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for the
46th World Bridge Team Championships
Bermuda Bowl
Venice Cup
d'Orsi Seniors Trophy
Wuhan Cup
And the
13th World Transnational Open Teams
Marrakech Grand Prix Open BAM Teams**

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1 Preamble

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest (SCoC) are supplemental to the **General Conditions of Contest** (GCoC) issued by the World Bridge Federation and together form the rules and regulations to govern the 2023 Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d’Orsi Seniors Trophy, Wuhan Cup (**WTC**) and the World Transnational Open Teams Championship (**WTOT**) and the Marrakech Grand Prix Open BAM Teams (**MGPOT**) that will be played in Marrakech, Morocco from 20th August – 2nd September 2023, with Registration and the Opening Ceremony on 19th August.

The following Ancillary Regulations will apply unless modified by this document.

- [WBF Systems Policy](#)
- [Procedures for Tie Breaking](#)
- [Procedures for dealing with unplayable or fouled Boards](#)
- [Procedures for Apportioning Penalties](#)
- [Procedures for Forfeits and Withdrawals](#)
- [Procedure for Reviews](#)
- [Regulations for Screens Bidding and Entering Scores](#)
- [Regulations for the Registration and Use of Systems](#)
- [Regulations governing Seating Rights](#)
- [The WBF Alerting Policy](#)

Each of the above Ancillary Regulations will have the date of revision shown under the heading. Please ensure that when referring to them you check for an updated version on the website.

Participants should also note the following sections in the GCoC

- **Section 3: Conditions of entry** including eligibility regulations and the information regarding the commitment form
- **Section 5: Ethics and Deportment**
- **Section 7: Anti-Doping Regulations** The application form for therapeutic exemption together with examples of the medical certificate that will be issued if the exemption is approved by the WBF Medical Commission, can be found on the [WBF website](#). Details of prohibited substances can be found on the [World Anti-Doping website](#).
- **Section 10: Restrictions and Security**
- **Sections 11 & 12: Vu-Graph, Broadcasting and Media Presentation**

In the event of a conflict between the GCoC and these supplemental conditions, the Supplemental Conditions of Contest have precedence.

2 Definitions

Expressions used in this document without definition have their usual meaning in contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of doubt or dispute as to the meaning, the decision of the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee will be final. The singular includes the plural and vice-versa.

Unless there is a conflict with context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the GCoC have the same meaning for the purpose of this document. In addition, the following expressions have these meanings:

2.1 “General Conditions of Contest (GCoC)”

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



2.2 “Open” and “Closed” Rooms

Rooms will be designated as Open or Closed for every stanza, segment, or session of a match.

2.3 “Convention”

Terms such as or similar to “convention”, “conventional call”, “conventional play”, “conventional agreement” refer to special partnership understandings (see Law 40).

3 Conditions of Entry (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d’Orsi Seniors Trophy, Wuhan Cup)

See also Section 3 of the GCoC

3.1 Eligibility Requirements

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied that each contestant has been nominated by their NBO, and satisfies the [WBF Eligibility Code](#) requirements.

If an NBO is in arrears for any payment due to the WBF, nominated contestants who have been submitted for invitation may be refused until such dues and entry fees have been settled satisfactorily. This includes non-championship events such as the Worldwide Bridge Contest.

No male may play or substitute in a team or pair competing in a women’s event.

3.2 Submission of Entries

3.2.1 *Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d’Orsi Seniors Trophy & Wuhan Cup*

An NBO, once qualified from a zone, is entitled to nominate at least one team for the Bermuda Bowl and/or at least one team for the Venice Cup and/or at least one team for the d’Orsi Seniors Trophy and/or at least one team for the Wuhan Cup. Each zone is requested to confirm its intention to hold a zonal tournament in order to qualify the requisite number of teams for the 2023 Championships. As soon as such a tournament has finished, the zone is asked to inform the WBF President which of their NBOs will participate in the 2023 World Bridge Championships in each of the four categories. The list of teams with the right to enter can be found on the [WBF Championship site](#) for the event.

Registration of players’ names and NBO delegation members for all four WCT teams must be made by 30th June. Registration for new teams wishing to enter the WTOT is to be done by 31st July but late entries will be accepted provided there is sufficient room at the venue. Registration for new teams entering the MGPO is to be made by 15th August but late entries will be accepted provided there is sufficient room at the venue.

3.3 Entry Fees

The entry fees together with the payment information for all events are detailed on the [Championship Website](#)

3.4 Team Members

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



3.5 Age Limitation for Participants in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy

Details of the age restrictions for Senior events can be found [on the WBF Website](#).

3.6 Composition of Mixed Teams

The team must be made up of at least two men and two women, and each playing pair must consist of one man and one woman.

3.7 Penalty for Non-Participation

In the event that a team entered for these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the WBF must be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to notify the WBF of non-participation will result in a €1,350 penalty, payable by the NBO and/or Zone that nominated the team; an additional disciplinary penalty may be added by the WBF.

4 Anti-Doping Regulations

The procedures provided by the WADA Anti-doping Policy will be followed and enforced. Any breach will result in a player being banned from participation in every bridge activity for the period as provided by the WADA Anti-doping Code.

The WBF Anti-Doping Rules are published as an appendix to the WBF General Regulations and are available, together with the required Exemption Form on the [WBF Website](#).

5 Types of Contest

5.1 Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, Wuhan Cup

The dates of the various rounds can be found on the [Championship Website](#)

5.1.1 Round Robin

The competing teams (expected to number 24) play a complete round-robin of 16-boards matches, with each match played in a single session. The eight teams with the most Victory Points after the round-robin will qualify for the quarter-finals (See Section 15 for tie-breaking procedures).

The teams/players not qualifying may enter the World Transnational Open Teams free of charge. Such players may also form new teams, including players who did not participate in the WTC, subject to the entry fee rules explained [here](#).

5.1.2 Quarter Finals

The quarter-finals will be played as a knockout match of 96 boards (played as six 16-board stanzas) with IMP scoring.

Quarter-final match opponents are determined as follows:

1st from the round-robin chooses 5th 6th 7th or 8th qualifier; then

2nd chooses from the remaining of 5th 6th 7th or 8th; then

3rd chooses from the remaining of 5th 6th 7th or 8th; then

4th placed team will play the team not yet chosen.

The teams/players not qualifying may enter the World Transnational Open Teams free of charge.



5.1.3 *Semi Finals*

The semi-finals will be played as a knockout match of 96 boards (played as six 16-board stanzas), with IMP scoring. Subject to the requirement that if two teams from the same country qualify, they must meet in the semi-finals, the highest finishing team from the round-robin will choose their prospective semi-final opponent from any of the other quarter-matches. The remaining winners will become opponents for the other semi-final match. This choice must be made at the completion of the quarter final draw and before play in the quarter final begins. Hence the semi-final draw is decided prior to the quarter final stage and remains applicable whatever the outcome of quarter-final matches.

5.1.4 *Final*

The winners of the semi-finals play the final as a knockout match of 96 boards (played as six 16-board stanzas), with IMP scoring.

5.1.5 *Play Off*

The losing semi-finalists will play-off as a knockout match of 64 boards (played as four 16-board stanzas) with IMP scoring.

If one team declines the right to play off for third place, they will automatically be assigned fourth place and receive one-third of the available Master Points for that position, and no placement points. Their opponent will be declared bronze medallist.

If both teams mutually agree not to play off for the third place, no bronze medal will be awarded for the competition, and each team will receive one third of the Master Points awarded to fourth place, and no placement points.

The defeated quarter-finalists will be ranked 5th to 8th according to their VP total in the round-robin; if a tie exists, it will be broken using the normal tie-break criteria.

5.2 **World Transnational Open Teams Championship**

5.2.1 *Type of Contest*

All categories will play together but there will, in addition to the awards for the overall classification, be separate awards also for Women, Seniors and Mixed teams.

The format will be a Swiss teams qualification over two days, with five matches of 10 boards each per day (100 boards in total). The top 16 teams (or 32 teams if 65 or more teams participate) qualify for the Knockout phase, played over four days. In the case of 32 teams the Rounds of 32 and 16 will be played on the same day with the following rounds played on one day each. In the case of 16 teams each KO match - R16, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Final and Play-off for third place will be played on one day each, in four segments of 14 boards each.

After the Semifinals, should a team decline to play off for third place, they will automatically be placed in fourth place and receive one third of the Master Points awarded for that position. Their opponent will be declared bronze medallist.

If both teams mutually agree not to play off for third place, no bronze medal will be awarded and each team will receive one third of the Master Points awarded for fourth place.



Teams/players not qualified for the Knockout phase may enter the Marrakech Grand Prix Open BAM Teams free of charge. Such players may also form new teams, including players who did not participate in the WTC, subject to the entry fee rules explained [here](#).

5.2.2 *Drop-in Rules*

Teams that lose on the first day of the WTOT KO are eligible to drop into the second day of the MGPO at no charge.

Teams that lose on the second day of the WTOT KO are eligible to drop into the MGPO final at no charge.

Each eligible team is entitled to one drop-in spot. If fewer than six of its players choose to continue, it can add players from another team that has lost in the same KO round.

Teams that drop into day 2 of the MGPO will be assigned a carry-forward score as if they had played on day one. It will be the higher of

- a) The median score achieved by the teams that played on day one, plus .01 points (one two hundredth of a board).
- b) a score that would place the team in the lowest qualifying position, less .01 points.

Teams that drop into the final of the MGPO will be assigned the median carryover score of the teams that qualified on day two, that is, ex aequo with the team in the middle of the ranking or half-way between the two teams in the middle of the ranking.

5.3 **The Marrakech Grand Prix Open BAM Teams (MGPO)**

All teams will play together and there will be separate overall awards for each category – Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed.

The format will consist of a two day qualification followed by one day of Finals A & B

6 **Carry Over**

There will be no carry over to any knockout phase.

7 **The Draw**

The draw for all the four categories will be made by three members of the WBF Championship Committee appointed by the WBF President.

Team numbers and the order of play will then be published on the [Championship website](#). The Championship Rules and Regulations Committee has authority to make alterations to team numbers (and as a consequence in the sequence of play) if required by circumstance after the draw has been announced.

8 **The Schedule of Play**

The schedule of play will be published on published on the [Championship website](#)

9 **Regulations for Electronic Line-Ups**

Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure by a captain to submit a line-up in a timely fashion will result in fines.

In round robin matches line-ups for both teams must be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous round; teams will not know the line-up of their opponents.



The deadline for submission of line-up for the first round will be announced at the Captains' Meeting.

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

Line-ups are to be submitted at the place designated by the Operations Director. This will be a dedicated area, with computers available. Each team will also have its own dedicated page, with a password, in the wireless LAN set by the organization so captains may access via their own laptops.

The system automatically records the time a line-up is made, so penalties for late line-ups will be automatic. A clock in the playing area will display the official time.

If a partnership without a registered System Card is to play, the captain must notify the opposing team through the communications system which of the previously registered System Cards will be used.

10 Designation of Matches and Seeding

10.1 Seeding

After seeding each Series the draws will be randomised, with the only restriction being that minor changes can be made in the designations in order to ensure that teams of the same Country meet in the early rounds.

10.2 Responsibility for the Draw

The draw will be made under the direction of the Championship Committee. The team numbers and the sequence of the matches will be published on the WBF Website. The Championship Committee has the authority to make some changes in the numbers of the teams (and as a consequence in the sequence of play) if required by occurrences after the draw has been announced.

11 Seating rights

The regulations governing Seating rights can be [downloaded here](#).

12 Regulations for Screens, Bidding and Entering Scores

12.1 These regulations can be [downloaded here](#).

12.2 In the KO phase of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy and Wuhan Cup tablets will be used for bidding and entering scores.

13 Change of Players

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a stanza or according to art.19 below when an extra tie-break board is played.

If, for any reason, a team is unable to produce four players, either at the start of a session or because of an emergency that develops during the session, according to art. 18 of the GCoC, the Head Tournament Director, in consultation with the captain of the team, may designate a substitute to complete the team.



14 Disclosure of Systems and Conventions

14.1 WBF Systems Policy

The [WBF Systems Policy](#) forms part of these supplemental conditions of contest. The Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup (including the respective play-offs) are Category 1 events. In Category 1 events all systems are allowed but see Section 14.2 below for restrictions during the round robin phase.

The d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, the Wuhan Cup, the World Transnational Open Teams and the Marrakech Grand Prix Open Teams are Category 3 events, so no HUM or Brown Sticker Methods are permitted at any stage.

If a pair in any event uses a convention not listed on their System Card, a disciplinary penalty of up to two VPs will be deducted from the team's score. In addition, the Tournament Director may award an adjusted score if an opponent is damaged.

The pair may not play again until their system card has been corrected to the satisfaction of the Head Tournament Director.

If a pair re-offends, they may not play as a partnership for the remainder of the event.

14.2 General Regulations

HUM systems and Brown Sticker conventions are prohibited in the round robin of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup. They may be used in the knockout stages of both events, provided additional, separate System Cards are submitted in accordance with the regulations below. Separate forms for each Brown Sticker convention, along with proposed defences must be supplied. A pair may register a maximum of three Brown Sticker conventions.

14.3 Submission of Systems for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy & the Wuhan Cup

The Regulations for the Registration and Use of Systems at World Championship events can be [downloaded here](#).

14.4 Systems for the WTOT and the MGPOT

Both these events are Category 3, and HUM systems and Brown Sticker Methods are prohibited. Systems are not required to be submitted in advance but nevertheless must consist of properly completed WBF cards as detailed in the [Systems Regulations](#).

15 Tie-Breaking Procedures

Procedures for Tie Breaking can be [downloaded here](#)

16 Forfeits and Withdrawals

Procedures for Forfeits and Withdrawals can be [downloaded here](#)

17 Penalties

Procedures for Apportioning Penalties can be [downloaded here](#)

18 Review Procedure

The Procedure for Reviews can be [downloaded here](#)

19 Score Corrections

When Bridgemates are in use the official score will be that keyed in by N/S and agreed by E/W.



When tablets are in use the official score will be that keyed in by declarer and agreed by both defenders

Players and captains are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores.

The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in 19.1 below and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- Awaiting a decision of the Reviewer on a requested review
- Completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Championship Committee or the Operations Director

Upon a proposal of the Head Director or the Operations Director, the Tournament Committee may modify the Correction Periods prior to any event. Any changes will be posted prominently in the playing area and listed on the event's website.

19.1 Correction Period

The Correction Period normally expires thirty minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day or, for the final session of a day that is not the final day of the event, until the start of play the following day.

Upon a proposal of the Head Director or the Operations Director, the Tournament Committee may modify the Correction Periods prior to any event. Any changes will be posted prominently in the playing area and listed on the event's website.

19.2 Corrections

Requests to correct manifestly incorrect scores (e.g. four spades scored as played by West, but in fact played by North) entered at any time during a stage of an event may be requested until 30 minutes after the end of that stage.

Otherwise, a request to change a score that was agreed upon at the table may be submitted only until the end of the Correction Period, and the score will be changed only once it is proven erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Head Tournament Director.

However, no correction may be requested more than 30 minutes after the scores are posted for the final session of a qualification stage. This includes KOs, where every round is a qualification stage.

20 Duplicated Boards

Duplicated boards will be used throughout these Championships whenever possible.

21 Entry Fees

The schedule of entry fees and the method of payment is on the [Championship Website](#).

22 Official WBF pages and links

- [The WBF Website](#)
- [The Championship Website](#)

22.1 External links to other websites

- [The World Anti-Doping Agency \(WADA\)](#)
- [The current Prohibited List](#)

