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1 INTRODUCTION, FORMAT AND TIMETABLE

1.1 Introduction

The 1st National European Mixed Teams Championship ("the Championship") is to be played under the auspices of the European Bridge League ("the EBL") in the VIP Executive Entrecampos Hotel & Conference, Avenida 5 de Outubro 295, 1600-035 Lisbon, Portugal, commencing on Friday 22nd February 2019 and ending on Thursday 28th February 2019.

The Championship will be governed by the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, the EBL General Conditions of Contest ("the GCoC", as published on the EBL website) and these Supplementary Conditions of Contest ("the SCoC"). Unless otherwise stated, or illogical in context, the definitions used in the GCoC apply also to these SCoC.

These SCoC may be amended and/or augmented, at the discretion of the EBL, if circumstances so warrant in order to ensure that the Championship can progress in a smooth, efficient and fair manner.

1.2 Format

The Championship will be played over 7 days, preferably as a complete round robin. The format and number of boards played in each match will be determined and published when the number of participants is known. It is possible that there may be two stages: a two-group round robin followed by a second stage.

As a general guide some possibilities of the number of boards per match is shown below:

Number of Teams	Number of boards
20 – 22	20
23 - 26	16
27 - 28	14
30 +	12,13 or 2 groups

1.3 Draw

Prior to play an official draw for numbers in the schedule of play will be made and published in the programme and on the EBL website for the Championships. In the event of a variation in the number of teams participating, adjustments in the draw and schedule of play may occur. These will be notified in the daily bulletin or, if necessary, at the captains' meeting.

1.4 Provisional Programme and Timetable

Mixed Teams Registration	Thursday 21 st February 2019
Captains meeting	Thursday 21 st February 2019
Opening Ceremony	Thursday 21 st February 2019
Teams Championships	Friday 22 nd - Thursday 28 th February 2018
Prize-Giving & Closing	Thursday 28 th February

2 ADVANCE ORGANIZATION

2.1 Registration

2.1.1 Registration of Teams

Registration of NBOs to participate in the Championship must be submitted electronically via the EBL website (not by email) at

db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/19Lisbon/microsite/participants.asp

by latest 18th January 2019.

2.1.2 Registration of Names

Registration of players, captains and coaches must be submitted electronically via the EBL website (not by email) at

db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/19Lisbon/microsite/participants.asp

by latest 31st January 2019.

2.1.3 Right to enter

Each member NBO is authorised to enter one team in the Championship. NBOs must have paid the entry fee and be up to date with the payment of annual dues (including 2018 dues) to the EBL before they can participate in the Championship.

Each participating NBO must play against all other participating NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

2.1.4 Competitor's Commitment

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials in Teams Championships are required to have signed the EBL Competitor's Commitment Form (see GCoC Appendix 2) before the start of the event.

2.2 Entry fees

€2250 per team.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer before or on 18th January 2019 to

Credit Suisse AG

Rue de Lion d'Or 5-7

CH-1002 Lausanne-Switzerland

Account: EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

IBAN: CH88 0483 5135 2558 8200 0

SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZ80A

IMPORTANT: The NBO of the registered team must be noted on the bank transfer.

2.3 Team Members

In addition to a non-playing captain and a coach or team-manager, each team is entitled to have six members. Each pair playing in a match must consist of one male player and one female player. Subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee the members of any team may be changed up to the time of commencement of play of the Championship.

If a country has submitted the names of fewer than six players, a fifth or sixth player may be added after the commencement of play, subject to the approval of the NBO concerned, the Credentials Committee and the Championship Committee.

Except with the permission of the Head Tournament Director or Operations Director, such substitute or added player must use one of the systems already filed in accordance with Section 3.2 below.

2.4 Credentials Committee

The names of the captain, coach and the other members of each team as submitted to the EBL website in accordance with 2.1. above will be transmitted to the Credentials Committee for consideration of approval of participation.

Only accredited people can enter the venue of the Championship.

3. SYSTEMS

3.1 Systems Policy

This Championship is Category 3 and the EBL's Systems Regulations and Systems Policy apply to this Championship.

Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in the auction and in their carding. The systems must be described on System (Convention) Cards and Supplementary Sheets in accordance with Section 11 of the GCoC. Particular attention is drawn to Section 11.2 (a) and (b). Players should refer to the Guide to Completion of the Convention Card when completing their system cards.

<http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Guidetocompletion.pdf>

3.2 Submission of Systems

Systems in all the Championships have to be registered with the European Bridge League by 31st January 2019 by email to the Systems Administrator: anna@ecats.co.uk (See Section 11 of GCoC). Minor changes to systems (which may be clarifications, amendments, minor additions and/or cosmetic revisions) will be accepted up to 15th February 2019.

Cards must be in the correct format and blank cards in Word and Excel can be downloaded from <http://www.eurobridge.org/regulations/systems/>. Players are asked not to use the old WBF CCE format if possible. It is also important that players with Apple Macs do not attempt to use Pages or Numbers but install and use proper versions of Word or Excel. Cards in either Pages or Numbers format will not be accepted.

Any revised cards submitted should have the revisions highlighted to ensure that other teams are able to see easily what changes have been made. Revised cards will be published on the website with the other systems, marked as REV1 or REV2 etc., thus giving captains the opportunity to compare them with the original submission.

The maximum number of Supplementary Sheets is six.

The link to the website where the systems are displayed will be sent to the captain of each team once all the systems for that team have been registered. He or she may also request that it is sent to other team members (e.g. the coach) by informing Anna Gudge (anna@ecats.co.uk) of the names and email addresses that they wish it to be sent to.

It is the obligation of each team to print and bring a sufficient number of copies of both opponents' and their own System Cards and Supplementary Sheets to the Championship. The EBL provides no facilities for teams to make copies at the venue.

4. RULES FOR RUNNING THE TEAMS MATCHES

4.1 *Composition and seating of teams*

4.1.1 *Designation of teams*

The team mentioned first in the schedule of matches printed in the programme is designated as the Home Team. The Home Team sits throughout in the N/S position in the Open Room and in the E/W position in the Closed Room.

4.1.2 *Line-up procedure*

Both captains submit their line-up of two mixed pairs without knowing the line-up of their opponents.

The times for the submission of line-ups (including first round details) will be announced at the captains' meeting and in the Daily Bulletin.

Teams which are late in submitting line-ups will be subject to VP penalties according to this scale:

- 1st occasion a written (through the communication system) warning
- 2nd occasion ½ VP penalty
- Subsequently 1 VP penalty for each occasion.

These penalties will be applied automatically by the scoring system and can only be waived by the Operations Director in exceptional cases.

4.2 *Period of Play and penalties for slow play.*

4.2.1 *Start of the round*

The period allowed is calculated from the commencement of the period of play and includes the time for system explanation and scoring procedure. Any team that is not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be fined 1 VP and for each completed period of 5 minutes thereafter a further 1VP. Players are requested to be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. In case of any player entering the playing room after the commencement of the broadcasting of the match, the Head TD has to be satisfied that no useful information about already shown boards could have been passed to the late player and, if not, will take the necessary measures. Any team not seated within half an hour after starting time by its own fault forfeits the match and receives zero VPs.

If any team has been fined for being late at the commencement of a round the fines for slow play in the same round will be based on the time at which all players were seated at the table and ready to play.

4.2.2 End of the period of play.

(a) If at the end of the allocated time play has not been completed the following penalties will be imposed, eventually to be shared by the two teams according to the percentage of responsibility of each of them (but see 4.2.2 (c) below):

- from 0 to 5 minutes late: 1 VP.
- from 5 to 10 minutes late: 2 VPs.
- from 10 to 15 minutes late: 4 VPs.
- from 15 to 20 minutes late: 6 VPs.
- from 20 to 25 minutes late: 10 VPs.
- for delays of more than 25 minutes the Championship Committee may impose a more severe penalty.

(b) If a pair should claim that the responsibility for the slow play is with their opponents, they will do so by calling a Tournament Director who will take any corrective measures that are necessary in his opinion, including, at his discretion, the designation of a monitor at the table for as long as he considers desirable.

The Tournament Director will normally issue warnings when teams are in danger of penalties for slow play, but an absence of warning does not diminish the responsibility of the players or their liability to be fined.

If the two sides at the table are not considered to bear equal responsibility for the late finish the prescribed penalty will be divided between the two teams proportionately to the extent to which each side is deemed to have contributed to the overrun.

(c) The Head Tournament Director may remove unplayed boards from players if in his opinion a delay in finishing the match in the allotted time would interfere with the smooth running of the competition, but only if the board has not been played in the other room. The match will be scored in accordance with Section 20 of the GCoC.

4.3 Playing Area

The Playing Area, as referred to in the GCoC, means the rooms where play takes place, the corridors surrounding them and the toilets.

Smoking is prohibited throughout the playing area.

4.4 End of rounds, results

4.4.1 IMP scale

The difference in the total point scores on each board is to be converted to International Match Points (“IMPs”)

4.4.2 VP Scale

For each match there will be 20 Victory Points (VPs) at stake to be apportioned between the two teams in accordance with the VP scale published on the EBL website

4.5 Protest time

In respect of scores the protest time of all matches played in a day ends at the starting time of the first match on the day following, and in respect of the final day's play two hours after the official finishing time of the final match but, in any case, not later than the official starting time of the Closing Ceremony.

In respect of scores which are manifestly incorrect, protest time ends prior to the start of the penultimate round.

The time for a request for a TD ruling or for a review of a ruling already received ends 30 minutes after the end of the round.

4.6 Publication of decisions

All decisions involving play, penalties, deals, infringement of the Rules, etc., will be posted through the Championship's Communication System. However, the fact that a penalty has not yet been posted and that the attention of the players or captains has not yet been drawn to it does not nullify the penalty.

4.7 Byes, Ranking and Ties

4.7.1 Byes

In the event of a team having a bye in any session it will receive 12 VPs.

4.7.2 Ranking

Final rankings will be according to the total number of VPs scored by each team.

4.7.3 Ties

A tie between two teams will be broken in accordance with the result of the match between those two teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches against the same opponents will be taken into consideration to break the tie. Where more than two teams have the same number of VPs the tie will be decided by the result of the matches between those teams. If one of the teams has defeated all the other teams involved, it will be ranked ahead of the others regardless of the number of VPs obtained.

The other tied teams will be ranked according to the VPs obtained in the matches between them. If a further tie should still exist then the IMP quotient of all matches against the same opponents will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

5. RULINGS AND APPEALS

The review procedure outlined in Section 31 of the GCoC shall apply.

6. SECURITY

An identification tag will be issued for entrance to the venue and/or playing area.

No player or team official or non-participant is allowed at the Championship playing areas without displaying the personal tag.

7. DRESS CODE

The players must comply with the EBL Dress code.

8. AWARDS

The Trophy will be awarded to the NBO winning the Championship. Replicas will be awarded to the captain, the coach and other members of the winning team. The trophy is a challenge trophy and will only be definitively awarded to an NBO which wins the championship three times.

Gold, Silver and Bronze EBL medals will be awarded to the captain, coach and members of the winning top three teams in the Championship. The Winner will receive the title of European Champion.

Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the EBL Master Points scheme provided that the player has played at least one third of the boards played by his team.

The first 8 NBOs in the final ranking will have the right to participate in the World Mixed Team Championships 2019. These numbers are subject to change by the WBF.

9. CHANGES IN REGULATIONS

These SCoC may be amended and augmented at the discretion of the EBL if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure the fair, smooth, efficient and enjoyable running of the Championships.

10. CONFLICTING REGULATIONS

In case of a conflict between these SCoC and the GCoC, these SCoC shall prevail.

Matters not regulated here are governed by the GCoC and the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

11. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

The following can be found on the EBL website at www.eurobridge.org

The EBL Systems Policy

The EBL Disciplinary Code

The EBL Alert Procedure

The EBL Bidding Boxes, Bridgemates and Screen Regulations

WBF Guide to Completion of System Cards (on WBF site at

<http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Guidetocompletion.pdf>