



BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

(RECOGNISED BY MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS UNDER PRIORITY CATEGORY)

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Indian Team Selection Policy 2019 -22

The BFI announces the following as the policy for the selection of the Indian teams for the various categories; this is based on the recommendations of the Technical Committee, wide consultations and the need to improve on past practices. This policy confirms the principle and guidelines as per National Sports code 2011 which is in force till date.

It mainly considers evaluation on the basis of the performance of athletes at recognized domestic (national level) and International events and weighs this performance by an appropriate ranking scale in short listing the probables. The policy will be the basis of selecting the athletes to represent India in Asian Games, World Championships and WBF Zonal championships.

As per the guidelines, the terminology used "**athlete**" as defined by the MYAS and SAI mean a single identity, thus, in Bridge it would be "**pair**".

Points are awarded exclusively for partnerships only. In case where team is of 5-member, the eligible pair will be the one, which plays maximum number of boards in combination.

The performance of the pair will be consolidated annually for WBF events (i.e. selection of pairs for annually held World Championships) as well for long term basis (the entire period of three years for next Asian Games, 2022). Performance Points accumulated in 2019 will be considered for the selection trials held for 2020, combined two years for 2021 and so on. However for short listing probables at Asian Games, the cumulative strength of 3 years will be considered.

This policy will be for Men, Women and Mixed and Seniors Categories. **Most performing exceptional Girls and boys from junior's category will be included in the above list as per recommendation of Juniors Selection committee.**

However players to be selected for Juniors World Championship for juniors and Sub Juniors will be dealt separately.

Performance points will be awarded to pairs starting from January 2019 till December 2021 i.e. for 3 complete years.

The awards will be displayed on the website and will be updated from event to event. Selected pairs should be eligible to represent India as per MYAS policies.



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International and National Qualifying Events Considered for performance and their scale

1. International events:

- a) Events organized under the auspices or by World bridge Federation where representation is by NBO (BFI selects the team). ***Open events where players participate on their own are not considered for awards.***
- b) Zonal events **Asia Pacific Bridge Championships** (ABPF – Zone IV, VI & VII). Competitive nations in Asian Games
- c) BFAME Championships (Zone IV) where Indian teams participate **after selection trials** or **nominated by selection panel of BFI**.

International Recognized Events in which **INDIA** is recognized as a member nation or is invited due to performance achievement for which the trials are conducted or the team is nominated by selection panel of BFI. For example YEH, Brothers Cup, Commonwealth Bridge Teams Championships etc.

2. National Championships organized under auspices of BFI

The following events of national importance (the “Major” events) are considered for eligibility of award points.

- 1) Winter National Bridge Championships - Held pan India
- 2) Summer National Bridge Championships - Held pan India
- 3) National Masters Bridge Championships - Delhi

3. All India Events of selection berth:

The following All India events of Selection berth are considered for eligibility of award points.

- 1) Inter State Bridge Championships – Held pan India
- 2) All India Yeshwant Rao Holkar Tournament - Indore
- 3) All India Bhartia Memorial Bridge Championships- Delhi
- 4) All India Shree Cement Championships – Kolkata
- 5) HCL prize money Bridge Championships -Delhi
- 6) All India Mixed Pairs Bridge Championship- Mumbai/Pune



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4. Zonal events recognized by BFI :

- 1) FNCC event in South Zone - Hyderabad
- 2) Delhi Gymkhana Event in North Zone – New Delhi
- 3) Zonal women pairs Championships West –Mumbai/Pune
- 4) Zonal women pairs Championships North – Delhi
- 5) Zonal women pairs Championships South – Chennai/Bangalore

Rank of International Events:

International events:

- WBF Championship Events are the highest ranked international event for performance points ranking scheme will have 100% point scale.
- APBF Championships (Zonal Selection event) and Asian Games event will be 75% of the performance points allocated for WBF World Championship events.
- BFAME and Invitational International Events held each year where BFI selects or nominates a team, will be eligible for 25% of WBF events performance points provided such Indian Team qualifies for the Semi Final spot in the main team event.

Rank of Domestic Events:

National events:

- Major National Championships Events are the highest ranked domestic events for performance points ranking scheme.
- All India Championships of National importance where selection is provided by the Bridge Federation of India will be eligible for 75% of the performance points allocated for National Championship events.
- Zonal and other events held each year where BFI accords recognition in advance, will be eligible for 25% of National events performance points provided.



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Pair Events:

For the Pairs event, the pair should have achieved the top 8 ranks in the Pair's final of the main event.

Open/Men Category: 25% of the performance points allocated for Teams Events for the above recognized events only.

Mixed Category: All Mixed Events conducted during the National Championships will be awarded similar to Zonal Events except for All India Mixed Pairs Championships which will have scale of All India events.

Women Category: Women Selection zonal Events will be held at 3 centers during the year (Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai/Bangalore). The performance points awarded will be similar to Zonal Events

In case of Pair Events evaluation, award of performance points for Match Point pair event will be maintained separately while recommending Indian pairs for **International Pairs** competitions. (Asian Games).

Award Scale: Award scale calculations have been given in a separate paragraph. Full scale award is for the 1st rank. It is reduced with 10 % at each rank and will be averaged to the reduction for ranks 5-8. All points are calculated to 1st decimal place

1. International events:

WBF Championships 100%	
Figures rounded to integer	
Position	Performance points
Rank 1	176
Rank 2	158.4
Rank 3	140.8
Rank 4	123.2
Rank 5-8	79.2

World Bridge series being an open event will not be considered. Performance in pairs will be equated to 25% of the respective position. Pair finishing 4th rank will get 30.8



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APBF (Zonal) and Asian Games (75% of points allocated to WBF events)

Position	Performance points
Rank 1	132
Rank 2	118.8
Rank 3	105.6
Rank 4	92.4
Rank 5-8	59.4

Performance in pairs will be equated to 25% of the respective position

Other International Events: *BFAME, Yeh Bros Cup etc.*
(25% of points allocated to WBF events) Pair event not eligible for points

Position	Performance points
Rank 1	44
Rank 2	39.6
Rank 3	35.2
Rank 4	30.8
Rank 5-8	19.8

National Championships by the Federation:

Position	Performance points
Rank 1	88
Rank 2	79.2
Rank 3	70.4
Rank 4	61.6
Rank 5-8	39.6



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National Events of Selection berth:

Position	Performance points
Rank 1	66
Rank 2	59.4
Rank 3	52.8
Rank 4	46.2
Rank 5-8	29.7

BFI Recognized Zonal events: FNCC, Delhi Gymkhana, West Zone and East Zone, Zonal Women pairs 25% of national events, **Pairs at these events not eligible for points**

Position	Performance points
Rank 1	22
Rank 2	18.8
Rank 3	17.6
Rank 4	15.4
Rank 5-8	9.9

At the end of the yearly calendar cycle subject to completion of qualifying events, BFI will shortlist number of pairs satisfying eligibility criteria based on performance points for the coaching cum selection camp.

Looking forward, based on the approval of the above policy, BFI will conduct coaching camps in the year 2020-2021 for selection of teams in each of category **Men, Women, Mixed and Seniors** based on the performance of current year.

The performance points gained during the year will be tabulated for inviting the probables qualified to participate at the selection trials/coaching camps to represent India at the following international events:

1. World Championships held annually and organized by WBF (Categories – Open, Women, Mixed, seniors, Kids, juniors, Youth, Girls)
2. Events of Olympic Movement such as Asian Games, held once in four years. Categories – Men, Women and Mixed



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QUALIFYING BENCHMARKS (MEN/MIXED/WOMEN):

Ranking system applies to all categories; it is clarified that the points earned in these events (eligible for awards) by any Mixed, Women, senior pairs will be counted for national ranking in respective categories. It is encouraged that Mixed. Women and Senior pairs may play more often in national championships and earn points to remain in contest.

Qualifying benchmark for becoming eligible for selection trials for the MEN /Open will be 132 Performance points.

Appropriate number of pairs will be shortlisted with maximum of 16 pairs.

In case of mixed event appropriate number of pairs will be shortlisted with maximum of 14 pairs in order of merit in national ranking. Few eligible mixed pairs from junior event will join. These pairs will qualify for trials.

In case of women event appropriate number of pairs will be shortlisted with maximum of 10 pairs in order of merit in national ranking. Few eligible girl pairs from junior event will join.

BFI reserves the right of conducting the selection trials in senior category with appropriate number of pairs depending on numbers of pairs available through ranking system.

BFI reserves the right for conducting the selection trials on pairs or teams format based on recommendation of Selection Committee.

BFI reserves the right to nominate pair/pairs in case of exceptional circumstances/ exceptional performance at International competitions.

BFI reserves the right to prohibit a player from participating in the selection trials provided it finds unfit on any of the following grounds. In such cases the constituent pair will get eliminated:

1. Case with disciplinary committee, past and present record, Player not in good standing with federation
2. Physical and health reasons - duly assessed by Medical officer of BFI
3. Unfit under NADA
4. Past records and unfavorable report by of Coach, NPC while representing for India.
5. Misbehavior at Coaching camps and reported by Coaching Camp director
6. Absence at Coaching camp



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WEIGHTAGES AT SELECTION TRIALS:

During the coaching camp cum pair base selection trials, performance points will be given due weightage.

Performance at the camp will have the weightage of (55% with actual play score + 5% win against lost rounds ratio)	60%
Performance points accumulated will have weightage Evaluation of Convention cards and supplementary sheets	35%
Will have weightage (announced before the start of evaluation)	05%

The mode of calculations at camp will be the top play score will get 55, Win/loss ratio will 5 and proportionately the following pairs will get the scores out of 55 and 5. Similar is the case with performance points and other criteria. Top performer will get 35 and will be proportionately other pairs will get the scorers. For convention cards and supplementary sheets the evaluation will be out of 5 which will be announced before the start of play.

In case of self funded selection, BFI reserves the right to conduct the selection trials on team basis. Teams will be formed by BFI taking into consideration the national rankings.

POINT STRUCTURE

2 Main Categories – International and National

11 Seasonal events in both categories

8 places considered for Point awards

Total points considered 2x11x8 = 176 at top level

International events WBF = 100% with further reduction rank wise which is 10%

National Events = 50% with further reduction rank wise, which is 10%

Ref. Survey of the major world sports rating systems, Journal of Applied Statistics 24(6):635-646 · February 1997