



National Ranking and Selection Policy 2022

A. Purpose

The policy aims to provide clear and unambiguous guidelines for the selection and seeding of Indian teams in various categories for participation and representation in international competitions.

This policy has been formulated by Technical committee of Bridge Federation of India upon instructions of Executive committee of Bridge Federation of India.

The committee has been largely guided by Ranking policy 2019 and Revised Ranking policy 2021. As far as possible, the tenets of these policies have been retained, with modifications where desired.

The focus area of the current policy is 2023 Asian games as well as World Bridge Championship 2023. However, these stated guidelines will also be applicable to any and all future competitions.

The committee reserves the rights to modify the policy at a later date, said modifications will be widely published on BFI website as well as other communication channels, and the applicability of these modifications will be clearly defined.

The policy aims to establish the following:

- Time bound performance evaluation criteria
 - Period of evaluation
 - Respective weights of periodic performance (emphasis on more recent performance)
- Events to be considered for purpose of evaluation
- Respective weights of events considered
- Qualification benchmarks for various categories
- Process and procedure to be followed during selection trials
 - When the target events include men's category but not open
 - When the target events include open category but not men
 - When the target events include both (in same or different events)
 - 2023 is one such case, where we have World bridge championships (Open/Seniors/Mixed/Ladies) and Asian Games (Men/Mixed/Ladies)

B. Members Technical Committee

- 1) Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal, Chairman Technical Committee (Chairman)
- 2) Mr. Pradeep Kulkarni, Hon. General Secretary BFI (Convener)
- 3) Mr. Ranjan Bhattacharya, Jt. Secy BFI (Secretary)
- 4) Mr Subhash Gupta, Elite Player & EC member
- 5) Mr Sandeep Thakral, Elite Player & EC member
- 6) Mr. R Krishnan, Elite Player & EC member
- 7) Mr Sumit Mukherjee, Elite Player & EC member
- 8) Mr. Ajay Khare, Eminent Player
- 9) Mr R Venkatesh, Chairman Laws Commission
- 10) Mr. T C Pant, Ex. Jt. Secy BFI



C. Scope

- This policy will be applicable to Open/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.
- Players to be selected for Juniors World Championship for Juniors and Sub Juniors will be dealt separately.
- 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".

D. Performance Evaluation

The process of performance evaluation is quantified by awarding ranking points to participating athletes based on the performance in the scheduled events over an extended period.

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

1) Performance period

For purposed of evaluation of performance the performance period will be as follows

a) In case the selection trials are scheduled to take place in first half of calendar year:

Total Period of consideration – Three full calendar years immediately preceding the year of selection trials + the year of selection trials up to the notification and invitation of entries.

All events held prior to invitation of entries held in the calendar year of trials will be considered. To emphasise the performance in more recent period, a weightage formula will be applied as per the table below:

Definition – Calendar year of Trials = YYYY

Period of consideration	Factor of ranking points earned in the period
Partial Year (YYYY, up to invitation of entries)	100%
YYYY -1 (Immediately preceding year)	100%
YYYY -2 (One year prior to trials)	75%
YYYY – 3 (Two years prior to trials)	50%

b) In case the selection trials are scheduled to take place in second half of calendar year:

Total Period of consideration – Two full Calendar years immediately preceding the year of selection trials + the year of selection trials up to the notification and invitation of entries.

All events held prior to invitation of entries held in the calendar year of trials will be considered. To emphasise the performance in more recent period, a weightage formula will be applied as per the table below:



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Definition – Calendar year of Trials = TYYY

Period of consideration	Factor of ranking points earned in the period
Partial Year (TYYY, up to invitation of entries)	100%
TYYY -1 (Immediately preceding year)	75%
TYYY -2 (One year prior to trials)	50%

Example : Selection Trials to be held in 2023

	Trials date – Jan-June 2023	Trials date July-Dec 2023
Period of consideration	Factor of ranking points earned in the period	Factor of ranking points earned in the period
2023	100%	100%
2022	100%	75%
2021	75%	50%
2020	50%	-

2) Scheduled Events

a) International events:

- 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.
- Zonal events Asia Pacific Bridge Championships (ABPF – Zone IV, VI & VII). Competitive nations in Asian Games
- 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.

b) National Championships organized under auspices of BFI

c) All India Events of selection berth

d) Zonal Events

e) Specific designated events exclusively for Mixed or Ladies Categories

3) Ranking Point Weightages

- The specific events, their weightages and awards are defined in Annexure 1.
- The BFI reserves the right to add or remove any event from the designated event list.



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- The BFI reserves the right to modify the weightages of ranking point awards to any scheduled event.
- Starting with April 01, 2022, pairs events will be awarded at 50% of the ranking points award for corresponding teams event. This is in line with practice of awarding 50% in the online events conducted in 2021. However mixed and ladies pairs event will be awarded at 25% of the ranking points for main teams event wherever applicable.
- There will be no change in ranking points awarded up to March 31, 2022 as per the revised ranking policy 2021.
- All teams or pairs attaining the same rank will be awarded the average of ranks of all such positions. e.g. teams finishing in 5-8 position, if they all have these ranks by way of being losing quarter finalists, will be awarded the average of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th position respectively.

E. Qualification benchmark for selection trials

At the time of invitation of entries, the total Ranking Points of all Pairs as per their performance in the respective events will be consolidated and computed with due application of weightage formula defined above. From the overall list, the following will be invited to participate in the selection trials in their respective category:

1) Open Category – Top 28 Ranked Pairs

2) Mixed Category – Top 20 Ranked Pairs

3) Women Category – Top 16 Ranked Pairs

- There will be no additions to the above list in any category in case of any dropouts.
- In case where the target event has men's category but not open, top 28 men's pairs will be invited from open list.
- In case where the combined trials are held for open and men's category, top 28 pairs from open list will be invited.
- Except where one or both members of a partnership are deceased, all partnerships will be fully recognized for consideration of the qualifying list and multiple partnerships will be considered legitimate for computation of the qualifying list.
- The BFI reserves the right to invite any additional pairs based on exceptional performance. Such pair will only carry Ranking points earned by them playing as a pair.
- It is necessary that best available talent is able to participate in selection trials. As a special case the following will be applied for trials to be held in 2023:
 - In case there is a change in the partnership and both players are selected as per qualification benchmark within their category with some other players as partners, the changed partnership can participate in the trials subject to BFI approval. However they will carry ranking points (if any) which they have earned in their new partnership only.
- 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
 - Case with disciplinary committee, past and present record, Player not in good standing with federation
 - Physical and health reasons - duly assessed by Medical officer of BFI
 - Past records and unfavourable report by of Coach, NPC while representing India.
 - Misbehaviour at Coaching camps and reported by Coaching Camp director



- Absence at Coaching camp
- Unfit under NADA

F. Process and procedures at the selection trials

These procedures refer to Open/Men, Mixed and Ladies categories. The senior trials are handled separately.

The selection trials will be held live under guidelines issued by SAI. The trials will consist of Elimination and Final stages. The number of elimination stages, and qualifications will be based on number of actual entries, based on the following table:

No of Entries	25-28	19-24	Upto 18
Format	Two elimination rounds Elim 1 -> Elim 2 : 16 Elim 2 -> Finals : 8	Two elimination rounds Elim 1 -> Elim 2 : 12/14 Elim 2 -> Finals : 8	One elimination round Elim -> Finals : 8

Weightages will be given to camp performance, ranking points and convention card compliance based on the table below:

Stages (Men/Mixed/Women)	VP Score	Win / Loss Ratio	Ranking Points Weightage	Carry Forward Points (1 st Elim)	Carry Forward Points (2 nd Elim)	Conv Cards compliance
Elimination – 1	60 Points	5 points	30 points	NA	NA	5 points
Elimination – 2	65 Points	5 points	20 points	10 points	NA	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.

G. Selection of team

The top 3 pairs from each category, along with pair #4 as first reserve will constitute the selected team. The selected team and the reserve pair will undertake to follow and attend any coaching and training program devised by BFI. Lack of preparation or discipline during the training program can lead to the coaches making a recommendation to substitute the selected pairs with next reserve.

In case Men and Open teams are selected via a common trial, the following process will apply:

1. Top 3 pairs irrespective of gender will form part of Open Team.
2. Top 3 men pairs will form part of Mens Team.

Attachments: Annexure 1 - Ranking Points



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Annexure 1 – Ranking Points

A. Ranking point Weightages for different ranks

For all events, top 8 ranks (unless specified otherwise in clause B below) will be awarded ranking points as per the table below. Actual events, and Ranking points for rank 1 in each event are defined in detail.

The example table depicts percentage of awards with 100% for rank 1 for teams.

Rank	Ranking Points %
1	100
2	90
3	80
4	70
5	50
6	40
7	30
8	20

B. Qualifying events for Selection trials and Ranking Points

- 1) WBF Championship events where representation is by NBO** (these are the highest ranked international event for performance points ranking scheme and will have 100% point scale of 176)
Awards (Ranking Points) – **Rank 1 Teams = 176, Rank 1 Open Pairs = 88**
- 2) International Zonal Events – Asian Games, APBF, Asia Cup** (75% WBF events performance points provided such Indian Team qualifies for the Semi Final spot in the main team event)
Awards (Ranking Points) – **Rank 1 Teams = 132, Rank 1 Open Pairs = 66**
- 3) BFAME and Invitational International Events held each year where BFI selects or nominates a team Cup** (25% of WBF events performance points provided such Indian Team qualifies for the Semi Final spot in the main team event)
Awards (Ranking Points) – **Rank 1 Teams = 44, Rank 1 Open Pairs = Nil**
- 4) National Championships by Federation** (these are highest ranked domestic event and are awarded 50% of WBF events performance points)
 - Winter nationals
 - Summer Nationals
 - National MastersAwards (Ranking Points) – **Rank 1 Teams = 88, Rank 1 Open Pairs = 44**



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a) National Events for selection Berth (events of National importance and are awarded 75% of National Championships performance points)

- Interstate
- Yeshwant Rao Holkar Trophy, Indore
- Shree Cement, Kolkata
- Bhartiya Trophy, Delhi
- HCL Annual, Delhi

Awards (Ranking Points) – **Rank 1 Teams = 66, Rank 1 Open Pairs = 33**

b) Zonal & Other Events (held each year where BFI accords recognition in advance will be eligible for 25% of National Championships performance points)

- Delhi Gymkhana
- FNCC, Hyderabad
- East Zone
- West Zone (President's cup)

Awards (Ranking Points) – **Rank 1 Teams = 22, Rank 1 Open Pairs = Nil**

c) Events exclusively for Mixed Category (will be awarded 25% of National championships performance points)

- Smt. Vijaya Jajoo National Mixed championships
- Dr. K.K. Bhatnagar Memorial Mixed Pairs event
- **Qualifying Events** for Mixed Category – i.e. Summer Nationals, Winter Nationals and Fenesta Invitational event.
- Any other event deemed to be a ranking point event at a future date.

Awards (Ranking Points) – **Rank 1 Pairs = 22**

d) Events exclusively for Ladies Category (will be awarded 25% of National championships performance points)

- Kabra Ladies pairs
- Fenesta Ladies pairs
- Qualifying events for ladies category – Summer Nationals and Winter Nationals
- Any other event deemed to be a ranking point event at a future date

Awards (Ranking Points) – **Rank 1 Pairs = 22**