

NATIONAL COACHING CAMP 2025

MEN/MIXED/WOMEN/SENIORS

under the aegis of:

**BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA
&
SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. PREAMBLE

The conditions of contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions and Regulations for the National camps as specified in the *"Hand Book"* of Bridge Federation of India and the guidelines given in National Sports Code, 2017 are specific to the *National Coaching Camp* under the aegis of *Bridge Federation of India (BFI)* from *6-20th May, 2025 at Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad*

The Camp will be conducted under the technical management of Bridge Federation of India. The schedule of events will be as published in the camp prospectus and as given in the web site of BFI www.bfi.net.in. In case of necessity, the Camp Committee in consultation with the Chief Camp Director and Technical Committee may alter/modify the format of any of the events. The camp will be played in accordance with the laws and provisions laid down by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) and Bridge Federation of India (BFI). *The National Camp will follow the WBF – 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.*

All participating players should go through the camp SCoC and abide by it.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY - GENERAL RULES

- Participation in this camp is open to resident bridge players of Indian Nationality holding Indian Passport.
- All campers will abide with the directions given by the BFI Camp CTD/Coordinator for all purposes.
- The campers will abide with the partnership as submitted in the official registration page for the above-mentioned camp. No change in partnership will be permissible subject to approval of Chief National Coach or BFI Secretary with satisfactory reasons. The list of enrolled submitted list as on 25th February 2025 is available on the following website www.bridgewebs.com/ellisbridgegymkhana
- BFI Disciplinary Code, 2024 code of conduct policy will be strictly implemented to all campers and Yellow cards will be issued to offenders by the CTD of respective camp. Any camper receiving 3 Yellow cards will be debarred from further participation in the above camp and subject to further sanctions as decided by Disciplinary Committee.
- All campers will have to abide with the NADA/WADA dope test procedure at any time during the camp.
- Boarding and Lodging facilities as provided by BFI will be available to campers with respect to the SAI guidelines and conditions. Any alternative arrangement/facilities exercised by camper will be compensated by him/her and BFI will be not responsible for any such facilities.
- All Indian players participating in the Camp should be registered under BFI Master Point Scheme and should meet the participation requirement of the event, as specified by BFI.
- It is presumed that all players participating in the Camp have read and will abide by the required clauses in the **"Competitors Agreement Form"**, as given on the BFI web site as well maintain the code of conduct as mentioned in the BFI Disciplinary Code, 2024.
<https://bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/BFI-Competitor-Agreement-Form.pdf>
- By participating in this Camp, each member Association/ Organization and contestants agree that all or portions of every Camp event may be filmed, recorded, otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the BFI.
- By participating and/or intending to participate in this Camp each member Association/ Organization and contestants agrees that he/she shall not claim for any loss in earning for any reason connected with the event, against the organizers and /or BFI.
- All participants are to play as per the schedule drawn up by the Chief Camp Director (CTD) or his representative. Refusal to play against any player(s) or any pair or withdrawal from an event at any stage, without the consent

of the CTD shall result in disqualification for further participation in that event. CTD and the Camp Committee, in addition, may take further disciplinary actions against the offending player(s).

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- English will be the official language for players to communicate with each other during the play in the Camp.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Elimination stage Evaluation of Men Campers – 6-8th March
- Final stage evaluation of Men Campers – 9-12th March
- Elimination stage Evaluation of Mixed Campers – 13-15th March
- Final stage evaluation of Mixed Campers – 15-17th March
- Elimination stage Evaluation of Women Campers – 18th March
- Final stage evaluation of Women Campers – 19-20th March
- Elimination Stage of Seniors - 18-19th March
- Semi – Final and Final of Seniors – 19-21st March

4 SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Entries must be submitted online through the prescribed entry form on the camp web site www.bridgewebs.com/ellisbridgegymkhana, stating the full names and BFI MP Registration Numbers of the participating players, within the prescribed time line for the event as mentioned in the camp web site. Entries not giving the names of all the players of the pair / pair event, or without the players' M.P. Registration numbers will be rejected.

No change in partnership is allowed once the entry is submitted and last date of entries has expired.

The camp web site link for Registration of Entry is at: <https://bfi.net.in/tournament/coaching-cum-evaluation-camps-men-mixed-women/>

5 AUTHORITY OF THE CAMP COMMITTEE

The Camp 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.

Camp Committee also reserves the right to alter the play format & schedule of an event, in case it is necessitated by less or extra ordinary high number of entries.

6 SYSTEM POLICY AND CLASSIFICATION OF SYSTEMS

"BFI System Policy 2021" will be followed. The policy can be found on BFI web site www.bfi.net.in subject to the following revision:

As of January 1st 2025 the use of a written defence against the Multi 2 Diamonds (or 2 Clubs) is no longer permitted in WBF events and the same will be implemented in the camp.

Please note that the events of the Camp have been categorized as **Category 1B Events**. Accordingly, the ***use of HUM systems and Brown Sticker conventions are prohibited*** (in line with supplementary conditions for World Bridge Games).

Psychic Strong Artificial opening bids are prohibited.

7 FILLING UP OF CONVENTION CARDS AND DISCLOSURE OF SYSTEMS

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

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.

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

Every pair is required to present at the table two copies of convention cards from the beginning of any event. Also at the beginning of the elimination stage, each pair shall submit one copy of their convention cards to the CTD. Failure to follow any stipulation of this section may be subjected to penalty at the discretion of Review committee /CTD, in addition to restriction on use of certain methods.

It is mandatory for all the pairs to have in their possession a duly filled convention card at the table. If a pair forgets a convention or resorts to a psyche, and there is no 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.

Failure to follow any stipulation in this section may be subject to procedural penalty at the discretion of Appeals Committee /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. 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 should be specified very clearly. It is also essential to clarify conditions of such subminimum openings. Consistency in such calls by partnerships is expected.

All convention cards should be filled atleast 2 days prior to start of the camp at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HeJQXxCDCTawbGgEmcwSo3FmEwkNhHD?usp=sharing>

8 SUBSTITUTES

No substitutes are permitted for this event. In case of inability to play for whatever reason, the pair will be marked as Disqualified/Withdrawn as per directions of camp director.

9 FORFEITS IN PAIR CAMPS

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 VP and Zero IMPs for that match. The pair winning the forfeited match shall be credited 10 VPs (in new 20 VP scale) initially and all draws will be based on that. At the end CTD in consultation with the Chairman Camp 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.

10 WITHDRAWAL AND WALK OVER

If utmost necessary, a pair is permitted to withdraw only with the expressed consent of CTD after the completion of any Elim 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 pair withdraws without such expressed consent, the members of the pair may be disqualified for the rest of the Camp by the CTD & the Camp Committee may also have to face the disciplinary proceedings by BFI Disciplinary Committee.

Two walkovers by the same pair will mean a compulsory withdrawal of that pair from the Competition. The Camp Committee or the Disciplinary Committee may impose additional penalties to the forfeited pair. Walkover should be reported to the director before the start during KO matches.

If any pair 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 pairs deciding of mutual walk over decisions without the consent of the proper authority will have to face disciplinary procedures.

- **Walkover:** If a pair, by its own fault, is unable to play another pair, it will score zero VP. Its opponents will receive the best score between: (a) 12 VP using the 20-0 VP scale, or the equivalent according to the VP scale adopted, (b) the pairs average (c) the average score obtained by all other opponents against the pair at fault, whichever is greater. A second walk-over by the same pair will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee which can apply further sanctions including disqualification of the pair.

11 DISCIPLINARY RULES AND PENALTIES

The guidelines given in the Disciplinary Code 2024 and its Annexures will be strictly followed in the camp. 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** – In the Elim League, 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 – 1.0 VP;
10+ to 15 minutes 2.0 VPs;

A pair may forfeit its match if it is late by over 15 minutes, at the discretion of the CTD/ Chairman Camp 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 shall be switched off during the play, Pair from which the players are observed calling or receiving call during the play will be penalized (0.5 VP in pair / 2 IMPs in IMP Pair / 10% of top earned in MP pairs) for the first offence and (1 VP in pair / 3 IMPs in IMP Pair / 20% of top earned in MP pairs) for any offence thereafter. Repeated violation by any player may mean suspension of that player / pair at the discretion of the CTD and Chairman Camp Committee. Players will not be allowed to carry the mobile phones/tablets. They should be submitted with the CTD / Organizers.
- **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 his pair being penalized 2 VPs (6 IMPs). CTD may also decide to substitute such a

player. However further penalty maybe imposed depending on the condition and behavior of the player on the table at the discretion of the CTD / Chairman Camp 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: 1 VP (3 IMPs/20% of top earned MP in pairs) for the first offence, 2 VPs (6 IMPs/40% of top earnedMP in pairs) 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 Camp 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:**

The BFI Disciplinary Code, 2024 (amended) is effective from 1st January, 2024 and will be implemented for all events mentioned above. Yellow Cards will be issued to violation of code of conduct as published on BFI Website. The link for the code is at:

<https://bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-23-BFI-Disciplinary-Code-V9.pdf>

12 TIE- BREAKING PROCEDURES

• **PAIR EVENT:**

The pairs with identical scores after deducting all penalties will deem to have tied.

In case of a tie for the last qualifying position in the elimination or final round, the contesting pairs VP scores against the top 3 ranked pairs will be calculated for all round robins and the cumulative total of the VPs obtained will be considered for breaking the tie. If the tie persists, it will be compared for the 4th pairs and succeeding for the 5th pair respectively. In case of a further tie, it will be broken by toss.

13 LENGTH OF MATCHES

5 board matches: 40 minutes

6 board matches: 50 minutes

8 board matches: 1 hour 10 minutes

10 board matches: 1 hour 25 minutes

12 board matches: 1 hour 45 minutes

14 board matches: 2 hours

14 REVIEW PROCEDURE

Players have the right to bring to the notice of the Director any irregularity on the table, during play and the match. Directors will give ruling on such irregularities, if necessary, after consultation with a panel of experts.

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

A request for a review of a Camp 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 (this time limit may be reduced by Camp Director for the last round of the qualification/final stage). All such requests must be lodged by one member of the pair. 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.

15 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.

16 ETHICS AND DEPORTMENT

All contestants are required to conform at all times to the highest standards of ethics and deportment. BFI expects all pairs and partnerships to play to win at all times and in all circumstances. While a pair 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 Camp / Review Committee in a sportsman like manner.

17 CAMP FORMAT DETAILS

MEN EVENT

The Men Event is restricted to the qualified pairs as per the National Ranking Policy 2024-25 as published on BFI Website.

Evaluation performance will be reviewed in two stages:

Stage I: There will be a Single Round Robin of 11 Rounds each of 14 boards to be played from 6-8th March.

Top 8 ranked pairs after second round robin based on total camp performance + ranking points will qualify for second stage evaluation.

Ranking point weightage will be given at 1.5 Vp per round to be played in Elim Stage.

- **Formula for Ranking point Carryover**

$$1.5 * n * (RP - RP_{min}) / (RP_{max} - RP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in each Round Robin

RP - Ranking points of the pair

RP_{max} - highest Ranking points amongst all participants of E1

RP_{min} - lowest Ranking points amongst all participants of E1

Stage II: The Final stage will be of Double Round Robin of 14 board matches each to be played from 9-12th March, 2025.

Carryover from Elim Stage will be given to the finalist at 0.5 Vps per round in the final Stage.

Ranking point weightage will be given at 1 Vp per round to be played in final Stage

The Draw for the Second Round Robin first round will be based on total performance in camp including ranking point weightage as per following order - Rank 1 vs Rank 8, Rank 2 vs Rank 7, and so on.

- **Formula for Ranking point Carryover**

$$1.0 * n * (RP - RP_{min}) / (RP_{max} - RP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in Finals

RP - Ranking points of the pair

RP_{max} - highest Ranking points amongst all participants of Finals

RP_{min} - lowest Ranking points amongst all participants of Finals

- **Formula for Camp Performance Carryover**

$$0.5 * n * (VP - VP_{min}) / (VP_{max} - VP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in Finals
VP – VP Score of the pair in E2 not counting carryover
VP_max – highest E2 VP Score amongst all participants of Finals not counting carryover
VP_min – lowest E2 VP Score amongst all participants of Finals not counting carryover

Final Ranking will be done based on Total VPs scored in Final + Ranking point Weightage in Final(Vps)+ Carryover to Final (Vps)

MIXED EVENT

The Mixed Event is restricted to the qualified pairs as per the National Ranking Policy 2024-25 as published on BFI Website.

Evaluation performance will be reviewed in two stages:

Stage I: There will be a Single Round Robin of 15 Rounds each of 8 boards to be played from 13-15th March.

Top 8 ranked pairs after single round robin based on total camp performance + ranking points will qualify for second stage evaluation.

Ranking point weightage will be given at 1.5 VP per round to be played in Elim Stage to the topper as announced in the National Ranking Points list 2024-25 and the following ranked campers will be awarded as per the following formula:

- **Formula for Ranking point Carryover**

$$1.5 * n * (RP - RP_{min}) / (RP_{max} - RP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in each Round Robin

RP – Ranking points of the pair

RP_max – highest Ranking points amongst all participants of E1

RP_min – lowest Ranking points amongst all participants of E1

Stage II: The Final stage will be of Double Round Robin of 8 board matches each to be played from 15-17th March

Carryover from Elim Stage will be given to the finalist at 0.5 Vps per round in the final Stage

Ranking point weightage will be given at 1 Vp per round to be played in final Stage

The Draw for the Second Round Robin first round will be based on total performance in camp including ranking point weightage as per following order - Rank 1 vs Rank 8, Rank 2 vs Rank 7 and so on.

- **Formula for Ranking point Carryover**

$$1.0 * n * (RP - RP_{min}) / (RP_{max} - RP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in Finals

RP – Ranking points of the pair

RP_max – highest Ranking points amongst all participants of Finals

RP_min – lowest Ranking points amongst all participants of Finals

- **Formula for Camp Performance Carryover**

$$0.5 * n * (VP - VP_{min}) / (VP_{max} - VP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in Finals

VP – VP Score of the pair in Elim not counting carryover

VP_max – highest Elim VP Score amongst all participants of Finals not counting carryover

VP_min – lowest Elim VP Score amongst all participants of Finals not counting carryover

Final Ranking will be done based on Total VPs scored in Final + Ranking point Weightage in Final(Vps)+ Carryover to Final (Vps)

WOMEN EVENT

The Women Event is restricted to the qualified pairs as per the National Ranking Policy 2024-25 as published on BFI Website. Evaluation performance will be reviewed in two stages:

Stage I: As per the registered list of 12 pairs participating, there will be a Single Round Robin of 11 Rounds each of 5 boards to be played from on 18th March

Top 8 ranked pairs after second round robin based on total camp performance + ranking points will qualify for second stage evaluation.

Ranking point weightage will be given at 1.5 Vp per round to be played in Elim Stage.

- **Formula for Ranking point Carryover**

$$1.5 * n * (RP - RP_{min}) / (RP_{max} - RP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in each Round Robin

RP – Ranking points of the pair

RP_max – highest Ranking points amongst all participants of Elim

RP_min – lowest Ranking points amongst all participants of Elim

Stage II: The Final stage will be of Double Round Robin of 8 board matches each to be played from 19-20th March

Carryover from Elim Stage will be given to the finalist at 0.5 Vps per round in the final Stage

Ranking point weightage will be given at 1 Vp per round to be played in final Stage

The Draw for the Second Round Robin first round will be based on total performance in camp including ranking point weightage as per following order - Rank 1 vs Rank 8, Rank 2 vs Rank 7 and so on.

Formula for Ranking point Carryover

$$1.0 * n * (RP - RP_{min}) / (RP_{max} - RP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in Finals

RP – Ranking points of the pair

RP_max – highest Ranking points amongst all participants of Finals

RP_min – lowest Ranking points amongst all participants of Finals

- **Formula for Camp Performance Carryover**

$$0.5 * n * (VP - VP_{min}) / (VP_{max} - VP_{min})$$

n - No of Matches to be played in Finals

VP – VP Score of the pair in Elim not counting carryover

VP_max – highest Elim VP Score amongst all participants of Finals not counting carryover

VP_min – lowest Elim VP Score amongst all participants of Finals not counting carryover

Final Ranking will be done based on Total VPs scored in Final + Ranking point Weightage in Final(Vps) + Carryover to Final (Vps)

SENIORS EVENT

The Seniors Event is restricted to the five enrolled teams as per the registrations received on 26th January, 2025 which will held at Ahmedabad from 18-21 March at Ellisbridge Gymkhana Club.

Qualified Teams:

- 1) Shree cement: Ravi Goenka, R Krishnan, B Prabhakar, Jaggy Shivdasani
- 2) Heman Jalan: Kamal Krishna Mukherjee , Vibhas Todi, Badal Chandra Das, Pranab Kumar Bardhan , Sukamal Das , Hemant Jalan
- 3) Dhampur Sugar Mills: Ashok Kumar Goel, K R Venkataraman, Vinay Desai, Raju Tolani, Ajay P. Khare, Arun M. Bapat
- 4) Assassins C.P.agarwal, Pullak garg, Girish kumar, Sunil kumar, Mukul gupta, Ajay kumar garg
- 5) Manyawar: Keshav Samant, Anil Padhye, Jitu Solani, Rajesh Dalal, P Sridhar, S Sunderram

As per the Scoc of 66th Ashok RUIA Winter Nationals held at Pune, the winner of the Senior Teams gets a direct see to the Semi Final spot of the camp.

Team Manyawar gets a direct seeding to the Semi Final on account of their win in Ashok Ruia Senior teams at 66th Winter Nationals .

Format:

Stage 1: Qualifying

The four teams playing a Double Round Robin Elimination stage of 12boards x 6 segments from 18-19th March, at of which the top 3 ranked teams Qualify for the Semi final Knockout stage. Team Manwayar will be seeded no. 1 team. It will have a right to choose between the Qualified 2nd Ranked Team and 3rd Ranked Team as their opponent among the top 3 qualifiers from the Elimination stage. The topper of the elimination stage will play against the remaining team. The scoring will be IMP's converted to 20-0 VP Scale (WBF continuous scale)

Stage 2: Semi Finals

The Semi Finals will be played over 12 boards x 6 segments from 19-20th March in direct knockout match (IMP scoring). No carryover will be given at this stage

Stage 3: Final

The Finals will be played over 12 boards x 6 segments from 20th -21st March in direct knockout match (IMP scoring). No carryover will be given at this stage

Note:

In case of 3 teams remaining in the Qualifying stage, there will be one day double round robin among the 3 teams (Turner movement) to determine the rankings. Based on the final rankings, Team Manyawar will have a right to select its opponent choose between the Qualified 2nd Ranked Team and 3rd Ranked Team.

The Semi Final and Final format remains unchanged. No carryover will be given at these stages.

BFI Technical Committee reserves the right to modify the format as it deems fit.

18 GENERAL

- **Scoring will be Cross IMPS method averaged to number of comparisons at all stages. There will be no outliers removed and the net IMP difference will be in decimals. If the partial decimal difference is less than 0.5 it will be rounded off to lower integer and 0.5 and above difference will be rounded off to next higher integer.**
- **The net difference of IMPs (in full integar) earned by the two opposing pairs at the end of each round shall be converted into VP, according to the WBF Continuous VP Scale (20-0).**

- In the highly unlikely event of a tie for the last qualifying position in a Elim league, determinations of rank will be broken as stated above in clause 12.
- In case of odd number of pairs in Elim League, one pair will get a bye. 12 VPs shall be awarded to all such pairs.
- **Computer Pre dealt boards** will be played throughout the Pair event. Seating privileges for the qualifying Elim will be that the Home pair will play as NS in the open room.
- **Smart Devices and wearable Electronic devices Policy:** All Smart devices such as Mobile Phones, Tablets etc should be switched off and deposited before the Start of play. The same restriction applies to all wearable Smart devices like (but not limited to) Smart-watches, Smart-shoes, Smart-Glasses etc.
In case, a Smart device like Eyeglasses or Hearing Aid is required for medical reasons to be worn by the Athlete, the device should be disconnected from the Smartphone or any other device its connected with.

19 SEATING PRIVILEGES IN ELIM AND FINAL STAGE

In all the stages, the draw will be pre-determined and pairs will be allocated the seats accordingly. Any refusal to play the match will be treated as forfeit by the pair and scoring will be done accordingly

20 CARRY OVER

As mentioned in Clause 17 – Camp format details. In the Seniors Event, there will be no carryover.

21 SPECTATORS

Any person in the playing area, other than a player or a camp 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.

22 DISCIPLINARY POWERS

- **THE BFI DISCIPLINARY CODE, 2024 (AMENDED) EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JANUARY, 2025 WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ALL EVENTS MENTIONED ABOVE.**
- **THE LINK FOR THE CODE IS AT: [HTTPS://BFI.NET.IN/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2025/01/2025-01-23-BFI-DISCIPLINARY-CODE-V9.PDF](https://bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-23-BFI-DISCIPLINARY-CODE-V9.PDF)**

For any BFI event, the entry of any player, pair, or pair 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 as per **BFI Disciplinary Code, 2024**.

23 EVENT RECORDER OR COMMITTEE

The Camp 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 Camp 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 Camp Committee that the person is suspended for all or part of the event. In the most serious cases, advise the Camp 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.