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TIME TO PLAY

Today's Programme
**Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup,
 d'Orsi Trophy, Mixed**
 11.00 - 13.20
 14.30 - 16.50
 17.30 - 19.50

11.00 Round 1

BB	Italy - USA2	VG/BBO1
MX	Denmark - Brazil	BBO 2
MX	France - Russia	BBO 3
BB	Argentina - India	BBO 4
VC	Brazil - Trinidad & Tobago	BBO 5
SD	USA1 - Indonesia	BBO 6
SD	Reunion - India	BBO 7
BB	Sweden - Israel	BBO 8
BB	Bangladesh - Australia	BBO 9
BB	Guadeloupe - Norway	BBO 10
BB	England - Netherlands	BBO 11
VC	Poland - Netherlands	BBO 12

14.30 Round 2

BB	Netherlands - USA1	VG/BBO1
BB	Italy - Russia	BBO 2
VC	USA1 - France	BBO 3
BB	Indonesia - Israel	BBO 4
MX	France - USA1	BBO 5
BB	USA2 - Canada	BBO 6
BB	Egypt - England	BBO 7
SD	Denmark - Turkey	BBO 8
VC	Netherlands - England	BBO 9
BB	New Zealand - Sweden	BBO 10
MX	Italy - Latvia	BBO 11
SD	UAE - France	BBO 12

17.30 Round 3

VC	China - USA1	VG/BBO1
BB	Russia - Netherlands	BBO 2
BB	Australia - Italy	BBO 3
SD	Indonesia - Denmark	BBO 4
BB	England - India	BBO 5
MX	Canada - Latvia	BBO 6
VC	Sweden - Norway	BBO 7
BB	Israel - Morocco	BBO 8
VC	Scotland - Australia	BBO 9
BB	Canada - Chile	BBO 10
MX	Russia - Thailand	BBO 11
SD	Italy - Japan	BBO 12



WBF President Gianarrigo Rona (center) celebrates the opening of the 44th World Bridge Team Championships in Wuhan.

Not long after 7 p.m. on Saturday, World Bridge Federation President Gianarrigo Rona declared the 44th World Bridge Team Championships open. The applause in the packed banquet hall at the Wuhan Asia Hotel was thunderous as the anticipation of another large-scale international tournament in China reached fever pitch. Among the celebrants were members of the 96 teams gathered to compete in the top events in world bridge, from the Bermuda Bowl to the World Transnational Open Teams. The tournament is hosted by the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, whose president, Liu Xiaojang, was part of the welcoming committee.

Liu said the WBF's decision to schedule the tournament in Wuhan reflects the organization's confidence in China's ability to host such a big event.

Wuhan Mayor Zhou Zianwang welcomed the WBF and the bridge players who traveled to his city, noting that "bridge is an elegant sport, a smart competition of mind, a competitive fun and social game. As the most influential top bridge event in the world, the World Bridge Team Championships is the 'heaven' to all players' hearts.

Supplemental Conditions of Contest

A new version of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest – different than the one previously published – will be in use.

http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019_Supplemental_Conditions_of_Contest.pdf



Convention Cards

If you want to check out a Convention Card this link will be useful:

<http://championships.worldbridge.org/wuhanwt19/faq/the-registered-convention-cards>

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M1

M2

M3

Bermuda Bowl**11:00 - 13:20**

CHILE	SINGAPORE
ARGENTINA	INDIA
ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS
GUADELOUPE	NORWAY
RUSSIA	CANADA
POLAND	CHINA
MOROCCO	CHINA HONG KONG
NEW ZEALAND	INDONESIA
SWEDEN	ISRAEL
BANGLADESH	AUSTRALIA
USA 1	EGYPT
ITALY	USA 2

14.30 - 16.50

CHILE	CHINA HONG KONG
NETHERLANDS	USA 1
CHINA	ARGENTINA
GUADELOUPE	AUSTRALIA
INDONESIA	ISRAEL
EGYPT	ENGLAND
MOROCCO	SINGAPORE
ITALY	RUSSIA
USA 2	CANADA
BANGLADESH	NORWAY
INDIA	POLAND
NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN

17.30- 19.50

CANADA	CHILE
SINGAPORE	USA 2
ARGENTINA	CHINA HONG KONG
POLAND	GUADELOUPE
ENGLAND	INDIA
RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS
ISRAEL	MOROCCO
NORWAY	CHINA
NEW ZEALAND	USA 1
EGYPT	BANGLADESH
SWEDEN	INDONESIA
AUSTRALIA	ITALY

Venice Cup**11:00 - 13:20**

SCOTLAND	TUNISIA
CHINA	SWEDEN
USA 2	DENMARK
INDIA	CHINESE TAIPEI
CANADA	ENGLAND
USA 1	SOUTH AFRICA
POLAND	NETHERLANDS
FRANCE	PAKISTAN
BRAZIL	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
AUSTRALIA	RUSSIA
NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN
NORWAY	CHINA HONG KONG

14.30 - 16.50

TUNISIA	CHINA
INDIA	DENMARK
CANADA	NORWAY
CHINESE TAIPEI	USA 2
USA 1	FRANCE
SOUTH AFRICA	POLAND
NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND
PAKISTAN	AUSTRALIA
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	SWEDEN
BRAZIL	JAPAN
RUSSIA	SCOTLAND
CHINA HONG KONG	NEW ZEALAND

17.30- 19.50

TUNISIA	NEW ZEALAND
RUSSIA	FRANCE
SCOTLAND	AUSTRALIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	JAPAN
CHINA	USA 1
SOUTH AFRICA	INDIA
USA 2	CANADA
PAKISTAN	POLAND
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	ENGLAND
NETHERLANDS	DENMARK
SWEDEN	NORWAY
CHINA HONG KONG	BRAZIL

d'Orsi Trophy**11:00 - 13:20**

USA 2	CHINA HONG KONG
NETHERLANDS	JAPAN
REUNION	INDIA
DENMARK	UAE
NORWAY	CHINESE TAIPEI
CANADA	TURKEY
AUSTRALIA	FRANCE
USA 1	INDONESIA
POLAND	ENGLAND
BULGARIA	SWEDEN
CHINA	ITALY
IRELAND	NEW ZEALAND

14.30 - 16.50

USA 2	NETHERLANDS
REUNION	CHINESE TAIPEI
DENMARK	TURKEY
UAE	FRANCE
INDIA	INDONESIA
JAPAN	ENGLAND
CHINA HONG KONG	SWEDEN
NORWAY	ITALY
CANADA	IRELAND
AUSTRALIA	CHINA
USA 1	BULGARIA
POLAND	NEW ZEALAND

17.30- 19.50

CHINESE TAIPEI	USA 2
TURKEY	NETHERLANDS
FRANCE	REUNION
INDONESIA	DENMARK
ENGLAND	UAE
SWEDEN	INDIA
ITALY	JAPAN
IRELAND	CHINA HONG KONG
CHINA	NORWAY
BULGARIA	CANADA
POLAND	AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND	USA 1

Mixed**11:00 - 13:20**

CANADA	CHINESE TAIPEI
ROMANIA	ENGLAND
USA 2	SWEDEN
CHINA	INDONESIA
BARBADOS	MOROCCO
FRANCE	RUSSIA
NEW ZEALAND	ITALY
AUSTRALIA	POLAND
THAILAND	EGYPT
USA 1	PAKISTAN
DENMARK	BRAZIL
INDIA	LATVIA

14.30 - 16.50

CHINESE TAIPEI	INDONESIA
ENGLAND	SWEDEN
MOROCCO	DENMARK
RUSSIA	INDIA
ITALY	LATVIA
POLAND	BRAZIL
EGYPT	CANADA
PAKISTAN	ROMANIA
THAILAND	USA 2
AUSTRALIA	CHINA
NEW ZEALAND	BARBADOS
FRANCE	USA 1

17.30- 19.50

CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA
ENGLAND	BARBADOS
SWEDEN	FRANCE
INDONESIA	NEW ZEALAND
MOROCCO	AUSTRALIA
RUSSIA	THAILAND
ITALY	PAKISTAN
POLAND	EGYPT
USA 2	DENMARK
ROMANIA	INDIA
CANADA	LATVIA
BRAZIL	USA 1

WELCOME SPEECH FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

Mr. Li Jianming, Vice Minister of General Administration of Sport of China, Mr. Liu Xiaojiang, Chinese Contract Bridge Association President, Zhou Xianwang, Mayor of Wuhan, Mr. Zhu Guoping, Director General of Board & Card Games Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport, Mr. Hu Gongmin, Director General of Hubei Sports Bureau, Mr. José Damiani, WBF President Emeritus, Mme Chen Zelan, IMSA President, Mme Esther Sophonpanich, APBF President, good evening and welcome to the Opening Ceremony of the 44th World Bridge Teams Championships.

First of all, I want to thank the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, the Wuhan People Government and the Local Organising Committee for having given us the opportunity to hold our championship in here in Wuhan.

For the third time China hosts these Championships following Beijing in 1995 and Shanghai in 2007, not forgetting the other great and very successful events hosted by China: the World Bridge Games, incorporated in the 1st World Mind Sports Games, in Beijing 2008 and the World Bridge Series in Sanya in 2014, not forgetting the two Youth World Championships held in 2012 in Taicang and in 2017 in Wujiang.

The CCBA's organizing and managing capability has been really impressive, showing a movement grown in exponential way, since its foundation in 1980, which finds its flywheel within the diffusion of bridge among the youth. Also from a sports point of view, the walk of China was impressive, since the Olympiad in Seattle 1984, its debut on the international stage. Today Chinese bridge is an integral part of world elite.

So we are really proud and honoured to be here in Wuhan to celebrate our world championship. We are proud that here today join us and welcome us, the highest Authorities of the Country, the Region, the Town and the President of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, to whom we are very grateful.

I am sure that China and Wuhan will live up to their reputation, tradition, history and culture by offering a great welcome to all of you dear friends, players, officers, journalists and guests. I am confident that this will be a great event thanks to the Local Organising Committee not forgetting all our sponsor-friends. Without their generous support this event could not have materialised.

This year in particular the championship is very important, more important than in the past, because we increased the number of the qualified teams from 22 to 24 for each category and because we introduced for the first

time the Mixed Teams in addition to the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy, traditionally hosted in this event. This means that we have in Wuhan 96 teams, 24 per each category, representing 42 affiliated Federations, to compete for the titles of World Champions and for the Medals.

Another reason to enjoy the championship this year is that, as President Thomas Bach remarked in his welcome message, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the recognition by the IOC of the WBF as International Federation. This is a great goal that we achieved, a great reward for our history, tradition and values that in 2018 received a strong and clear sign by the admission of bridge, together with all the other sports, at the Olympic Asian Games held in Indonesia. We have already expressed our gratitude to the two persons who deserve the merit of this success, but once again from this stage I want to say thank you to Esther Sophonpanich and Michael Bambang Hartono. The way is long, the walk not easy, but this is the first concrete path to realize our dream: to be one day part of the Olympic Games.

In the occasion of this anniversary and celebrating it, I am honoured to thank, on behalf of the whole bridge family and personally the first WBF President who brought bridge inside the IOC, awarding to him a small but significant sign of our gratitude, WBF President Emeritus José Damiani.

Together with my colleagues from the World Bridge Federation, I am confident in being able to count on the dedication and professionalism of our staff, local staff, volunteers and on the cooperation of all of you.

I always repeat that bridge is more than fair-play - it is a way of thinking and not just a way of being, and I am sure that this event will increase my conviction.

As I remarked a couple of weeks ago at the Youth World Championship, this championship will renew once again our great tradition of friendship, solidarity, education, aggregation, without discrimination and barriers, exalting the true values of Sport in general, and Bridge in particular. Our motto 'Bridge for Peace', which is our flag, has to continue to fly stronger and still higher, despite the dramatic situation that we are living in many areas around the world. In order to defeat hatred, we play the Card of Peace: this is the strong message that, all together, we have from here to forward everywhere.

Now dear players the curtain raises, the stage is yours to enjoy the Championship.

Un abbraccio to you all.
Gianarrigo Rona



Gianarrigo Rona



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General Conditions of Contest

General Condition 27.1 now reads:

It is the responsibility of both sides to make sure that the whole auction is visible on each side of the screen.

Championship offer

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