

# SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

FOR

## SELECTION TRIALS OF

### INDIAN MEN / MIXED / WOMEN / SENIOR CATEGORIES FOR BFAME / WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

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### INDIAN MEN / MIXED / WOMEN CATEGORIES FOR ASIAN GAMES 2023

*Under the auspices of Bridge Federation of India*

#### 1. PREAMBLE

The conditions of contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions and Regulations for the National tournaments as specified in the "**Hand Book**" of Bridge Federation of India and are specific to the **Selection Trials of Indian Men / Mixed / Women / Senior categories for BFAME / World Championship 2023 & Selection Trials of Indian Men / Mixed / Women categories for Asian Games 2023** to be organized by **Bridge Federation of India (BFI)** at **Shiv Nadar University, Greater NOIDA from 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest as specified in the "Hand Book" of Bridge Federation of India form the set of Rules & Regulations governing the **Selection Trials 2023**.

The Selection trials will be conducted under the technical management of Bridge Federation of India (BFI). The schedule of events will be as published in the BFI tournament web site [www.bfi.net.in](http://www.bfi.net.in). Tournament / Technical Committee of BFI under whose authority all the tournament directors and tournament staff shall function will be the sole authority in determining alterations/modifications to the playing format. The events will be played in accordance with laws and provisions governed by the World Bridge Federation (**WBF**) & BFI and will follow the **WBF – 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge**.

**The top 3 pairs in each category viz. Men, Mixed & Women of the Trials will represent India as a team in the BFAME / World Championship 2023 and further in Asian Games 2023 unless the Selection committee feels it mandatory to change any pair due to bad performance and may replace it with the reserved pair.**

**The trials for "Senior Team" will be held as a team event and winner of the Selection trials in the Senior category will represent India in the BFAME / World Championship 2023.**

#### 2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 All the participating players should be of Indian Nationality holding Indian passports, 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.
- 2.2 The event is open to those selected players, who fulfill the ranking point criteria as mentioned in the **Ranking Point Policy 2022** document of BFI for each category.
- 2.3 All participating players should be registered under BFI Master Point Scheme and also registered with the World Bridge Federation (Annual Registration fee of Rs. 200/-) and in good standing and should meet the requirement of participation of the particular event, as specified by BFI.

- 2.4 It is presumed that all players participating in the championship have read and will abide by the required clauses in the “**Competitors Agreement Form**”, as given in the BFI web site: <https://bfi.net.in/competitors-agreement-2023/> . Each participant will have to sign the “**Competitors Agreement Form**” and give to BFI representative before playing the event.
- 2.5 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 any webcast and shall abide by the time frame of the webcast / Vu-graph, if any.
- 2.6 By participating in these trials each contestant agrees that he/she shall not claim for any loss in earning for any reason connected with the event, against the BFI.
- 2.7 All participants are to play as per the schedule drawn up by the Chief Tournament Director or his representative. Refusal to play against any player(s) or any team or withdrawal from the event at any stage, without the consent of the Chief Tournament Director shall result in disqualification for further participation in the event. CTD and the Tournament Committee, in addition, may take further disciplinary actions against the offending player(s).
- 2.8 The players qualified to represent the federation as Indian team of an event needs to sign a code of conduct and any replacement /addition/ deletion in the team can only be made by the National Selection committee of the federation. All players should read the rules stipulated in BFI commitment form and sign to abide by these guidelines. Non-acceptance will lead to automatic disqualification from the event.
- 2.9 Only those selected pairs from ranking point list (as per the Ranking Policy 2022 of BFI), who have given their consent to BFI to play in the Selection Trials are eligible to participate.
- 2.10 All players selected to represent the country will have to give an undertaking that once selected, they will not back out of the team. A player will be allowed to opt out, only in unusual & out of control circumstances or due to health reasons.
- 2.11 The 3 pairs selected to represent the country and the R1 pair (the 1<sup>st</sup> Reserved at 4<sup>th</sup> place) will have to be available to play in the selection camps organized by BFI. There may be 3-4 such camps organized between April to August. In case the R1 pair is not ready to attend, he will lose his reserved status and the next reserved will take the R1 position.
- 2.12 The players selected to play in the World Championship / Asian Games championship should comply with the guideline issued by either WBF or Asian Games committee regarding the WADA Anti Doping Code. See the link <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/anti-doping-regulations/> for the details. Players will have to get TUE exemptions and NADA dope test approval on their own

### **3. SELECTION TRIALS PROCESS, FORMAT, SCHEDULE AND SCORING**

In the Selection Trials 2023, the committee has proposed to formulate separate weightage for each Elimination round and the Final round for parameters as camp performance, ranking point performance and other parameter like Win Loss Ratio, Convention Cards. In addition, a carry forward weightage score will be allocated in Elimination 2 and Final League stages based on the camp performance of elimination-1 and elimination-2 respectively.

A total of 100 Performance Points will be allocated at each stage of Selection Trials 2023 bifurcated for Camp Performance, Win Loss Ratio, Ranking Points Weightage, Stage wise Performance Weightage & Convention Cards Performance.

#### **Performance Points Weightage Scheme at Selection Trials 2023**

**Total 100 Performance points allocated**

<b>Stages</b>	<b>Camp Performance</b>	<b>Win / Loss Ratio</b>	<b>Ranking Points Weightage</b>	<b>Carry Forward Points</b>	<b>Conv Cards compliance</b>
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Elimination – 1	60 Points	5 points	30 points	Zero	5 points
Elimination -2	65 Points	5 points	20 points	10 points	Nil
Final	75 Points	5 points	10 points	10 points	Nil

**Note:-** For the purpose of calculation of carry forward score, the camp performance will be sum of VP score + win loss ratio + carry forward from previous stage if any.

**For Elimination 1:**

**Camp Performance:** 60 points awarded to the First Ranked pair as per the highest VP scores obtained and prorate points to the succeeding pairs.

**Win/Loss Ratio:** 5 points awarded to the pair achieving highest wins for each match played in that round and prorate points to the succeeding pairs.

**Ranking Points Weightage:** Will be based on the ranking points accumulated at end of the Jan 2023 from the year 2020 as per the ranking point policy 2022. The pair with highest ranking points as calculated above will be awarded 30 points.

**Convention Card Compliance:** 5 points awarded subject to compliance with the WBF guidelines and recommended disclosures.

**For Elimination 2 and Final:**

**Carry Forward Points:** Based on the "Camp Performance" of the previous elimination. i.e. for Elimination 2, the carry forward points of 10 points will be awarded to the First Ranked pair as per the highest VP scores obtained and prorate points to the succeeding pairs.

The rest of the scale of allocation will be as per the allocation shown against the elimination-2 & Final.

**IMPORTANT – If required, Selection Committee has the right to change the format / no. of boards in each elimination round & final, of the event based on no. of Pairs actually coming to play. The Schedule will also change accordingly.**

**Based on the "100 Performance Points" allocated at the end of final, the final ranking of the players in each event will be determined.**

**SCORING IN THE EVENTS:**

For all pair based events (Open / Men, Mixed & Women), the scoring will be IMPs converted to VPs in WBF 20-0 scale (decimal) for the number of boards played. The IMPs in elimination rounds, will be calculated by removing the TOP & BOTTOM 10% scores (rounded in integers, that is for 10 tables, one top & bottom and for 6 tables again 1 top & 1 bottom the factor being 0.60). However, in Finals (3 or 4 tables), there will be no removal of top & bottom scores and datum will be calculated based on the scores of all the tables.

**3.1 FORMAT & SCHEDULE– MEN / OPEN CATEGORY**

As per the current "National Ranking Policy 2022", **the TOP 28 pairs in order of merit have been selected to participate in the "Selection Trials Camp" in the Open / MEN Category.** It was also made clear that the qualifying benchmark as specified will not be relaxed or diluted to any additional number and there will be no additions to the final list of 28 pairs, in case of any dropouts.

**After finalization of all events for the 2020-23 (up to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023) ranking points cycle, the no. of qualified Pairs who have given their entry for participation in the Selection Trials for Open / Men are 20 and hence Qualification of Pairs at each Stage of Selection Trials 2023 for OPEN / MEN Category as per the National Ranking Policy 2022 will be as follows:**

<b>Qualification Rounds</b>	<b>Open / Men</b>
Elimination – 1	20 Pairs – 12 to qualify for 2 <sup>nd</sup> elimination
Elimination -2	12 Pairs – 8 Pairs to qualify for Finals
Final	Pairs – TOP 3 pairs with a reserve pair to be selected

**IMPORTANT: if there are only 18 or less number of participants who actually turn up for the Selection Trials, then the Qualification of Pairs of Selection Trials 2023 for OPEN / MEN Category will become as follows:**

<b>Qualification Rounds</b>	<b>Open / Men</b>
Elimination – 1	18 or less Pairs - 8 Pairs to qualify for Finals
Final	8 Pairs – TOP 3 pairs with a reserve pair to be selected

The selection trials for the OPEN / MEN Category will be held live from **2<sup>nd</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> March (6 days) at Shiv Nadar University, Greater NOIDA, U.P.**

- **SCHEDULE:**

**Arrival of participants at SNU (Shiv Nadar University) – 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2023 (Check-in at 1400 Hrs)**

**Elimination-1 Round: (Max 19 Rounds of 6 board matches) – All Play All – Each round of 50 Minutes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar: Rounds 1 to 9 of 6-board matches (54 Boards)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Rounds 10-19 of 6-board matches (60 Boards)**

The TOP 12 pairs will qualify for elimination-2 and the rest will be out of the race from the selection process of Open / Men category and can leave the venue after elimination-1.

**Elimination-2 Round: 12 Pairs - (11 Rounds of 8 Board matches) - Each round of 65 Minutes**

**4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 1- 7 of 8-board matches (56 Boards)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 8 - 11 of 8-board matches (32 Boards)**

TOP 8 pairs will qualify for Final and the rest will be out of the race from the selection process of Open / Men category and can leave the venue after completion of elimination-2.

**FINALS: Double RR – 8 Pairs - (Each RR of 7 Rounds of 8 Boards)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 1- 3 of 8-board matches of RR1 (24 Boards)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 4- 7 of 8-board matches of RR1 (32 Boards)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 1- 3 of 8-board matches of RR2 (24 Boards)**

**7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 4- 7 of 8-board matches of RR2 (32 Boards)**

- **Alternative Format in case there are 18 or less participants**

In case of 18 or less participants, there will be only one elimination round, after which the TOP 8 pairs will go to finals and then play a final with triple round robin format. The schedule & format in this case will be as follows:

**Elimination-1 Round: (Max 17 Rounds of 8 board matches) – All Play All – Each round of 65 Minutes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - Round 1 to 7 of 8-board matches (56 Boards)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Round 8-14 of 8-board matches (56 Boards)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Mar - Round 15-17 of 8-board matches (24 Boards)**

The TOP 8 pairs will qualify for Final and the rest will be out of the race from the selection process of Open / Men category and can leave the venue at the end of elimination round.

The triple RR final will be played from 4<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> March as per the format given below:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar - Round 1 to 4 of 8-board matches of RR1 (32 Boards)**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar - Round 5 to 7 of 8-board matches of RR1 (24 Boards)**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar - Round 1 to 4 of 8-board matches of RR2 (32 Boards)**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar - Round 5 - 7 of 8-board matches of RR2 (24 Boards)**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar - Round 1 - 4 of 8-board matches of RR3 (32 Boards)**
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mar - Round 5- 7 of 8-board matches of RR3 (24 Boards) – To finish by 1330 Hrs.**

• **IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:**

- The TOP 3 pairs in Open / MEN category once selected cannot participate in the MIXED event.
- The pairs ranked 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in final will be considered as R1 (Reserve 1) to R5. In case they are interested, they can further participate in the MIXED event, if their names are in the Mixed category list. However, if they get selected as TOP 3 in the MIXED event, they will lose their reserve ranking positions and the “Reserves” in Men category will automatically jump one step above in their Reserve rankings. But if they don’t qualify in the top 3 positions of Mixed category, their “Reserve” status will remain as it is.
- In case a player playing in the Men category qualifies in the TOP 3 position of the event, and had a partnership with a lady player in the MIXED category as well, their partnership in the MIXED event will then be considered as NULL & VOID. However, in this case, if the lady player has played with 2 partnerships and have qualified with both of them as per the list, she will be eligible to play with the 2<sup>nd</sup> partnership. It may please be noted that getting the 2<sup>nd</sup> player of the partnership at the venue on time will solely be the responsibility of the mixed pair in question. Also, if a player who is part of the Mixed Pair qualifying list wants to partner a lady player who is also part of the Mixed pair qualifying list, both can make a partnership and participate with their ranking points, if any or zero ranking points.

### **3.2 FORMAT & SCHEDULE– MIXED CATEGORY**

As per the current “National Ranking Policy 2022”, **the TOP 20 pairs in order of merit have been selected to participate in the “Selection Trials Camp” in the MIXED Category.** It was also made clear that the qualifying benchmark as specified will not be relaxed or diluted to any additional number and there will be no additions to the final list of 20 pairs, in case of any dropouts.

**After finalization of all events for the 2020-23 (up to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023) ranking points cycle, the no. of qualified Pairs who have given their entry for participation in the Selection Trials for Mixed event are 16 and hence Qualification of Pairs at each Stage of Selection Trials 2023 for Mixed Category as per the National Ranking Policy 2022 will be as follows:**

<b>Qualification Rounds</b>	<b>Mixed</b>
Elimination – 1	16 Pairs - 8 Pairs to qualify for Finals
Final	8 Pairs – TOP 3 pairs with a reserve pair to be selected

The selection trials for the MIXED Category will be held from **10<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> March (5 days) at Shiv Nadar University, Greater NOIDA, U.P.**

**Arrival at SNU – 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 (Check-in at 1400 Hrs)**

**Elimination-1 Round: 16 Pairs - (15 Rounds of 8 Board matches) - Each round of 65 Minutes**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rounds 1- 6 of 8-board matches (48 Boards)**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rounds 7- 13 of 8-board matches (56 Boards)**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rounds 14-15 of 8-board matches (16 Boards)**

The TOP 8 pairs will qualify for Final and the rest will be out of the race from the selection process of Mixed category and can leave the venue anytime after completion of the elimination round.

**FINALS: Double RR – 8 Pairs - (Each RR of 7 Rounds of 8 Boards)**

The 8 finalist Pairs will play an all-play-all double round-robin of 8 board matches against each opponent.

**12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 1- 4 of 8-board matches of RR1 (32 Boards)**

**13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 5 - 7 of 8-board matches of RR1 (24 Boards)**

**13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 1- 4 of 8-board matches of RR2 (32 Boards)**

**14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 5- 7 of 8-board matches of RR2 (24 Boards)**

All Mixed Pairs participants are requested to check out latest by 1200 Hrs on 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023.

**IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:**

- The lady player of the TOP 3 pairs in MIXED category once selected cannot participate in the WOMEN event.
- The pairs ranked 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in final will be considered as R1 (Reserve 1) to R5. In case they are interested, the lady player of the mixed pair partnership can further participate in the WOMEN event. However, if she gets selected as TOP 3 in the WOMEN event, their partnership will lose their reserve ranking position in the MIXED event and the “Reserves” in MIXED category will automatically jump one step above in their Reserve rankings. But if they don’t qualify in the top 3 positions of Women category, their “Reserve” status will remain as it is.
- In case a lady player playing in the Mixed category qualifies in the TOP 3 position of the event, and had a partnership with a lady player in the WOMEN category as well, their partnership in the WOMEN event will then be considered as NULL & VOID. However, the following conditions will apply for the other lady player of this partnership to play in the event:
  - If she has played with 2 partnerships and have qualified in TOP 16 with both of them as per the list, she will be eligible to play with the 2<sup>nd</sup> partnership retaining their ranking points. It may please be noted that getting the 2<sup>nd</sup> player of the partnership at the venue on time will solely be the responsibility of the women pair in question.
  - The lady player can also play with another lady player though they have not played as partner but in case both are in TOP 16, which is the cut-off of qualified pairs in the Women Pairs list. However, the partnership will start with their partnership ranking points, if any or zero ranking points.

**3.3 FORMAT & SCHEDULE– WOMEN CATEGORY**

As per the current “National Ranking Policy 2022”, **the TOP 16 pairs in order of merit have been selected to participate in the “Selection Trials Camp” in the Women Category.** It was also made clear that the qualifying benchmark as specified will not be relaxed or diluted to any additional number and there will be no additions to the final list of 16 pairs, in case of any dropouts.

**After finalization of all events for the 2020-23 (up to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023) ranking points cycle, the no. of qualified Pairs who have given their entry for participation in the Selection Trials for Women event are 10 and hence Qualification of Pairs at each Stage of Selection Trials 2023 for Women Category as per the National Ranking Policy 2022 will be as follows:**

<b>Qualification Rounds</b>	<b>Women Category</b>
Elimination – 1	10 Pairs - 6 Pairs to qualify for Finals
Final	6 Pairs – TOP 3 pairs with a reserve pair to be selected

The selection trials for the Women Category will be held from **15<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> March (3 days)** at **Shiv Nadar University, Greater NOIDA, U.P.**

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Arrival at SNU – 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 (Check-in at 1400 Hrs)**

**Elimination-1 Round: 10 Pairs - (9 Rounds of 8 Board matches) - Each round of 65 Minutes**

**15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rounds 1- 6 of 8-board matches (48 Boards)**

**16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rounds 7- 9 of 8-board matches (24 Boards)**

After completion of elimination-1, the TOP 6 pairs will qualify for Final and the rest will be out of the race from the selection process of Women category and can leave the venue anytime after completion of the elimination round.

**FINALS: Double RR – 6 Pairs - (Each RR of 5 Rounds of 8 Boards)**

The 6 finalist Pairs will play an all-play-all double round-robin of 8 board matches against each opponent.

**16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 1- 3 of 8-board matches of RR1 (24 Boards)**

**17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 4 - 5 of 8-board matches of RR1 (16 Boards)**

**17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Round 1- 5 of 8-board matches of RR2 (40 Boards)**

All Women Pairs participants are requested to check out latest by 1100 Hrs on 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023.

#### **IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:**

- The pairs ranked 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in final will be considered as R1 (Reserve 1) to R3.
- In case a lady player playing in the Open / Mixed category qualifies in the TOP 3 position of the event, and had a partnership with a lady player in the WOMEN category as well, their partnership in the WOMEN event will then be considered as NULL & VOID. However, the following conditions will apply for the other lady player of this partnership to play in the event:
  - If she has played with 2 partnerships and have qualified in TOP 16 with both of them as per the list, she will be eligible to play with the 2<sup>nd</sup> partnership retaining their ranking points. It may please be noted that getting the 2<sup>nd</sup> player of the partnership at the venue on time will solely be the responsibility of the women pair in question.
  - The lady player can also play with another lady player though they have not played as partner but in case both are in TOP 16, which is the cut-off of qualified pairs in the Women Pairs list. However, the partnership will start with their partnership ranking points, if any or zero ranking points.

### **3.4 FORMAT & SCHEDULE– SENIOR CATEGORY**

**As there are only 2 teams, who gave their entry for the Seniors team selection trials for World Championship 2023, hence they will directly play a 6 Session final of 16 boards each to be played within 2 days (15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023).**

In addition to non-playing captain each team may have four, five or six members. Any alteration in the names of the players or additions in the team can be done only before the start of the event with the consent of CTD.

#### **Event Schedule:**

**Arrival at SNU – 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 (Check-in at 1400 Hrs)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Sessions 1 to 3 of 16 boards each (48 Boards) – Each Session of 2:15**

**16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Sessions 4 to 6 of 16 boards each (48 Boards) – Each Session of 2:15 Hours**

Participating players of Seniors team trials are requested to check out latest by 1100 Hrs on 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023.

#### **4 Authority of the Tournament Committee**

The Tournament Committee reserves the authority to alter or modify this SCOC. In exercising this right the committee shall also have the right to ratify any clear error in the SCOC as soon as it is brought to its notice, provided that the error is evident from the context or from it's being in conflict with the laws.

#### **5 SYSTEM POLICY, THIRD HAND OPENINGS, ALERT POLICY & PSYCHIC BIDS**

"**BFI System Policy 2021**" will be followed. The policy can be found on BFI web site <https://bfi.net.in/bfi-national-policies/>

Please note that this event is categorized as **Category 1 Event**.

**The use of HUM systems and Brown Sticker conventions will be allowed only in FINAL (and not in elimination rounds) subject to submission of CC giving details of HUM & Brown Sticker Convention) before start of the finals to CTD.**

**Psychic Strong Artificial opening bids** are prohibited in elimination rounds of the events.

#### **6 Filling up of Convention cards and disclosure of systems**

Two fully filled System Card with supplementary sheets, if necessary, must be displayed at the table for all segments of all events. If any team does not have their convention card at the table, they may be penalized.

The CC of each pair participating in the in the Selection trials should be submitted by uploaded on to a central depository for opponents to refer in case they want to go through opponent CC. ***Please visit the CC depository on the google drive at:***

**[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1P3bBhe4T\\_wbgZzbaiP1o3FPr9ZEVPPg4?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1P3bBhe4T_wbgZzbaiP1o3FPr9ZEVPPg4?usp=sharing)**

If a pair forgets a convention or resorts to a psyche, and there is no convention card / no proper explanation of the convention in the convention card, director is empowered to assume mistaken explanation and may award an adjusted score [Law12C1]. In addition to this the offending pair may not be allowed to use that convention in the rest of the match. Frequent violations of the system, amounts to a private understanding and will be dealt severely.

Players must disclose fully the meaning of their conventional agreements, particularly, conventions and treatments that may require defensive preparation by opposing pairs. In addition to system card, pairs shall use supplementary sheets, where necessary, to achieve this objective. To satisfy the principle of adequate disclosure, the onus is on each pair to prepare for the information of opponents an accurate and comprehensive system card.

Understandings whereby there may be violations of the normal meaning of the call, and where the nature of violation may possibly be anticipated, must also be disclosed in the convention card with full detail in a supplementary sheet, wherever necessary. The understandings may be explicitly agreed or they may have developed from partnership experience or mutually shared knowledge not available to opponents.

If a player makes use of any conventional call not sufficiently described on his system card (including supplementary sheets), that player's partnership may be subject to a procedural penalty (Law 90) for the infraction and/or to disciplinary penalty as well as to score adjustments to redress any damage. The onus of disclosure is on the user. When there is a claim of damage through inadequate disclosure, the CTD and the Review Committee will give the benefit of any doubt to the opponents.



Opening bid of 2 Diamond which shows weak in either major with or without the possibility of any other strong hand has to be explained in detail with responses and subsequent rebids. A written defense is to be provided as mentioned in the system policy.

Normal range of Weak Two opening should be specified and situations where it can be below minimum need to be alerted.

Use of up-to two Brown Sticker conventions per partnership are allowed in final of the events subject to filling up such system card and submitting it for approval of CTD before the start of the finals. At the same time a viable suggested defense to any Brown Sticker convention must be filed. This will be deemed to be a part of the system card and may be referred to by the opponents at the table. A pair which has not submitted the convention card (system card) as above would be debarred from using such conventions till three hours after the pair has submitted its properly filled card. Any of these conventions / systems needs to be approved by the CTD before they can be used.

Failure to follow any stipulation in this section may be subject to procedural penalty at the discretion of CTD in addition to restrictions on the use of certain methods as specified in the BFI system policy. Use of HUM system and/or Brown Sticker conventions in violation of what is permitted as per this SCoC will be penalized.

## **7. Forfeits in the events**

If a pair is unable to play or complete a match, CTD may find that pair in default and declare the match forfeited. The pair in forfeit shall score Zero VPs for that match. The pair winning the forfeited match shall be credited 10 VPs (in new 20 VP scale) initially. At the end CTD in consultation with the Chairman Tournament Committee, may increase the VPs credited based on the overall average performance of the pair winning the forfeited match, or credit a higher VP if they consider it to be equitable in all circumstances.

## **8. Disciplinary Rules and 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 norms laid down by bridge federation of India.

- **Lateness** – Penalty will be imposed on any pair not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of the session according to the following scale.

0+ to 5 minutes - late warning;

5+to 10 minutes – 3 IMPs or 1 VP;

10+ to15 minutes - 6 IMPs or 2 VPs;

a pair may forfeit its match, if it is late by over 15 minutes, at the discretion of the CTD/ Chairman Tournament Committee.

- **Slow Play or Late finish**– If slow play is reported and the Director is convinced about it, he may impose penalty on the offending side. The penalty will be same as in case of “Lateness” clause above. In case any match is not finished within the stipulated time, the Director may stop play after 5 minutes and declare result on the boards played. The result may be adjusted to bring equity to the non-offending side in case of reduction of boards.
- **Mobile Phones** – Mobile phones are not allowed in the playing arena. Players are advised to keep their mobiles in their rooms or deposit it in a box provided outside the playing room for this purpose.
- **Alcoholic Influence** – Consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area is prohibited. Any player consuming alcohol before or during the session in play area or is observed to be under alcoholic influence during the play, will result in being penalized 6 IMPs. CTD may also decide to substitute such a player. However further penalty may be imposed depending on the condition and behavior of the player on the table at the discretion of the CTD / Chairman Tournament or Technical Committee.
- **Smoking:** Smoking in the designated playing area is prohibited. Once the play starts no player shall leave the table in order to smoke. Any violation will be subject to penalties: 3 IMPs for the first offence, 6 IMPs for the second and any subsequent offence. For repeated

violation the player/pair may be suspended for the session at the discretion of the CTD and Chairman Review Committee

- **Movement of Players:** Once the play is over, players are expected to go out of the playing area and not to watch the play at any other table.
- **ADDITION OF POWERS TO DIRECTORS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:**

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 misbehavior 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 for misconduct:**

Procedural Penalty: Notwithstanding any penalties which have been empowered to a Director as per WBF Law of Duplicate Bridge 2017, 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;

## **10. Tie-Break Procedure**

The tie break will exist only in case 2 or more "Scores" are exactly identical after completion of elimination round or final. The "Scores" will be defined as sum total of the weightages given for Camp Performance, Win / Loss Ratio, ranking points, Carry Forward Score and Conv Card Performance (only for elim-1) for a stage.

**The tie will be broken as follows:**

**If the tie is in Elimination-1, the pair with higher "Ranking Points" will win the tie break.**

**If the tie exists in Elimination-2 & Final, then the pair with better "Camp Performance" in the ties stage will win the tie break. In case, if "Camp Performance" is also same, then whoever has the higher "Ranking Points" will win the tie break.**

## **11. Length of Matches**

- 6 board matches: Max 50 minutes (With Screens)
- 8 board matches: Max 1 hour 5 minutes (With Screens)
- 16 Board matches: Max 2 Hour 15 Minutes (with Screens)

## **12. Review Procedure**

As per the latest WBF rules, after a Director has given a ruling, request for a review may be made to the CTD by player/ Pair along with a review fee of Rs. 1000 to the Tournament Director.

Players have the right to bring to the notice of the Director any irregularity on the table during play and the match. However, it may be noted that before giving the ruling, the director consult each other and if needed other senior players. So please ask for a review only and only if you believe certain facts didn't come to director's notice, or a law has been applied incorrectly. The review fee will be refunded unless the review request is found to be baseless and/or frivolous.

A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling. All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events. However the time required for the review procedure will not hold-up the play of the subsequent round.

The recipients of a ruling will be entitled to ask for the matter to be reviewed by a reviewer who was not involved in the original decision. The reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgment that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players were consulted. Finally the Reviewer will check that ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness.

The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the CTD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

The reviewer's decision is final and binding. There will be no further appeal against reviewer's decision

## **13. 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 20 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.

## **14. Withdrawal and Walk over**

A pair is permitted to withdraw only with the expressed consent of CTD after the completion of a round. In case a pair withdraws without such expressed consent, they may be disqualified for the rest of the event by the CTD and may also have to face the disciplinary proceedings.

If any pair would like to withdraw during the middle of the event, they should have proper accepted reasons like physical fitness, serious health problems or any other important practical reasons. However pairs deciding of mutual walk over decisions without the consent of the proper authority will have to face disciplinary procedures.

## **15. Substitutes**

No substitute will be allowed to any pair in any of the event.

## **16. 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 is 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 Tournament / Review Committee in a sportsman like manner.

## **17. Spectators**

No spectators will be allowed inside the playing area, other than a player or a tournament official, 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. It is the discretion of the CTD to allow or not to allow spectators (Kibitzers) on the table. Kibitzers can watch the match on the Vu-graph, if any.

## **17 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, has constituted and empowered a "Disciplinary Committee", which will 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.**

### **EVENT RECORDER OR COMMITTEE**

The Tournament Committee shall nominate a person of high standing in the bridge community or a committee of three members to the position of Event Recorder. The person /persons so nominated, and accepting the position, shall perform the following functions.

1. The Event Recorder will receive verbal or written complaints.
2. The Event Recorder will decide, if a complaint is serious or trivial (in which case the complainant is told immediately the reasons for not pursuing it).
3. If the complaint is serious, the Event Recorder will inform the complainant that he will approach the person(s) concerned and advise them of the complaint and the names of the complainant.
4. The complainant will be asked if there were any witnesses and the Recorder will note their names.
5. The Recorder will discretely approach the person concerned (and their playing partner) and advise them of the complaint, and ask the partner if it is true. If the partner says it is true, various actions are open to the Recorder.
  - Warning (if not too serious)
  - Advise the person(s) that the Tournament Committee will be contacted to recommend suspension for X games. If the Recorder is present during the competition where the alleged offence took place, he may put the player on a "good behavior bond" for the rest of the competition, and if no further complaints are received, decide to drop the matter
  - Advise the Tournament Committee that the person is suspended for all or part of the event. In the most serious cases, advise the Tournament Committee that the person be banned for an extended period
6. Where there is no admission of guilt, bring all parties together and try and ascertain the truth. All incidents, with full details, shall be kept in the RECORDER BOOK, which is cross-indexed by name. Only the Recorder and the President of BFI shall be permitted to see the Recorder Book.