

# INDIAN TEAM SELECTION TRIALS JUNE 2016

## THE SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

### **PREAMBLE**

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for of the Bridge Federation of India and are specific to the Indian Team selection trials June 2016. These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest form the set of Rules & Regulations governing the selection trials June 2016.

The Selection trials will be conducted under the technical management of the Bridge Federation of India. Tournament Committee under whose authority all the tournament directors and tournament staff shall function will be the sole authority in determining alterations/modifications in the format. The events will be played in accordance with laws and provisions governed by the World Bridge Federation & BFI. The winner of this event will represent as Indian Open Team in forthcoming 16<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Games, Wroclaw, Poland.

### **OPEN TRIALS dates 11th June to 13th June 2016**

### **Selection Trials**

The event will be conducted under the technical management of the BFI

### **Conditions of Entry to Championship**

The participating teams shall have Bridge players of Indian Nationality who can carry Indian flag at International competitions and comply with the norms laid down by the Ministry of Sports and Youth affairs for such participation.

In addition to non-playing Captain each team shall have six members of which at least four members should have played the event by virtue of which such a team has qualified to take part in the selection trials. In case team wishes to add a team member, if there were fewer than six members/six members in the qualifying event, such replacement or addition/deletion can be done only before the start of the event with prior written approval from Bridge Federation of India with primary criteria of such player being of Indian Nationality

By participating in this event, each member and contestant agree that all or portions of the event may be filmed, recorded or otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the Federation. All players shall agree for the BBO net-cast and shall abide by the time frame of the BBO.

By participating and / or intending to participate in the this trials each contestant agrees that he/she shall not make any claim for any loss in earning for any reason connected with the event against organizers and BFI. Entry in the event and /or subsequent refusal to play against any pair

/ team as required by the schedule play or withdrawal during any round without the consent of the TC or CTD shall result in disqualification and disciplinary proceedings.

**The players qualified to represent the federation as Indian Open team needs to sign a code and conduct and any replacement /addition/deletion can only be made as per the guidelines laid down by BFI and with the consent of the federation. The player to qualify to be a member of Indian team has to play at least 50 % of the boards at every stage of the trials including the quarter final, Semi Final and Final. Player not playing 50% of the boards in specified norms will automatically get disqualified from playing further.**

## Qualified Teams

The following teams shall participate in the selection trials June 2016.

- 1) **Formidables**
- 2) **Dhampur Sugar Mills**
- 3) **Samadhan**

Formidables have qualified to a direct entry to the final. The rest of the teams will play a Knock out match of 60 boards to determine the winner.

The winning team will join Formidables to play the finals of 120 boards.

## Disclosure of System Policy and Classification of Systems

WBF system Policy would be followed. Extract of WBF policy is

Average Hand	A hand containing 10 high card points (Milton Work) with no distributional values
Weak	High card strength below that of an average hand
Strong	High card strength a king or greater than that of an average hand
Natural	A call or play that is not a convention (as defined in the Laws) Length cards or more
Shortage	Two cards or less

## **HUM Systems**

For the purpose of this Policy, a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) means any System that exhibits one or more of the following features, as a matter of partnership agreement:

1. A Pass in the opening position shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities
2. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
3. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values a king or more below average strength.
4. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit
5. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length in one specified suit or length in another.

**EXCEPTION** : one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system

## **IMPORTANT**

The pair using HUM systems should available 5 minutes before the schedule of beginning of the match to supply any information and clarification that may require by the opponent. When a team that includes a pair using HUM system ( whether or not such pair play) is playing a opponent team that has no such pair ,The HUM system team will always a away team taking seats first. No such restrictions shall apply when two teams containing HUM pairs oppose each other.

The use of HUM system is allowed at any stage of the event. Its use is subject to filling up of such systems and submitting them to CTD at least 3 hours before the start of the match and receiving CTD's approval before the start of the match. Moreover there is a special responsibility for pairs using such system to explain their methods in sufficient detail on their convention card.

Partnership may clearly describe their strategy of third hand openings. Third hand subminimum openings are required to be alerted and lower limit of such opening shall be specified very clearly. Also it is essential to clarify conditions of such subminimum openings. Partnership shall be liable to specify in case and they are required to be consistent in third hand openings. Two weak opening may also be specified with range of high card points and need to be consistent on such weak openings.

### Classification of Systems

In order to facilitate recognition and handling, systems material will be identified by one or more of the following:

1. A WBF colored sticker;
2. The appropriate name (hand printed or typed) color;
3. A check mark on a convention card next to the appropriate color - in keeping with the following descriptions:

Green	Natural
Blue	Strong Club/Strong Diamond, where one club/one diamond is always strong
Red	Artificial: this category includes all artificial systems that do not fall under the definition of Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) systems [see definition below], other than Strong Club/Strong Diamond systems (see 'Blue'). Examples would be a system where one club shows one of three types - a natural club suit, a balanced hand of a specific range, or a Strong Club opener; or a system in which the basic methods (other than the no trump range) vary according to position, vulnerability and the like; or a system that uses conventional 'weak' or 'multi-meaning' bids (with or without some weak option) in potentially contestable auctions, other than those described in the main part of the WBF Convention Booklet
Yellow	Highly Unusual Methods ('HUM') as defined above.

### Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments

The following conventions or treatments are categorized as 'Brown Sticker':

- a) Any opening bid of two clubs through three spades that:
  - i) Could be weak (may by agreement be made with values below average strength) AND
  - ii) Does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.  
**EXCEPTION:** The bid always shows at least four cards in a known suit if it is weak. If the bid does not show a known four-card suit it must show a hand a king or more over average strength. (Explanation: Where all the weak meanings show at least four cards in one known suit, and the strong meanings show a hand with a king or more above average strength, it is not a Brown Sticker Convention.)  
**EXCEPTION:** A two level opening bid in a minor showing a weak two in either major, whether with or without the option of strong hand types, as described in the WBF Conventions Booklet.
- b) An overcall of a natural opening bid of one of a suit that does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.  
**EXCEPTION:** A natural overcall in no trumps.  
**EXCEPTION:** any cue bid suit that shows a strong hand.  
**EXCEPTION:** a jump cue bid in opponent's known suit that asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit.

- c) Any 'weak' two-suited bids at the two or three level that may by agreement be made with three cards or fewer in one of the suits.
- d) Psychic bids protected by system or required by system.
- e) None of the foregoing restrictions pertain to conventional defenses against strong, artificial opening bids or defenses against 'Brown Sticker' or HUM conventions.

Additional to the classification of systems in 2.3 above, any partnership using one or more 'Brown Sticker' conventions must indicate this alongside its system classification.

### **IMPORTANT**

The pair using HUM systems should be available 5 minutes before the schedule of beginning of the match to supply any information and clarification that may be required by the opponent. When a team that includes a pair using HUM system ( whether or not such pair play) is playing an opponent team that has no such pair ,The HUM system team will always an away team taking seats first. No such restrictions shall apply when two teams containing HUM pairs oppose each other.

### **Encrypted Signals**

Additional to the restrictions on bidding methods and conventions above, players may not use signaling methods by which the message or messages conveyed by the signals are hidden from the declarer because of some key available only to the defenders (i.e. encrypted signals are not allowed)

### **Random Openings**

It is forbidden to open hands which, by agreement, may contain fewer than 8 high card points and for which no further definition is provided

The use of Brown Sticker Conventions and/or HUM systems is subject to filling up of such system, moreover there is a special responsibility for pairs using such systems to explain their methods in sufficient detail on their card.

### **Alert Policy**

#### **Alert policy as specified by WBF will be followed**

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

1. Conventional bids should be alerted, non-conventional bids should not.
2. Those bids which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization). See Law 40(b).
3. Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an unpassed hand to opening bids of one of a suit.

If screens are not in use, do NOT alert the following:

1. All doubles.
2. Any no-trump bid which suggests a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or suggests a no-trump contract.
3. Any call at the four level or higher, with the exception of conventional calls on the first round of the auction.

**It is the responsibility of the alerting player to alert clearly. Nevertheless, players must respect the spirit of the policy. Any irregularity in the alert procedure may result in score adjustment as per the law and the if damage to the non offending side.**

### **When screens are in use**

- The modified Laws and Regulations as per WBF will apply as varied Supplementary Regulation and at the discretion of the CTD in any manner necessary to facilitate the reasonable conduct of the event.
- All queries are to be made and responded in writing. The written queries and responses must remain on the table to be collected by the Tournament Director for retention till the expiry of the correction period.
- Alerts are made by displaying or indicating an alert card. The recipient must acknowledge the alert.
- Questions during the play period should be in writing with the aperture closed. The screen is opened after response has been made in writing.
- N-S is in control of the movements of the tray in tempo. Any irregularity in movement or placing bidding cards in the tray may bring to the notice of the director.

### **Filling up of Convention cards and submission of systems**

Brown Sticker Conventions, use of HUM systems are subject to filling up such system and submission is done before the start of the Trials 2016. A pair who has not submitted card as above would be debarred from using any Brown Sticker conventions till six hours after pair has submitted it's properly filled cards. Penalties apply.

Each pair of every team is required to present at the table 2 copies of convention cards from the beginning of the event. Failure to follow any stipulation of this section may be subject to penalty at the discretion of the Director in addition to restriction on use on certain methods.

It is mandatory for all the pairs to carry a duly filled convention card at the table. If a pair forgets a convention or resorts to a psyche, & there is no convention card, director is empowered to assume mistaken explanation & award a score that will be the most favorable to the non-offending side & the most unfavorable to the offending side. In addition to this the offending pair will not be allowed to use that convention in the rest of the tournament. Frequent violations of the system amount to a private understanding & will be dealt with severely.

Each team captain is responsible for ensuring that convention cards for his team are submitted in PDF or Word format at the federation website of the trials [www. Bfi.net.in/](http://www.Bfi.net.in/).

### **Supplementary sheets**

Where a convention sequence cannot be described in the conventions card, a reference number be place at appropriate place on the card. A supplementary sheet bearing such reference number shall be made available on the table. The complete explanation must be submitted along with the card.

### **Changes to cards/ Supplementary sheets**

Any change to the duly submitted convention card/ supplementary sheet must be brought to the notice of Chief tournament Director before the start of the play. Such new cards/sheets may be made available for the reference for the opponent on the table only after such changes are permitted by the CTD.

### **Pre Dealt Boards -**

Pre dealt boards will be used in this event.

The operator of the dealing machine OR the producer of the boards places them in a sealed box along with the printed hand record. The Director or nominated Convener by the federation collects the boards. The Director then takes responsibility for the security of the boards and the hand records. The convener and the Director open the box together no earlier than one hour prior to the session start.

### **Recording of Scores, Computing and Reporting**

Unless otherwise instructed, North/south players at each Table must properly fill in the Table Scores sheets/cards . This official form must show the names of players and the final result of each board played in the session and must be initialed by North and East. The North South players in Open Room should hand over the official Table score sheet/Card to the director within the allotted time for the session. After the Close Room play is over, the open Room table score will be handed over to the close room players for comparing the scores and computing the results. The official Table score sheet along with official Table result card duly filled in and initialed by both teams be handed over to director within the stipulated time for the session. It is the duty of the players to enter the correct scores.

In case where the Bridgemates are used participants may verify the official bridgemate result before the start of the next round. Failure to do so will allow the director to use his discretion for the correction of the result. Players and Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores.

### **Score Corrections**

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79,69 and 71 and shall be complete satisfaction of chief tournament Director. Scores may be corrected up to 10 minutes after posting of scores.

### **Fouled Board**

If a board is fouled, the scoring will be done without counting such a board. It may be determined that one side is clearly at fault, the offending side is subject to procedural penalty.

### **Penalties**

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the laws. All infringements of the law will be dealt with in accordance with the handbook of bridge federation of India.

**Lateness** - Any team not seated and ready to play after the announcement starting time of the session will attract penalties according to the following scale. 0+/5 minutes late - warning. 5+/10- 3 IMP. 10+/15 to 10 Imp. 15+ minutes late at the discretion of the tournament committee may include recommendation of forfeit of match.

**Slow Play** – if director is brought to the notice and convinced - 2 IMP for the first fault, 4 imps for the 2<sup>nd</sup> fault

**Late Finish** - 0+/5 minutes late - warning. 5+ minutes stopping play. And declaring results on the boards played.

**Mobile Phones** – Mobile phones are required to be switched off during the play, Team from which the players are observed calling or receiving cell call during the play will be penalized 2 IMP for the first offence and 3 Imps for any offence thereafter.

**Alcoholic Influence** – Team from which a player is observed under alcoholic influence during the play will be penalized for 5 Imps, however further penalty may be imposed depending on a condition and behavior of the player on the table at the discretion of the committee.

### **Lodging of Appeals (No APPEALS COMMITTEE)**

Players have the right to bring to the notice of the director any irregularity on the table, during the play and the match. Directors are requested to give ruling on such irregularities by consulting the panel of experts. The ruling is then notified to the players which will be considered final and **there shall be no appeal against the ruling of the director.**

Score adjustment after the verdict will be done wherever necessary to validate the net result for the given ruling.

### **Appeal on Scoring of Results**

Appeal for correction of an error in Computing or tabulating the total point score of an agreed number of tricks on the hand must be made on the score appeal form which is to be submitted to CTD within 15 minutes of the end of the respective session. (10 minutes for the last session). However in case of discrepancy between official results on any board correction period may be extended by CTD

**Tardiness** - Play shall begin at the announced starting time. Players shall arrive five minutes before the announced starting time (10 minutes if playing MidChart/Super-Chart conventions) for the purpose of discussing opponents' methods. Pairs who do not arrive at the table in accordance with the above are deemed to be tardy. A tardy pair may be held responsible if a table's play exceeds the time allotted for the segment. Players who are egregiously tardy may be referred to the BFI Conduct and Ethics Committee for possible disciplinary action.

### **Qualification and Tie Breaking**

#### **Semi Final and Final - Tie Break**

Semi final will be 4 sessions of 15 Boards spread over one day to decide the finalist. A Difference of one IMP above is to be considered as a win .

In case of a tie break there will be play off of **EXTRA FOUR BOARDMATCH** for the tie break. Fresh Line up of pairs will be allowed at this stage. The tie break will be resolved based on

- 1) Board a Match (BAM) 1 – 0 Scoring Scale. A difference of minimum 10 points in score of each board will result in 1-0 score in favor of the team getting higher score while otherwise where the difference in the score of each board is less than 10 points it will be equally shared (0.5 each). At the end of 4 boards, the team with higher BAM points will be the winner. If the tie remains
- 2) One board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner with same pairs to continue with the above scoring.

#### **Final**

The final will be played in 8 sessions of 15 boards spread over two days to decide the winner. Difference of one IMP is a win.

In case of a tie break there will be play off of **EXTRA FOUR BOARDMATCH** for the tie break. Fresh Line up of pairs will be allowed at this stage. The tie break will be resolved based on

- 1) Board a Match (BAM) 1 – 0 Scoring Scale. A difference of minimum 10 points in score of each board will result in 1-0 score in favor of the team getting higher score while otherwise where the difference in the score of each board is less than 10 points it will be equally shared (0.5 each). At the end of 4 boards, the team with higher BAM points will be the winner. If the tie remains,
- 2) One board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner with same pairs to continue with the above scoring.

## **Line-ups and seating privileges for matches in Round Robin**

### **LINE-UPS AND SITTING PRIVILEGES IN KNOCK OUT SF& Final MATCHES**

The line-up must be given to the tournament director in accordance with the time schedule. Failure to submit line up may attract penalty as decided by the director.

In each four session match, the highest seeding ranked team will have the choice to remain either the Home team (team with the seating rights) or the Away team (team which posts it's line up first). The choice will be either 1 and 3 or 2 and 4.

In each Eight session match, the highest seeding ranked team will have the choice to remain either the Home team (team with the seating rights) or the Away team (team which posts it's line up first). The choice would be 1, 3, 5 & 7 or 2, 4, 6, & 8.

Home team plays NS in the open room and EW in the closed room. A change of player, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of the session and no restrictions of any pair playing against another pair apply for any of the sessions of the match. If there is any pair who uses Brown Sticker conventions, they should be available 5 minutes before the schedule beginning of the match to supply any information or clarification that may be required by the opponent.

### **Anti Doping Regulations**

The procedures provided by the anti doping policy of IOC adopted by WBF will be followed.

### **Withdrawal and Walk over**

A team is permitted to withdraw only with the expressed consent of CTD after the completion of any Swiss round, or after a direct knock out match but not after the beginning of a match during any stage or in the middle of knock out match. In case a team withdraws without such expressed consent, the members of the team may be not only disqualified for the rest of the championship by the Disciplinary Committee and the CTD but also will have to face the disciplinary proceedings.

Walkover should be reported to the director before the start during KO matches .If any team would like to withdraw during the middle of the event should have proper accepted reasons like physical fitness, serious health problems or any other important practical reasons. However teams deciding of mutual walk over decisions without the consent of the proper authority will have to face disciplinary procedures.

### **Ethics and Deportment**

All contestants are required to conform at all times to the highest standards of ethics and deportment. BFI expects all teams and partnerships to play to win at all times and in all circumstances. While a team may rest its players and make other decisions for strategic reasons, it not permissible for a partnership to play by design to obtain a session score inferior to that of its opponents.

All contestants (including non-playing captains) are expected to accept the decisions of the Director in a sportsman like manner.

### **Spectators**

Any person in the playing area, other than a player or a tournament official, has the status of a spectator unless the Director specifies differently. A spectator may not look at the hand of more than one player. During a round a spectator must refrain from mannerism or remarks of any kind and must have no conversation with a player.

A spectator at the table shall not draw attention to any aspect of the game.

### **Authority of the Tournament committee**

The tournament committee reserves the authority to modify/alter COC preferably in consultation with the CTD. In exercising this right the committee shall also have the right to ratify the clear error in COC as soon as it is brought to notice, provided that the error is evident from the context or from it's being in conflict with the laws

### **Disciplinary Powers**

For any BFI event, the entry of any player, pair, or team may be rejected. If this occurs the affected party or parties will receive, in writing, the reasons for the rejection. The offenders will be given reasonable opportunity to answer the allegation in person or in writing.

The Governing Council of BFI, or any representatives appointed by the Council, may exercise these disciplinary powers. Typical causes of disciplinary action are:

**Any breach of the Laws or proprieties of bridge as set out in the Code or in these regulations, Offensive behavior, Withdrawal or non-attendance from an event without good reason.**

**In accordance with Section XXXVIII of the Rules and Regulations of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of BFI**

### **XXXVIII. CODE OF DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS:**

The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel, suspend or otherwise discipline a player for any of the following reasons:

- (i) In case of any impropriety / cheating / fraud committed by the said player.
- (ii) In case of misbehaviour with officials or fellow contestants during various bridge competitions or contests or during meetings of the Council, Executive Committee, or any other bridge related forum.

With respect to the above clause, if any competitor is found guilty of *Improper conduct, including without limitation, acts of aggression, violence or intimidation, on the part of an individual towards any director/s in preview of their ruling against any individual where such nominated director is in performance of his/her BFI duties or functions, whether within the context of laws and bye laws of BFI rules and regulations and WBF Laws for Duplicate Bridge will be seriously taken for procedural penalty and disciplinary action immediately.*

#### **Penalties liable to be imposed on misconduct:**

Procedural Penalty: Notwithstanding any penalties which have been empowered to a Director as per WBF Law of Duplicate Bridge 2007, the director may depending on the gravity of the Reprehensible Conduct, impose one or more of the following penalties in respect of Reprehensible Conduct:

- (a) Warning;
- (b) On repeated misconduct in the same/ later appearance, a penalty of 2 VPs/5 Imps
- (c) Where Reprehensible Conduct occurs frequently at or in connection with a BFI Event, disqualification of all results (including, at the discretion of the hearing panel, the results of the team) at such BFI Event, including forfeiture of any points, prizes and medals;

#### **Disciplinary Action:**

- (d) Suspension for a given period of at least 3 to 6 months from the day of adjudication of final verdict of violation to participate in any national federation recognized events or minimum 2 federation events whichever is later.
- (e) Suspension for a given period of time of at least 1 year from the day of adjudication of final verdict of violation to participate in any national federation recognized events or minimum 4 federation events whichever is later.
- (f) Permanent ban on the person concerned (excluding STATES) from attending and/or participating in BFI Events and/or activities;

## **Results and selection**

The winner of the Openselection trials will represent India in the Open category in the forth coming World BridgeGames to be held at Wroclaw, Poland from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The players qualified to represent the federation as Indian team needsto sign a code and conduct and any replacement /addition/ deletion can only be made with the consent of the federation. The player to qualify to be a member of Indian team has to play at least 50% of the boards at every stage and in the final. Player not playing 50% of the boards in final will automatically get disqualified to be member of the Indian team. BFI will nominate two players in consultation with captain in case where a team having only four members is qualified. In case a qualified team fails to represent on various reasons, BFI reserves the right to nominate the players constituting a team and it will not follow the rankings in the selection event.

The winner shall be eligible to take part in the world event only if all players in the team are of Indian nationality and comply with the norms laid down by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs.

To be eligible for participation in the 2016 World Bridge Games each player, non-playing captain, coach, trainer and other team official must comply with the WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the Rules & Regulations pertaining to the Championships and furthermore must abide by the Competitors Commitment which they will be required to sign before the event. In addition the players and non-playing captains must comply with the conditions of eligibility set forth in the WBF Eligibility Code.