72 pairs will qualify for the finals of the IMP Pairs. These numbers will all depend on the initial size of the field.

The total number of pairs advancing from the Qualifying to the Semi-Finals and from the Semi-Finals to the Finals, in the Open and Women's Pairs events, will be determined after "Duly entered pairs" for each stage are accounted for. These "Duly entered pairs" meet the following criteria:

- (a) **Pre-qualified to the Semi-Finals:** Two World Grand Masters, a World Master playing with a player involved in the round of 32 or the round of 16 of the Rosenblum or in the round of 16 or the quarter-finals of the McConnell, and pairs consisting of both players similarly involved.
- (b) **Pre-qualified to the Finals:** A World Master playing with a player involved in the quarter-finals or the semi-finals of the Rosenblum or in the semi-final or final of the McConnell, provided that such player has played at least half of the boards played by his/her team in the knockout phase and pairs consisting of both players similarly involved.

In the finals of the Open and Women's Pairs, each pair will play against each other pair, barometer style. Scoring in all events will be across the field.

Participants in the Teams competitions can only drop into the same category of Pairs event (i.e. participants in the Rosenblum may drop into the Open Pairs, those in the McConnell into the Women's Pairs)

### ***28.2 Drop-in regulations for the final stages of the IMP Pairs***

Pairs eliminated from the semi-final of the Open and Women's Pairs may drop in to the final of the IMP Pairs. In this case, each pair must pay the entry fee for the IMP Pairs Final (\$250 or \$200 with the discount)

Depending on the number of Pairs wishing to play such a final, one or two finals will be organized: one for the pairs coming from the original field of the IMP pairs and other for the pairs coming from the semi-finals of the Open and Women's pairs.

The pairs qualified for the semi-finals of the Open and Women's pairs, should indicate in advance, if they want to play in the IMP pairs in the event that they are eliminated. Details of how this is to be done will be published in the Daily Bulletin on site.

## **29. Duration Of Rounds**

The time allowed for completion of a round is based on 8½ minutes per board, including changes.

If this time limit is exceeded, penalties will be imposed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

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

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

Penalties imposed by the Tournament Director in accordance with this Section are final.

## **30. Starting Time And Lateness Fines In Pair Games**

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

of a partnership not be seated in his starting position at the announced starting time, the pair shall be penalised 25% of the match points available on a board. If a player is more than five minutes late, the penalty shall be 50% of the match points available on a board, and the offence shall be reported to the Tournament Appeals Committee for possible further penalty.

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

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

### **31. Failure To Play A Board**

If a pair present at the table cannot play a board through no fault of its own, the innocent pair shall receive the greater of:

- 60% of the match points available on the board; or
- the percentage of match points earned by the innocent pair on all other boards it played in that Session.

If a pair is guilty of an offence that precludes it from playing a board, it shall (in accordance with Law 12C1) receive 40% of the available match points or their percentage in that session if it is less. However, the Tournament Director is not precluded from also imposing a procedural or disciplinary penalty (Laws 90 and 91).

### **32. Fouled Boards**

Each individual player is responsible for seeing that his own cards are returned to the appropriate pocket of the board. The pair (which includes either player) responsible for fouling a board will be assessed a penalty of 50% of the match points available on a board during the Session.

At all times, before looking at his cards, each player should count them. Pairs failing to notice an incorrect number may be penalised 10% of the match points available. If a board arrives at a table with the wrong number of cards in a pocket, the Tournament Director must be called before play commences. He will adjust the cards.

When a board has been fouled, the Tournament Director shall determine where the foul occurred. If guilt can be determined, penalties in accordance with the foregoing should be assessed. Scores earned on the board are then divided into groups, each group containing all the scores earned by pairs who played the same hands. Usually, there will be only two groups - "fouled" and "unfouled"; however, a subsequent foul of the same board could occur.

It is anticipated that all boards will be dealt in advance but in the event of players being required to duplicate a hand or hands in accordance with records provided by the Tournament Director, each player is responsible for seeing that all hands are properly duplicated and placed in the correct pocket of the board. If hands are improperly duplicated, the responsible pairs at the table shall be penalised 50% of the match points available on the board. If players are required to duplicate boards at the table in this manner, an extra two minutes will be added to the first round of play. Players are expected to use the extra time to verify that the boards have been properly duplicated. Pairs failing to report an error in duplication to the Tournament

Director at this point will be penalised 25% of the available match points on that board.

### **32.1 Scoring Groups of Scores**

If a group contains fewer than four scores, match points in that group shall be as follows:

- (a) Group contains only one score - both pairs are awarded 60% of the points available.
- (b) Group contains two scores. If identical, both pairs receive 60%. If the scores are different, the better score receives 65%, the lesser 55%.
- (c) Group contains three scores - the best receives 70%, the middle 60%, the lowest 50%. Ties share the match points.

For all groups containing four or more scores, match points shall be awarded in accordance with the formula:

$S = N \cdot S1/n + m/n$  based on 0, 2, 4 ... match point scoring, where

S = final match point to be awarded the pair

S1= match point score earned by the pair considering only the scores within the group itself

n = number of scores in that group

N = total number of scores on that board

m = N - n

Match points will be rounded off to the nearest tenth of a match point, 0.05 being counted as 0.1.

### **32.2 Artificial Scores**

For a board on which one or more contestants have been assigned artificial scores, match points will be awarded for other pairs in accordance with the preceding formula where *n* is the number of artificial scores.

## **33. Withdrawing Wrong Cards From A Board**

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

Should one player withdraw an opponent's hand from the board and see any cards in it, and should the Tournament Director consider that the hand cannot fairly be played in the proper position, either the Tournament Director will decide that the board shall be played in reversed position with the comparison changed accordingly, in which case the offending pair will be penalised 25% of the available score on a board; or, if the Tournament Director is satisfied that no material damage has been done (which includes the case where no cards in the hand have been seen), he will rule that the board be played normally but (at the discretion of the Tournament Director) with the offending pair exchanging seats. Any repetition of this occurrence will render the pair liable for penalty.

## **34. Carry-Over**

For the Mixed Pairs, the leading pair will have a carry-over of 4% and the top third of the field (including ties) will receive a proportional carry-over of between 4% and 0%

depending on their result in the qualifying Sessions. The remaining pairs will receive a carry-over of 0%.

For the Seniors Pairs, there will be a carry-over from the qualifying round to the Final which will be the average percentage from the three qualifying Sessions.

There will be no carry-over for any of the other Pairs events.

### **35. Ranking**

Ranking positions for all purposes (including determination of pairs qualified for the next phase of an event) shall be in accordance with the match points earned, with any margin (including from carry-over) determining the result.

### **36. Tie-Breaking**

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

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

### **37. Compass Positions**

According to Law 5, except as instructed by the Tournament Director, players must retain their original starting direction throughout the Session. (South may not exchange with North nor may East and West exchange positions). If the movement dictates that pairs change direction during a Session, the exchange shall be North with East and South with West.

### **38. Comparison Of Scores**

Comparison of scores or discussion of hands with other contestants during a Session is illegal. Offending pairs will be subject to penalty at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or the Tournament Appeals Committee.

### **39. Correction Of Scores**

Contestants are advised to agree their scores with opponents after each round. Law 79 states: "The number of tricks won shall be agreed upon before all four hands have been returned to the board. If a subsequent disagreement arises, the Director must be called. No increase in score need be granted unless the Director is called before the round ends as specified in Law 8."

### **40. Recording Of Scores**

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

legibility. Pairs failing to enter or verify a score correctly may be penalised 10% of the available match points on one board.

#### **41. Appeals On Scoring**

Any appeal against a score, or against the total score attributed to a pair, should be accompanied by a deposit of 20 Euro and will be determined by the Tournament Appeals Committee. The deposit will be forfeited:

- (a) if there is no error in the published score; or
- (b) if the error is the fault of the competitor.

In the case of 41(b) above, the score will be rectified (but Law 79B applies), provided that protests are made within the correction period, which for purposes of Law 79C shall be:

- in all but the last Session of any phase of an event, 15 minutes before the next Session of that phase is scheduled to begin; and
- in the last Session of any phase of an event, 30 minutes after the official score for that Session has been completed and made available for inspection; and the official score may in the discretion of the Chief Tournament Director be made available for inspection by posting it on an official Results Board, or by visual display on a TV monitor (or similar device) or both methods, in which case time will run from whichever method first occurs.

## 42. Eligibility for Awards and Master Points

In order to be eligible to receive awards and master points for the rounds of 64, 32, and 16, the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final/play off a player must have played at least one third of the boards played in all stages of the competition.

Following the Championships, all awards will be published on the website at [www.wbfmasterpoints.com](http://www.wbfmasterpoints.com)

Any queries relating to Master Points will be settled by the Master Points Committee on site.

In accordance with the WBF Master Points Plan, the following scale of Master Points will apply:

### 42.1 Master Point Awards for the Rosenblum Cup & McConnell Cup

<b>Rosenblum Cup</b>		<b>McConnell Cup</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Master Points</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Master Points</b>
1st	600	1st	450
2nd	450	2nd	340
3rd	350	3rd	300
4th	300	4th	270
5th	160	5th	120
6th - 16th	100	6th - 16th	80
7th - 32nd	60	7th - 32nd	50
33rd - 64th	40	33rd - 64th	40
<b>Placing Points</b>		<b>Placing Points</b>	
1st	5	1st	5
2nd	4	2nd	4
3rd	3	3rd	3
4th	2	4th	2
5th	1	5th	1

<b>Swiss Plate</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Master Points</b>
1st	150
2nd	100
3rd	50

## 42.2 Master Point awards for the Open & Women's Pairs

<b>Open Pairs</b>		<b>Women's Pairs</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Master Points</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Master Points</b>
1st	800	1st	600
2nd	750	2nd	550
3rd	700	3rd	500
4th	650	4th	450
5th	600	5th	400
6th	550	6th	350
7th	500	7th	300
8th	450	8th	250
9th	400	9th	200
10th	350	10th	190
11th	300	11th	180
12th	290	12th	170
13th	280	13th	160
14th	270	14th	150
15th	260	15th	140
16th	250	16th	130
17th	240	17th	120
18th	230	18th	110
19th	220	19th	100
20th	210	From 20 <sup>th</sup> to last in the final	50
21st	200		
22nd	190		
23rd	180		
24th	170		
25th	160		
26th	150		
27th	140		
28th	130		
29th	120		
30th	110		
31st	100		
From 32 <sup>nd</sup> to last in the final	50		
<b>Placing Points</b>		<b>Placing Points</b>	
1st	4	1st	4
2nd	3	2nd	3
3rd	2	3rd	2
4th	1	4th	1

### 42.3 Master Point Awards for the IMP & Mixed Pairs

#### IMP Pairs

Top is 1 MP per Pair in the field with a minimum of 300 MPs and a Maximum of 600 MPs

<i>Position</i>	<i>Master Points</i>
1st	100% of top
2nd	80% of top
3rd	65% of top
4th	55% of top
5th	45% of top
6th	35% of top
7th	30% of top
8th	25% of top
9th	20% of top
10th	15% of top
11th	from 11th to last best placed of the 5% of all participants get 5% of top

#### Mixed Pairs

Top is 0.5 MP per Pair in the field with a minimum of 200 MPs and a Maximum of 400 MPs

<i>Position</i>	<i>Master Points</i>
1st	100% of top
2nd	80% of top
3rd	65% of top
4th	55% of top
5th	45% of top
6th	35% of top
7th	30% of top
8th	25% of top
9th	20% of top
10th	15% of top
11th	from 11th to last best placed of the 5% of all participants get 5% of top

#### Placing Points

1st	2
2nd	1
3rd	0.5

### 42.4 Master Point Awards for the Seniors' Events

#### Seniors Events

##### Senior Teams

<i>Position</i>	<i>Senior Master Points</i>
1st	450
2nd	300
3rd	150
4th	90

##### Senior Pairs

<i>Position</i>	<i>Senior Master Points</i>
1st	600
2nd	450
3rd	300
4th	150
From 5th to 10th	90
From 11th to 15th	60
From 16th to last in the final	30

## 43. Contact Information

### 43.1 For player Registration

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See Section 3 for full details concerning player registration

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See Sections 7 and 8 for full details of systems registration

### 43.3 Hotel Reservations

Hotel Reservations should be made through the official Agency for the event, High Performance Travel (HPT)  
For more information see:  
[www.worldbridgehouse.com](http://www.worldbridgehouse.com)  
[www.hpt.it](http://www.hpt.it)  
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**PLAYERS MUST NOTE that in order to receive the discounted entry fees for the Championship events, they must reserve their accommodation at the official WBF hotels through HPT.**

### 43.4 Official Websites:

<a href="http://www.worldbridge.org">www.worldbridge.org</a>	The WBF Website which will carry full details of the Championships, including the results and bulletins
<a href="http://www.worldbridgehouse.com">www.worldbridgehouse.com</a>	The official website for the Championships
<a href="http://www.hpt.it">www.hpt.it</a>	High Performance Travel – the official Hotel reservations agency for the Championships
<a href="http://www.ecatsbridge.com">www.ecatsbridge.com</a>	for registered systems & documents relating to systems information