

# Event Format and Supplementary Conditions of contest

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Bridge Federation of India prominently conducts in calendar year three national championships, one categorized national event and selection trials. Apart from these events it recognizes few events as important as its national championships and gives recognition for selection berth.

The national championships which are prominently important are:

1. Winter National championship
2. Tolani Open Summer National Championship
3. Interstate Bridge Championship
4. National Masters Championships

It recognizes few sponsored events conducted every year as equivalent as under:

1. HCL International Bridge Championships
2. Mohanlal Bhartia Bridge Championships
3. Kalani/Holkar Bridge Championships
4. Shree Cement Bridge Championships

A committee was formed to examine the formats of these events and prepare the supplementary conditions of contest accordingly.

The event format for the national championships has now been recommended by the committee and will remain in force. It has been advised that the championships which are funded and organized by the sponsors the format be decided by the sponsors in consultation with BFI.

Committee recommends establishing All India Mixed Pairs Championships, Zonal Women pair events and Sub Junior and Junior Nationals separately.

Interstate championship should be exclusively Team and pairs, ***Pairs eliminated from teams may be allowed to take part in addition to the quota allowed to each state and associated members (amended from 2019)***

# WINTER NATIONALS PROGRAM FORMAT

<b>DATE</b>	<b>RUIA GOLD 30-35 TEAMS</b>	<b>RUIA SILVER 60-80 TEAMS</b>	<b>IMP PAIRS</b>	<b>MP PAIRS GOLD</b>	<b>MP PAIRS SILVER</b>	<b>MIXED PAIRS</b>	<b>SIDE EVENTS</b>
<b>DAY 1</b>	SWISS LEAGUE 5/6 ROUNDS	SWISS LEAGUE 6/7 ROUNDS					
<b>DAY 2</b>	SWISS LEAGUE 5/6 ROUND  8 TEAMS TO QUALIFY S	SWISS LEAGUE 6/7 ROUNDS  8 TEAMS TO QUALIFY					
<b>DAY 3</b>	QUARTER FINALS 4 SEGMENTS	QUARTER FINALS 4 SEGMENTS	ELIMINATION 3 SESSIONS				
<b>DAY 4</b>	SEMI FINALS 4 SEGMENTS	SEMI FINALS 4 SEGMENTS	IMP PAIRS FINAL				SIDE EVENTS
<b>DAY 5</b>	FINALS & PLAYOFF 4 SEGMENTS	FINALS & PLAYOFF 4 SEGMENTS		ELIMINATION -1 3 SESSIONS			SIDE EVENTS
<b>DAY 6</b>				ELIMINATION -2 3 SESSIONS	ELIMINATION -2 3 SESSIONS		SIDE EVENTS
<b>DAY 7</b>				24/26 PAIRS BAROMETER PAIRS FINAL	FINAL – 2 SESSIONS		SIDE EVENTS
<b>DAY 8</b>						2/3 SESSIONS	

**Note:** In case of unexceptional circumstances in Gold Category, the Committee may elect to choose qualify 16 teams only

# SUMMER NATIONALS PROGRAM FORMAT

DATE	TOLANI GOLD 25-30 TEAMS	TOLANI SILVER 45-60 TEAMS	BEGINNERS EVENT	MP PAIRS	MIXED PAIRS	SIDE EVENTS
DAY 1	SWISS LEAGUE 5/6 ROUNDS	SWISS LEAGUE 6/7 ROUNDS	TEAM EVENT			
DAY 2	SWISS LEAGUE 2 ROUNDS	SWISS LEAGUE 6/7 ROUNDS	PAIRS EVENT			PATTON TEAMS
	PRE QF (R16) KO 3 SEGMENTS	8 TEAMS TO QUALIFY				
DAY 3	QUARTER FINALS 4 SEGMENTS	QUARTER FINALS 4 SEGMENTS		ELIMINATION - 1 3 SESSIONS		
DAY 4	SEMI FINALS 4 SEGMENTS	SEMI FINALS 4 SEGMENTS		ELIMINATION - 2 3 SESSIONS		STRATA II – 3 SESSIONS
DAY 5	FINALS & PLAYOFF 4 SEGMENTS	FINALS & PLAYOFF 4 SEGMENTS		28 PAIRS FINAL BAROMETER	2/3SESSIONS	SWISS PAIRS 6-8 ROUNDS

**Note:** In case of unexceptional circumstances in Gold Category, the Committee may elect to choose qualify 8 teams only

# INTERSTATE TOURNAMENT

DATE	INTERSTATE TEAMS 25-35 teams	STATE REPRESENTIVE BUTLER PAIRS	SIDE EVENTS
<b>DAY 1</b> Afternoon	(Teams divided in 2 or 3 Groups)  ROUND ROBIN 4/5 ROUNDS		
<b>DAY 2</b>	ROUND ROBIN CONTINUES  REMAINING ROUNDS  TOTAL 8 TEAMS TO QUALIFY FOR QUARTER FINALS		
<b>DAY 3</b>	QUARTER FINALS - 4 SEGMENTS	ELIMINATION I - TWO SESSIONS, ELIMINATION II - ONE SESSION	
<b>DAY 4</b>	SEMI FINALS - 4 SEGMENTS	ELIMINATION II - ONE SESSION  TOP 16 PAIRS FINAL <b>(ALL PLAY ALL) BAROMETER</b> <b>20-0 IMP BANK SCALE</b> 4 BOARDS PER ROUND	CONSOLATION PAIRS (AFTERNOON)
<b>DAY 5</b>	FINALS - 4 SEGMENTS  PLAYOFF- 3 SEGMENTS	PAIRS FINAL CONTINUED	

# NATIONAL MASTERS TOURNAMENT

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**Groups: Round Robin followed by Quarter Final /Semi Finals and Final**

**Swiss league: Swiss rounds of 8 matches, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEAMS</b> 16-20 teams	<b>MP PAIRS</b>	<b>Mixed Pairs</b>
<b>DAY 1</b>	Teams, divided in 2 Groups, strictly on seeding based on Master points as announced in circular by that due date.  ROUND ROBIN of 5/6 Rounds		
<b>DAY 2</b>	Groups: ROUND ROBIN Continues.  8 teams to Qualify for Quarter Finals (3 Segments) 10 boards each		
<b>DAY 3</b>	SEMI FINALS 14 X 4 4 SEGMENTS	Pairs event (Open for Non Masters also to participate) - 2 Sessions	
<b>DAY 4</b>	FINAL 14X4 4 SEGMENTS	Pairs Final – 2 Sessions	2/3 sessions

Note: Seeding applicable for formation of Groups only. In KO stage, top ranked team from each Group to have a choice to select from 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Rank of other group.

# Sub Junior - Junior Nationals

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These events may be conducted separately. Tenure shall be four/ Five days

Team event and Pair event shall be for two days each.

Juniors to be bifurcated in U26, U21, Girls and Kids Categories so far possible for Team and Pair events.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Sub Junior and Junior Nationals</b>
<b>DAY 1</b>	Seminar and Teams Round Robin
<b>DAY 2</b>	Teams RR and Play off
<b>DAY 3</b>	Pair Event Match point
<b>DAY 4</b>	Pairs event IMP
<b>Day 5</b>	Seminar/play sessions/Individual Events