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Transnational U31, U26, U26 Women's, U21 and U16 Teams Championships

Transnational U31, U26 Open, U26 Women's, U21 and U16 Pairs Championships

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Preamble

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest (SCoC) are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest (GCoC) as issued by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) and together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2026 Transnational Youth Championships (WTYC).

These events are to be played at Hefei Fengda International Hotel, Hefei/China from 3rd to 8th August 2026. The Opening Ceremony will take place on 2nd of 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](#)
- [Regulations for Bidding and Entering Scores](#)
- [Regulations for the Registration and Use of Systems](#)
- [Regulations governing Seating Rights](#)
- [Regulations governing the use of Screens in Championship Events](#)
- [The WBF Dress Code](#)

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.

1. Definitions

Expressions used in these SCoC and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in duplicate bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Championship Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa; reference to one gender shall include the other.

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the GCoC shall have the same meaning for these SCoC and, in addition, the following expressions when used in these SCoC shall have the following meanings:

1.1 NPC

means the non-playing captain of any team. Teams are not obliged to have non-playing captains: a team member may act as a playing captain if this is preferred. Non-playing captains are considered members of the team and will receive any medals awarded.

1.2 Coach

Teams may elect to have a Coach or other official(s) attending the WYBTC. They will not receive any medals awarded the team.

2. Conditions of Entry

All players must comply, in addition to any other eligibility regulations as detailed in the GCoC, with the following age restrictions, listed by Category:

- Under 31: for players born on or after 1st January 1996
- Under 26 Open/Women: for players born on or after 1st January 2001
- Under 21: for players born on or after 1st January 2006
- Under 16: for players born on or after 1st January 2011

2.1 Registration

Teams, including all players' names, and Pairs must register only via the designated [registration website](#). Although the WTYC is a transnational event, all entries will be automatically forwarded by the registration system to a player's NBO to confirm their eligibility.

2.2 Entry Fees

Please see [Entry Fees](#) on the Championship website. The WBF adopts a “No pay, no play” policy.

2.3 Team Members

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. If fewer than six players were originally submitted for entry, players can be added prior to the start of the first session of play with the permission of the Credentials Committee present at the site. However, following such approval by the Credentials Committee, the Championship Committee reserves the right to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

2.4 Penalty for Non-Participation

If a previously entered Team or Pair in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the WBF shall be notified at least 48 hours before the start of the event. Except in cases of *force majeure*, the entry fee will be refunded only if the WBF is notified at least two weeks before the start of the Championship that the team or pair will not participate.

3. Schedule of Play

3.1 Transnational Teams

This event will be played over three days, 3rd – 5th August 2026. All participants will be able to play until the end.

3.2 Transnational Pairs

This event will be played over three days, 6th – 8th August 2026. All participants will be able to play until the end.

3.3 Both Events

The detailed schedule is published on the [Championships Website](#).

4. Format

4.1 Transnational Teams

If at all possible, depending on the number of entries in a category, it will be played as a complete Round Robin (RR) over the three days. If not, there will be a two-day Qualification (most likely a Swiss) followed by complete RR Finals. There will be no Knockout stage.

4.2 Transnational Pairs

There will be a one-day Qualification followed by Semifinal A&B and Finals A & B. The number of pairs going to each Final will depend on the number of entries in the category. There will be a “linear” carry-over from the Qualification to Final A.

4.3 Tie-breaks

Ties will be broken in accordance with these [Procedures for Tie Breaking](#).

5. Scoring and Bidding at the Table

Bridgemates will be used for the official scoring throughout the Championship.

6. Line-ups in Teams

There will be no requirement to submit line-ups in advance. The team mentioned first in a match will be the “home team”, will sit North-South in the open room, and their opponents will take their seats first.

7. Systems

These WTYC are Category 3 events in accordance with [The WBF Systems Policy](#) and neither Brown Sticker conventions nor HUM systems are permitted at any time. Furthermore, the psyching of conventional or artificial opening bids is prohibited.

7.1 *Supplementary Sheets*

While the use of Supplementary Sheets is encouraged to clarify the information given on the WBF System Card, there may be at most six supplementary sheets per system.

7.2 *Submission of systems*

There is no requirement to pre-register Systems. However, in particular partnerships employing a “red” category system, should pre-alert opponents before the start of a round/session of any “non-standard” agreements. In case an opponent is claiming injury due to the absence of such pre-alert, it is the Systems Committee on site that determines what is “non-standard”.

8. Penalties

Please refer to [Procedures for Apportioning Penalties](#).

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5.1 The WBF Website:

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5.2 The Championship Website:

<https://championships.worldbridge.org/2026-hefei>

5.4 The Website of the Olympic Movement:

www.olympic.org

5.5 The Website of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

www.wada-ama.org/