



22nd BFAME Zonal Championships

Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, PAKISTAN

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WELCOME TO THE 22nd BFAME ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT LAHORE

Welcome to **Lahore, Pakistan** for the **22nd BFAME** (Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East) Zonal Championships to be held at **Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore** from **Friday, 5th May 2023 till Saturday 13th May, 2023**. The championship is being organized by **Pakistan Bridge Federation** under the leadership of their dynamic President **Mr. Mubasher Lucman** and **Mr. Ihsan Qadir**, Secretary PBF, who also is the Secretary of BFAME and the on-site organizer of the championships. The organizing team is ably guided by **Mr. Bahjat Al Majali**, the BFAME President. This will be the third time that Pakistan is hosting this Championship.

The organizers warmly welcome all participants & officials, who are participating in this prestigious Zonal Championships.

BFAME is the **Zone-4** of World Bridge Federation (**WBF**) with a membership of 12 countries. However teams from only 7 countries are participating in this championship. Five teams each in the **Open & Women team event**, three teams in the **Seniors** (should complete 63 years in 2023) and 4 teams in the **Mixed team event** would be vying for the coveted **Zakaria Adamjee Memorial Trophy, Vinodini Goenka Trophy, Nawzad Shaker Trophy** and **Mazhar Jafri Trophy** respectively.

The Open & Women teams will be playing a triple round-robin (5 rounds per round robin with a bye round). At the end of round-robin the TOP 4 teams will qualify for the Semi-finals of 96 boards (16 x 6) to be played over 2 days to determine the finalists. The Seniors and Mixed teams will play 6 round-robins (3 rounds per round robin) after which the TOP 2 teams will play the finals. Each match of round robin will be of 16 boards each and three matches per day will be played in all the events. The final of each event will be of 32 (16 x 2) boards. The Finalists in each category, i.e. two teams from the Open / Women / Seniors / Mixed events will qualify for the **46th World Bridge Teams championships** to be held at Marrakech, Morocco from 20th Aug to 2nd Sep 2023.

The Championships will be conducted by efficient and competent BFAME technical personnel headed by **Mr. Waleed El-Menyawi**, the Head TD and Director of Operations and **Mr. Ihsan Qadir**, the Chief Tournament Director to ensure highest standards of international Bridge competitions. Scoring will be done through Bridge Mates and results and daily bulletins would be uploaded on the BFAME web site <http://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/> throughout the championship. Each day, we will have Vugraph of 2 matches per session on BBO. Players will have to fill the electronic line-up before each match in all the events.

The opening Ceremony will be held at **1100** hours today (5th May 2023). The Federal Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination & President, Pakistan Sports Board **Mr. Ehsan-Ur-Rehman Mazari**, will be the Chief Guest and will grace the opening ceremony, while the Chief Minister of Punjab, **Mr. Mohsin Naqvi** will be the chief guest at the closing ceremony. The Championships will get away to brisk start with one session of Friendship Pairs at **1530** Hrs. The Victory Banquet and Prize Distribution function will be held on 13th May evening at the conclusion of the play. **We are confident that all bridge players will carry happy memories from this event.**

- **Ihsan Qadir, Organizing Secretary**



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ABOUT THE CITY OF LAHORE

Lahore is in north eastern portion of Pakistan. The **Ravi River** flows on the northern side of Lahore. Lahore city covers a total land area of 404 square kilometres. The **Punjabi language** is the most-widely spoken native language in Lahore, with 80% of Lahore counting it as their first language. **Urdu** and English are used as official languages and as mediums of instruction and media administration.

Its modern cityscape consists of the historic **Walled City of Lahore** in the northern part of the city, which contains several **World Heritage Sites** and national heritage sites. Lahore's urban planning was not based on geometric design but was instead built piecemeal, with small cul-de-sacs, as *katrahs* and *galis* developed in the context of neighbouring buildings. Lahore's urban typology is similar to other ancient cities in South Asia, such as **Peshawar**, **Multan** and **Delhi** – all of which were founded near a major river, and included an old walled city and royal citadel.

Lahore is also home to numerous monuments from the **Mughal Dynasty**, **Sikh Empire**, and the **British Indian Raj**. The architectural style of the **Walled City of Lahore** has traditionally been influenced by Mughal and Sikh styles.

The city is also known as "the city of gardens" due to its large number of gardens. The **Shahdara Bagh** was one of the earliest **Mughal gardens**, laid out in 15th century, and contains the **Tomb of Jahangir**. The **Shalimar Gardens** were laid out during the reign of **Shah Jahan** and were designed to mimic the **Islamic** paradise of the afterlife described in the **Qur'an**. The gardens follow the familiar **charbagh** layout of four squares, with three descending terraces. In 1818, **Hazuri Bagh** was built during reign of Ranjit Singh to celebrate his capture of the **Koh-i-Noor** diamond from Shuja Shah Durrani.

Lahore remains a major tourist destination in Pakistan. Among the most popular sights are the **Lahore Fort**, adjacent to the Walled City, and home to the **Sheesh Mahal**, the **Alamgiri Gate**, the **Naulakha pavilion**, and the **Moti Masjid**. The fort and adjoining **Shalimar Gardens** have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1981.

The city is home to several ancient religious sites, including prominent Hindu temples. The **Samadhi of Ranjit Singh**, also located near the Walled City, houses the **funerary urns** of the **Sikh** ruler **Maharaja Ranjit Singh**. The most prominent religious building is the **Badshahi Mosque**, constructed in 1673; it was the largest mosque in the world upon construction. Another popular sight is the **Wazir Khan Mosque**, constructed in 1635 and known for its extensive *faience* tile work

Lahore is known as Pakistan's educational capital, with more colleges and universities than any other city in Pakistan. The city is Pakistan's largest producer of professionals in the fields of science & technology, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) is the only **AACSB** accredited business school in Pakistan. Lahore hosts some of Pakistan's oldest and best educational institutes, Lahore is also famous for its cuisines & Qawwali music

From the Archives

Here is a photo from the first ever BFAME championships held at Bangalore Club in 1981. Players visible are Zia Mahmood (no need to tell who), Mr B Krishnan LHO of Zia, Late Mr Vigyan Gupta RHO of Zia, Col V K Sharma kibitzing to the Right of Zia. Zia's partner is Late Masood Salim. The photo is courtesy Mr B. Krishnan's collection.



Message from the President, BFAME



Bahjat Al Majali

Besm Allah Al Rahman Al Rahim

Assalamu Alikum wa Rahmato Allah wa Barakatu.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have great pleasure offering to you all the salutations of the BFAME Counsel, and my own greetings. My best wishes to all the participants in the twenty second BFAME Championships.

After the Coved 19 Tragedy, we are back to the live contest, the WBF had already held worldwide contests in 2022 more than a year ago, and our organization, which is one of the WBF Zones, found it difficult and odd not to follow the WBF steps.

Today we are prepared to start our regular by annual friendly Championships, event that had been always an example for the prevailing of the brotherhood spirit and sportsmanship together with the honest competition and the Nobel Knights Ethics.

While we are ready to start our twenty second journey, I quote few sentences from the 50 years book of the WBF, since I find no words better to advise you with. "Bridge is a social game, which require players not only to exercise their power of deduction and problem solving but also to co-operate with their partners in order to outwit their opponents. AS WITH ALL INTELECTUAL PURISTS, the character of the game has been perfected over time, gradually developing in one form or another to become that game we know today".

Dear all, winning is not to score higher than your competitors, winning is to respect each other mutually, to show a Nobel behavior and attitudes toward them, to adopt appropriate ethics when you meet at and off the table, and to gain them as brothers and friends.

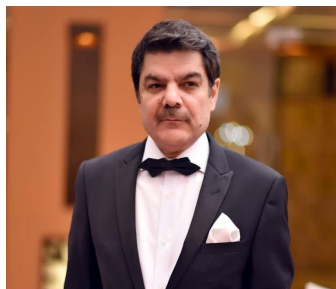
We don't want to forget that we all come from a zone, where people are well known for their kindness, humbleness, and sentimental values. I am sure we all hold these values within our genes and the blood runs in our arteries.

At last but not least, let me repeat Malcolm Forbes words: "Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It is one of the really great pleasures of life. Anybody who is missing bridge, is missing so much in life".

God bless you all.

Bahjat Al Majali
President, BFAME

Message from the President, Pakistan Bridge Federation



Mubasher Lucman

Dear fellow bridge players and enthusiasts,

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest welcome to all of you for the upcoming BFAME 2023 bridge tournament. This event is a testament to our collective passion for this wonderful game and the camaraderie that comes with it.

As the President of the Pakistan Bridge Federation, I am proud to see our community come together to celebrate and showcase the skills and strategy that make bridge such a fascinating and rewarding pursuit.

I believe that this tournament will provide an opportunity for us to not only challenge ourselves but also to learn from each other and appreciate the nuances of the game.

I encourage everyone to participate with the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship that has always been a hallmark of our community. Let us remember that while competition is important, the friendships and connections we build through the sport of bridge are equally valuable.

In addition to the competitive play, there will be opportunities to socialize and connect with other bridge enthusiasts from around the region. We hope that you will take advantage of this chance to build new friendships and strengthen existing ones. I wish all the players the best of luck and hope that everyone has an enjoyable and memorable experience at the tournament.

With best Wishes

Mubasher Lucman

*The Host (Pakistan Bridge Federation)
Welcomes all the participants to Lahore
for the
22nd BFAME Championships &
Wishes them good luck,
a pleasant stay
& enjoyable Bridge*

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Today's Schedule (Friday – 5th May 2023)

1100 Hrs: ***Opening Ceremony with Chief Guest (Shalimar Hall PC)***

1400 Hrs: ***1st BFAME Council Meeting chaired by BFAME President***

1445 Hrs: ***Captains Meeting***

1530 Hrs: ***Friendship Open Pairs (Entry fee US\$20 / 3000
Pakistani Rupees for Pakistan Pairs) – 24 Boards***

1945 Hrs: ***Night Excursion Tour of Lahore (for all bridge
delegates)***

Vu-Graph on BBO

Live Vu-graph of the 22nd BFAME Championships will be available on BBO daily from 6th to 14th May 2023 (2 Tables) as per the following Schedule:

1000 - 1220 Hrs (0500 Hrs. GMT) - Session-1

1400 - 1620 Hrs (0900 Hrs. GMT) - Session-2

1645 - 1905 Hrs.(1145 Hrs. GMT) - Session-3

Participants of the 22nd BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS, LAHORE

OPEN EVENT

Country	Team Members
 BANGLADESH	Rifatul Islam.NPC, Asifur Rahman, Biswajit Saha, Moshir Rahman, AHM Kamruzzaman, Shah Zia Haque, Rashedul Hasan Ripon
 INDIA	Ranjan Bhattacharya (Head of Mission), Joyjit Sensarma (Coach & NPC), Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sumit Mukherjee, Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral
 JORDAN	Zafer Najeh Jarrar (Captain), Aaida Haider HANNA Abu -Jaber, Sakher Mohammed Malkawi, Clement Maamarbach, George Kashami , Amr Nimer
 PAKISTAN	Tehsin Gheewala (Captain), Mohsin Chandna, Farrukh Liaqat, Imran Abedi, Hassan Askari, Rashid Al Ghazi
 UAE	Hussein Adam Ali Ibrahim (Captain), Tamer Eissa, Khaled Hassan, Mohamed Said, Hazem Ghoneim, Abdelrahim Mehilba




LADIES EVENT

Country	Team Members
 INDIA	Anal Shah (Coach & NPC), Alka Kshirsagar, Asha Sharma, Puja Batra, Bharati Dey , Kalpana Gurjar, Vidhya Patel
 JORDAN	Abdallah Al Ajlouni (NPC), Fatina Mohd Kheir Said AlNajjar, Najwa Abdul Rahman Rasheid Al-Najjab, Amal Tawfiq Shaker Fakhouri , Maram Jeries Odeh, Selva.KH Hairbedian Qussous, Lina AL Masri
 PAKISTAN	Fatima Raza (Captain), Rubina Saeed Hai, Qudsia Dossa, Nilofer Aslam, Meharangiz Shahveer, Durriya Vasi
 PALESTINE	Laila Haddadin (Captain), May Abu Gharbieh, Nawar Hasheim, Hanan Bitar, Fiuoz Badwan, Fadia Najjar
 UAE	Manju Law (Captain), Ruby Kochhar , Kumkum Kumar, Rupy Wallia, Chhaya Gandhi, Anshu Aggarwal

MIXED EVENT

 INDIA	Vinay Desai (Coach & NPC), Marianne Karmarkar, Kiran Nadar, Himani Khandelwal, Sandeep Karmarkar, B. Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal
 JORDAN	Marwan Ghanem (Captain), Rana Saifeddin Abdelhadi, Jamal Tawfiq Saleh abDELJALIL, Farah Ahmad Mohd Tambulal, Dimah omar AL SHAIKH Mahmood al-Taher, Samer mohammad Ali Alrawashdeh
 PAKISTAN	Samira Fancy (Captain), Rahat Mahmood , Agha Rubina, Khalid Mohiuddin, Anwar Kazilbash, Mansoor Arslan
 UAE	Nermeen Qasim Norani (Captain), Elvan Edis, Sawsan Elabyari, Humayun Sumar, Timur Edis, Amr Mekky

SENIORS EVENT

Country	Team Members
 INDIA	Subhash Gupta (Coach & NPC), Hemant Jalan, Sukamal Das, Subrata Saha, Pranab Bardhan, Badal Das, Samir Basak
 JORDAN	Ghassan Ghaneem (Cap), Hassana Bachir Salim EL Housami, Suha Muhamad Mahmoud Abbassi, Yasmin M.A. Khattak, Yousef Shafiq Yousef Batshon, Yacoub Nehme Karouta
 PAKISTAN	Saeed Akhtar (Captain), Shahid Hameed, Imran Gardezi , Ghias Malik, Azhar Hameed, Mirza Shauq Hussain

Tournament Draw

OPEN TEAMS (5 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1

RND #	TBL-1			TBL-2			TBL-3			Team #	TEAM NAME
1	1	Vs	6	2	Vs	5	3	Vs	4	1	INDIA
2	5	Vs	1	6	Vs	4	2	Vs	3	2	PAKISTAN
3	1	Vs	4	5	Vs	3	6	Vs	2	3	BANGLADESH
4	3	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	5	Vs	6	4	JORDAN
5	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	6	4	Vs	5	5	UAE
										6	BYE

WOMEN TEAMS (5 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1

RND #	TBL-1			TBL-2			TBL-3			Team #	TEAM NAME
1	1	Vs	6	2	Vs	5	3	Vs	4	1	JORDAN
2	5	Vs	1	6	Vs	4	2	Vs	3	2	INDIA
3	1	Vs	4	5	Vs	3	6	Vs	2	3	PAKISTAN
4	3	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	5	Vs	6	4	UAE
5	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	6	4	Vs	5	5	PALESTINE
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NOTES:

1. There will be 3 Round-Robins in OPEN & WOMEN events.
2. In the 2nd Round-Robin of Open / Women event the draw will be swapped that is 1 vs 6 will become 6 vs 1, 2 vs 5 will become 5 vs 2 and 3 vs 4 will become 4 vs 3 and so on.
3. The 3rd Round-Robin draw in OPEN / WOMEN events will be same as of the first round-robin with new Team Nos. being allocated to Teams, based on their rankings at the end of 2nd round-robin

SENIOR TEAMS (4 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1, 3 & 5

RND #	TBL- 1			TBL- 2			Team #	TEAM NAME
1	1	Vs	4	2	Vs	3	1	PAKISTAN
2	3	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	2	INDIA
3	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	4	3	JORDAN
							4	BYE

MIXED TEAMS (4 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1, 3 & 5

RND #	TBL- 1			TBL- 2			Team #	TEAM NAME
1	1	Vs	4	2	Vs	3	1	INDIA
2	3	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	2	JORDAN
3	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	4	3	PAKISTAN
							4	UAE

NOTES:

1. There will be 6 Round-Robins in SENIOR & MIXED events.
2. In Senior / Mixed events, the draws of Round Robin 2 & 4 will be swapped that is 1 vs 4 will become 4 vs 1 & 2 vs 3 will become 3 vs 2.
3. In the 6th Round-Robin draw in SENIOR / MIXED events will be same as of the first round-robin with new Team Nos. being allocated to Teams, based on their rankings at the end of 5th round-robin

BFAME Bridge Championships – A Brief Summary

BFAME, ZONAL CONFERENCE OF WBF ZONE-4

FORMATION AND GROWTH

The Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East (BFAME) was established in 1977 when, having earmarked the geographical area West of the Bay of Bengal to the Mediterranean and designating it as Zone 4, the WBF Executive Council assigned the task of uniting the NBOs of the aforesaid jurisdictional territory into a **ZC (Zonal Conference)** to the then Co-Chairman of the WBF Zoning Committee, the late James O'Sullivan of Australia. Upon effective contacts with the NBO of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the genial and duty-conscious WBF Zoning Committee Co-Chairman provisionally commissioned Zone 4 and its ZC, later christened as the Bridge Federation of Asia & the Middle East, at a meeting held in November 1978 at Maurya Sheraton Hotel New Delhi, India. It was also at this meeting that the BFAME officers were appointed.

After nearly a year's hectic work by the BFAME Secretariat, the new zonal federation submitted its application for the requisite approval of the WBF Executive Council at its meeting held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in October 1979. The BFAME Secretary, who presented the application in person, succeeded in securing ratification of the BFAME subject to fulfilment of certain requirements of WBF Constitution and By-Laws. However, upon compliance with these requirements, the BFAME was accorded the status of a ZC, in good standing, in the WBF Executive Council meetings held in Valkenburg, Holland, in Sep 1980.

Starting as a toddling Zonal body with 4 NBOs having less than 5000 bridge players as their registered members the BFAME has, over the last nearly 30 years, grown in size and strength. At Present it has within its folds NBOs 13 countries of South Asia, Middle East and West Asia with over 15,000 competitive bridge players as their members. These are Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, UAE, and Syria.

In 1983, pursuant to a resolution of BFAME Council, and upon approval of WBF Executive Council, the geographical jurisdiction of Zone 4 was extended to the continent of Africa and name of its Zonal Conference was modified to Bridge Federation of Africa Asia and the Middle East (BFAAME) with 22 member NBOs.

However, subsequently in 2000, with the formation and commissioning of a new/separate zone for the continent of Africa in accordance with the aspiration of the African NBOs – Zone 8 and its ZC named as African Bridge Federation, BFAME reverted back to its original name and jurisdictional area having 13 NBOs as its members.

The BFAME and BFAAME have sponsored and successfully conducted 18 biennial Zonal Championships till now. It is noteworthy that these championships were conducted in line with international standards set by the WBF, with proper Conditions of Contest governing these championships and screens, Vu-graph and other technical infrastructure in operation.

Through its past President and now President Emeritus, who is a member of WBF Executive Council for the last 40 years plus and is also WBF Vice-President since 1991, BFAME/Zone 4 has the distinction of making substantial contribution towards the growth & progress of bridge worldwide and the future well being of the WBF and its member NBOs. In this connection, institution of WBF Infrastructure Development Programme and initiative for recognition of bridge as a sport by International Olympic Committee (IOC) stand out.

The details of the participants & Zone qualifiers of the previous Twenty one BFAME championships are as follows:

1st BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1981

Venue: Bangalore, India
Dates: 11th -19th April 1981
Open: Bangladesh, India, Mauritius, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka & U.A.E. **(6)**
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India
Women: India, Pakistan & Sri Lanka **(3)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, Sri Lanka

2nd BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1983

Venue: Le Meidien Paradise Hotel, Le Morne Peninsula, Port Louise, Mauritius
Dates: 13th – 22nd May 1983
Open: Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Kuwait, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, Sri Lanka & Zimbabwe **(9)**.
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India.
Women : India, Mauritius & Pakistan. **(3)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan
Zone Qualifiers: Egypt, Sri Lanka

3rd BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1985

Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel, Karachi, Pakistan
Dates: 18th – 30th April 1985
Open: Bangladesh, India, Mauritius, Nepal, Pakistan, Reunion and Sri Lanka **(7)**
Zone Qualifiers: (Pakistan), India
Women: Egypt, India, Pakistan, Reunion, Sri Lanka **(5)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, Egypt

4TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1987

Venue: Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Dates: 29th March to 9th April 1987

Open: Bangladesh, India, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion and Sri Lanka **(6)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, Mauritius

Women: Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, Reunion, Sri Lanka **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: Egypt, Sri Lanka

5TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1989

Venue: Ramses Nile Hilton, Cairo, Egypt

Dates: 1st to 13th June 1989

Open: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania and Sri Lanka. **(10)**

Zone Qualifiers: Egypt, India

Women: Egypt, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Reunion, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Egypt

6TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1991

Venue: Sheraton Hotel, New Delhi, India

Dates: 7th -17th July 1991

Open: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, S. Arabia & Sri Lanka **(9)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, Egypt

Women: Egypt, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka **(4)**

Zone Qualifiers: Egypt, India.

7TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1993

Venue: Le Mauricia Hotel, Grand Bay, Port Louis, Mauritius.

Dates: June 1993

Open: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Sri Lanka. **(11)**

Zone Qualifiers: South Africa, India

Women: Egypt, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion & South Africa. **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: South Africa, India

8TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1995

Venue: Forte Grand Hotel, Amman, Jordan

Dates: 22nd April'95 – 3rd May 1995.

Open: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syria & Sri Lanka. **(13)**

Zone Qualifiers: South Africa, Egypt

Women: Egypt, India, Jordan, Kenya, Pakistan, Reunion, South Africa, and Sri Lanka. **(8)**

Zone Qualifiers: South Africa, India

9TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1997

Venue: Arthur Seat Hotel, Cape Town, S. Africa.

Dates: 16th May'97- 28th May 1997.

Open: Bangladesh, Botswana, Egypt, India, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. **(10)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, South Africa

Women: Egypt, India, Mauritius, Reunion, South Africa, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Zimbabwe. **(8)**

Zone Qualifiers: (Egypt), India, South Africa

10TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1999

Venue: Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Dates: 2nd Oct'99 – 14th Oct 1999

Open: Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Palestine, Reunion, South Africa and Sri Lanka. **(9)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan & South Africa

Women: Egypt, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Reunion, South Africa, Sri Lanka. **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Egypt.

11TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-2001

Venue: Gulf Hotel, Manama, Bahrain

Dates: 23rd May'01 – 2nd June 2001.

Open: Bahrain, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Syria. **(6)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, (Syria), (Pakistan)

Women: Bahrain, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka. **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, (Sri Lanka)

Seniors: Bahrain

12TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-2003

Venue: Regency Palace Hotel, Amman, Jordan

Dates: 1st August'03 – 9th August 2003.

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka & Syria. **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

Women: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine & Sri Lanka. **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

Seniors: Jordan, Pakistan & Palestine. **(3)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, (Jordan)

13th BFAME Championships-2005

Venue: Sonar Gaon Pan Pacific Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Dates: 28th April'05 – 6th May 2005.

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka. **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Jordan.

Women: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Palestine. **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan.

Seniors: Bangladesh & Pakistan. **(2)**

Zone Qualifiers: Bangladesh, Pakistan.

14th BFAME Championships - 2007

Venue: Carlton Hotel, Karachi, Pakistan

Dates: 12th May to 20th May 2007

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

Women: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine **(4)**

Zone Qualifiers: Jordan, India

Seniors: India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka **(4)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

15th BFAME Championships - 2009

Venue: Regency Palace Hotel, Amman, Jordan
Dates: 26th June to 4th July 2009.

Open: Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka & Syria **(9)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

Women: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine & Syria **(5)**
Zone Qualifiers: Jordan, Pakistan

Seniors: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Palestine **(5)**
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India

16TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2011

Venue: Hotel Chola Sheraton, Chennai, India
Dates: 26th May to 1st June 2011

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka **(6)**
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India

Women: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine **(4)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, Jordan

Seniors: Only 2 teams India & Pakistan **(2)**
Zone Qualifiers: India & Pakistan

17TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2013

Venue: Hotel Hyatt, Ahmedabad, India
Dates: 4th June to 11th June 2013

Open: Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Kuwait, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & UAE **(7)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, Bahrain

Women: India, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka **(4)**
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India

Seniors: Bangladesh, India, Pakistan & Sri Lanka **(4)**
Zone Qualifiers: India & Bangladesh

18TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2015

Venue: Amman, Jordan
Dates: 27th May to 3rd June 2015

Open: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Jordan, Pakistan, Qatar & UAE **(6)**

Note: India did not participate being host of the World Championship 2015 at Chennai.

Zone Qualifiers: UAE, Jordan

Women: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, UAE **(5)**
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India (Though India came 2nd, but Jordan were the 2nd qualifier as India was Host to World Championship)

Seniors: India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka **(4)**
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan & Sri Lanka (India led the round robin but as they were the host of the World Championship, they did not play the finals).

19TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2017

Venue: Holiday Inn, Al Barsha Hotel, Dubai, UAE
Dates: 3rd April to 11th April 2017

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & UAE **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Bangladesh

Women: India, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Palestine, UAE **(6)**

Zone Qualifiers: Jordan, India

Seniors: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan, UAE **(5)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

20TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2019

Venue: Bristol Hotel, Amman, Jordan
Dates: 23rd June to 30th June 2019.

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia & UAE **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: Bangladesh, India

Women: India, Jordan, Pakistan & Palestine **(4)**
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India

Seniors: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia & UAE **(6)**

Zone Qualifiers: UAE, India

Mixed: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia & UAE **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

21ST BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2021

Venue: Due to Corona pandemic, this championship was played online.
Dates: 8th to 14th Dec 2021.

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia & UAE **(6)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, UAE

Women: India, Jordan, Palestine & UAE **(4)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, UAE

Seniors: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia & UAE **(6)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India

Mixed: India, Jordan, Pakistan & UAE **(4)**
Zone Qualifiers: India, Jordan

1st BFAME COUNCIL MEETING

The 1st meeting of the BFAME Council for all delegates (representatives of their NBOs), to be chaired by BFAME President Mr. Bahjat Al Majali, will be held today (5th May 2023) at 1400 Hrs. at the venue (The Pearl Continental) Hotel, Lahore.

The second regular meeting to deal with the rest of agenda items, which include BFAME Elections, will be held later, the date and time for which will be notified in the first meeting.

All representatives of NBOs are requested to attend the meeting.

Few Interesting Deals from the Previous BFAME Championships

Few Interesting deals from the previous championships are given below:

BFAME 2009: Women's match Pakistan Vs. Palestine

Board 19, Dlr: South, Vul: EW

♠ 7 6 3	♠ A T 5	♠ 9 8 2	
♥ 8	♥ K J 9 6 3 2	♥ A Q 7	
♦ A 6 4 3	♦ 5	♦ K Q T 8 7	
♣ J 9 4 3 2	♣ A T 6	♣ Q 5	
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> WE </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> NS </div>		
	♠ K Q J 4		
	♥ T 5 4		
	♦ J 9 2		
	♣ K 8 7		

West	North	East	South
Pass	1H	2D	Pass
Pass	4H	All Pass	3H

South considered his hand to be better than a simple 2H raise, and bid an invitational 3H. With his 6-carder suit and singleton diamond, there was no way North could resist to bid the game and that's how it turned out. The lead was DK and defenders could only take one in diamond and 2 in trump suits for an excellent +420 to NS.

In the closed room, the contract was only 2H making 10 tricks for 170 and Palestine gained 6 IMPs on the board.

It is interesting to note that on CQ lead, declarer wins in dummy and tries the heart finesse losing to the Queen. Another club continuation and now when in with the Heart Ace, East's DK can be overtaken by West with Ace and the all important club ruff can be given to take the contract down.

BFAME 2013 - OPEN TEAMS – ROUND -10 (INDIA Vs KUWAIT)

Board 2, Dlr: East, Vul: NS

♠ J	♠ A K T 8 4 2	♠ 3	
♥ Q T 9 8 7 3	♥ A J T 9 7	♥ J 4 2	
♦ 8 6 5 4 2	♦ A T	♦ K Q 3	
♣ 8	♣ A T	♣ K 9 6 4 2	
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> WE </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> NS </div>		
	♠ Q 9 7 6 5		
	♥ A K 6 5		
	♦ Q J 7 5		

West	North	East	South
Turki	Venky	Husaini	Sunit
2S*	3H*	Pass	1S
Pass	5C*	Pass	4S
Pass	7S*	All Pass	6C*

2S= Michaels, 3H=Limit Raise or better in Spades, 5C=Cue bid; 6C= I don't mind playing here if your Clubs are Real, 7S = I am sure we can make this.

When Sunit bid 4S accepting the Game invitation, Venky tried the 5C cue, hoping to hear something useful from partner, and after Sunit's 6C, Venky had no hesitation in bidding the makeable Grand.

A heart was led, and Sunit ruffed with the Ace announcing my trumps are too strong. There was hardly anything to play for 13 tricks.

WHO DARES WINS

This interesting deal was played in the round-6 of the match between Bangladesh & India in the OPEN Teams.

Board 29, Dlr: North, Vul: All

♠ T 9 8	♠ A J 7 4	♠ 5 2	
♥ A 7 3	♥ K Q 8 5 4	♥ J T 9 6 2	
♦ 6 4	♦ K 5	♦ Q 3 2	
♣ T 9 5 3 2	♣ Q 4	♣ K 8 6	
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> WE </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> NS </div>		
	♠ K Q 6 3		
	♥		
	♦ A J T 9 8 7		
	♣ A J 7		

Double-Dummy you can score 7S as the club finesse is on. The Bangladesh pair in the closed room bid 4S and made all the 13 tricks, but in the open room Sunit Chokshi – K.R. Venkatraman, the Indian pair playing in NS direction bid as follows:

West	North	East	South
	Sunit		Venkatraman
	1H	Pass	2D
Pass	2S	Pass	3S
Pass	4D(1)	Pass	5H(2)
Pass	5S(3)	Pass	7S
DBL	All Pass		

- (1) – Cue-bid (1st or 2nd round control but no singleton); (2)– Exclusion Key card Blackwood
- (3) – Showed 1 or 4 Key cards

1H-2D was game forcing unless the diamonds are repeated. The 3S bid showed a better hand (4S says - partner end of it). The 4D cue-bid showed 1st or 2nd round control but no singleton as they don't cue-bid singleton of partner suit. 5H was EKB and 5S showed 1 or 4 key cards.

East on lead wasn't sure what lead partner expected for his double and led the C6, the un-bid suit of the opponents. North had no option except to ride that to his Queen and when that held he took out trumps in 3 rounds, played the top diamonds, ruffed a diamond and took the marked club finesse to score all the 13 tricks and a 17 IMPs swing.

South should have asked 6C over 5S asking partner to bid 7S with extra values and bid 6S otherwise. **But then "Who dares Wins".**

BFAME 2017: Women's match UAE Vs. INDIA

Board 25, Dlr: North, Vul: EW

♠ Q J 5
 ♥ T 9 6 4 2
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ K Q 2
 ♠ A T 8 6
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ A T 7 5 3
 N
 W E
 S
 ♠ K 7 3
 ♥ A Q 7
 ♦ K 7 5 2
 ♣ J 9 6
 ♠ 9 4 2
 ♥ K J 8 5
 ♦ J T 8 6
 ♣ 8 4

Open Room:

NS (UAE) – Maria - Hongyan

EW (INDIA) – Bindiya - Sathyavati

Closed Room:

NS (INDIA) – Marianne – Rupa Bakeri

EW (UAE)) – Manju Law - Sawsan

OPEN / CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1D	Pass
2C	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both rooms bid identically to reach the 3NT contract but the leads from South made the difference in scoring the contract.

In open room, South led the S9, which was covered with Ten, Jack and won by King in hand. Declarer watching the lead carefully was sure of the danger of heart suit and postponed the club finesse and played the S7 back, hoping to get 3 spades, 1 heart, 1 club & 4 diamonds or hope that hearts King is inside. North won with SQ and returned the expected H10, East hopped up with Ace and now tried for 3-3 diamonds. When that did not work, the contract went 1 down.

In the closed room, declarer was given some breather when South led the H5. East won with the HQ and now should have combined her chances in both black suits by first playing on spades. If spades are 3-3, you score 3 spades, 2 hearts, 3 diamonds and a club. It is also possible that one of the spade honors may fall giving more clarity on the opponent's distribution. In case, no honor falls, you can go back to club finesse.

Declarer however went for double finesse in clubs, losing the first finesse to North, who returned H10 and declarer ducked but South now messed up by playing low and not Jack (Chances of East having 4-hearts are low on this bidding). Another heart from North was won by declarer and the 2nd club finesse taken. North again won and played heart but now the suit was blocked. Defenders could get 2 hearts and 2 clubs to give away the contract.

That was a swing of 12 IMPs on the board.

BFAME 2017: Senior Teams RR1, Round – 5 INDIA Vs. PAKISTAN

Board 21, Dlr: North, Vul: NS

♠ A Q T 5 4
 ♥ 9 4
 ♣ T 9 8 6 4 3
 ♠ J 9
 ♥ A T 7 6 4 2
 ♦ A J 7 5 3
 ♣
 N
 W E
 S
 ♠ K 7 6 3 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ K Q T 6 2
 ♣ Q 5
 ♠ 8
 ♥ K Q J 9 8 3
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A K J 7 2

Open Room:

NS (India) – Shridharan - Dhakras

EW (Pakistan) – Masood - Mirza

Closed Room:

NS (Pakistan) – Ghalib - Assad

EW (India)) – Agarwal - Anand

OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1H
Pass	1S	2D	3C
5D	DBL	All Pass	

CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1H
Pass	1S	2D	4H
DBL	All Pass		

It was an interesting hand. After 2 passes, West was holding his breath expecting to bid a 1S-2S, Michael's when he surprisingly heard South bidding 1H. He passed and now over North's 1S, East showed his diamonds. That was sufficient for West to bid 5D over South's 3C.

Now the ball was in North's court. He knew that opponents are having massive diamond fit, but he did not have the values to bid 6C, though over 4D from West, he could have surely bid 5C. Hence he doubled and that became the final contract in open room.

South led the HK and North ruffed the Ace and cashed the SA and a ruff to partner for 1 down. On the table, NS must be ruining their luck for not bidding 6C but in the closed room another drama folded.

The bidding was similar to what happened in open room but here South rather than bidding his club suit and giving choice to partner, directly bid 4H. West who was itching when the 1H bid was made doubled it and it was a massacre on the table, as the contract went 4 down for a massive 1100 to India and a gift of 15 IMPs.

- Editor

FROM THE DESK OF "HEAD TD"

Waleed El Menyawi, Head TD

General Points:

1. A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session.
2. Every participating partnership in the Championships must complete, accurately and legibly, two WBF/BFAME Convention Card (with supplementary sheets as appropriate).
3. After the line-up is known to the players, teams are not allowed to change their own line-ups unless they have a valid reason and after the approval of the TD and the other team as well.
4. Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in the auction and in their carding.
5. **The use of Mobile phone in the playing area is totally prohibited (no exception), a severe penalty will be given for each infraction and if the infraction is repeated, it will be reported to the Organizing committee for more penalties. Mobiles should not be brought to the playing area, otherwise should be handed to the T.D. in charge before play starts.**
6. Random checking will be in order at any time during the play with the above penalty applied.
7. Smoking is not allowed in the hotel area. A severe penalty will be given for such infraction and if the infraction is repeated, it will be reported to the Organizing committee for more penalties, the playing area includes the toilets.
8. Players who would like to go to the toilets must inform the T.D. in charge, who will provide an escort with the player to the toilets and before going to the toilets the player must empty his/her pockets, bag, etc.; and the above mentioned rules will be applied, if appropriate.
9. Spectators are allowed in the open room but they must enter the room before the play of the session. If they leave the room they will not be allowed to come back.
10. Players are not allowed to watch their own team. Those found breaking the rules will be taken away from the playing area and with the approval of the C.T.D. will never be allowed to enter the playing area for the rest of the championship.
11. Non playing captains are allowed to watch their own team in the closed or the open rooms with the provisions mentioned in (5-8).
12. Screen regulations shall be followed with written explanations and proper alert procedure.

ALERTING PROCEDURES

Players who participate in The BFAME Zonal championship are expected to protect themselves to a large extent by asking their screen mates in case of any clarification required. Full disclosure is vital. Alerting should be done properly; see screen regulations, and explanations are given in writing.

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Policy:

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

- (1) Conventional calls.
- (2) Those calls which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understanding between partners. (See Law 40(b)).
- (3) Non- forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by un-passed hand to an opening bid one of a suit; "negative free bids".
- (4) Opening bid of 1♣ must be alerted, if it may show 2 cards.
- (5) Precision 1 ♣ / ♦ systems must be alerted as well as their conventional responses as each time they occur.
- (6) For strong club/diamond systems all natural bidding should be alerted as showing a maximum of certain points.
- (7) Conventional special doubles and redoubles.

As there is No Appeals committee in BFAME, a review will be asked instead.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

- The BFAME shall appoint a list of Reviewers for the Head Tournament Director to choose from according to the case. When the tournament director notifies players of a decision, they will be told of their right to seek a review. See Section "Protest Time" for the time limit for seeking a review.
- The Reviewer will check that the Tournament Director has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other Tournament Directors, C.TD and H.TD 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 have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the Information available to the Tournament Directors 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 Head Tournament Director to correct the failings and issue a new ruling

PROTEST TIME

The time for a request for a Tournament Director ruling or for a review of a ruling or for score correction ends 30 minutes after the end of the round. A fee of \$100 will be paid for the case to be reviewed; which will be forfeited, if the Reviewer decides that the request has no basis.

Tie Break

As per ScoC

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST POINTS:

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1. Open & Women Teams:

For the Semi-final, Final and play-off sessions, It has been decided that:

- The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 2, 4 & 6 in the Semi-final match.
- The team ranked lower after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 1, 3 & 5 in the Semi-Final match.
- The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in session 2 in the Final or Play-off match.

2. All Teams' categories ... Last RR

- The last Round Robin for all categories shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played rounds.

3. Open & Women Categories

- Teams from Open & Women Categories, the top four teams will qualify to the semi-final stage after playing 3 complete RR according to the published schedule.
- The top ranked team after the 3 complete RR stage will choose their opponent in the semi-final and the remaining 2 teams will play against each others.
- The semi-final match will be played in 6 Sessions, 16 boards each in IMPs.
- The final match between the semi-final winners will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each.
- Play-off between the semi-final losers will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each to determine the 3rd placed team.
- In all the knock out stages, there shall be a carry-over = 0.5 IMP to the team who scored more VPs in the RR stage.

4. Request a review

1. First step is to review the TD ruling with the Head TD.
2. Second step is to apply for an **official review** by submitting a review form through the TD in charge of your case.
3. 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.
4. When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit to the TD. The amount of deposit required will be US \$ 100.
5. The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the 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 judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the 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 Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

5. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

The following is strictly forbidden during play:

- Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the TDs.
- Eating (even if only biscuits)
- Drinking Alcohol
- Smoking
- Going to the WC without permission
- Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defense

6. General

- When checking the Bridge-mates, take some time. Each detail needs to be confirmed in your mind. A casual verification of an incorrect score can affect the final outcome to a surprising extent.
- Bridge is a timed event. It has to be. Nobody is entitled to more time than anybody else. Serial offenders may well find they receive a procedural penalty.
- Bridge is a competitive game, but you do need a partner and opponents. It is the right of those around you be allowed to play in a pleasant environment.
- Calling a tournament director is not an act of hostility, as some players think, but is, in general, the best way to avoid a problem. Just do so in a civilized way.
- Ensure that the players at nearby tables do not hear your conversation about a board. If this happens, they cannot play the board because of unauthorised information, while the culprits are penalized.
- When you alert Partner's call, Give a full explanation in writing. To offer a system name is generally a poor idea. For example, to say: "That's a Bergen raise" overlooks the fact that players choose to assign different points ranges to different bids.
- Make sure you agree the number of tricks made before returning your cards to the board at the end of a hand.
- Observe correct procedures, such as leading face-down at trick one, and leaving the bidding cards on the table until there are no further questions about the auction.
- Keep the board that is in play in the middle of the table (or as close to that as is practical).
- Morning sessions commence at 10 am, You need to be at the venue at least 10 minutes before play starts.
- If you hesitate discernibly, you compromise your partner (although this does not mean Partner is automatically barred from bidding or doubling). However, your hesitation might lead to an adjusted score.
- When a player takes more than a normal time to make his call, it is not an infraction if he draws attention to the break in tempo. His screen-mate, **however, shall not do so.**
- If a player on the side of the screen **receiving the tray** considers there has been a break in tempo and consequently there may be unauthorized information he should, under Law 16B2, call the Director. He may do so at any time before the opening lead is made and the screen opened.
- Failure to do as above may persuade the Director that it was the partner who drew attention to the break in tempo. If so he may well rule there was no perceived delay and thus no unauthorized information. A delay in passing the tray of up to 20 seconds is not regarded as significant.

OPENING CEREMONY

The **OPENING CEREMONY** of the **22nd BFAME Championships** will be held today at the **Hotel Pearl Continental (Venue)** from **1100 Hrs.**

All the participants & officials are requested to participate

Captain's MEETING

The **Captain's Meeting** will be held today at **1445 Hrs.** All Captains must attend the same, as details of the play format & Condition of Contest will be discussed with the team captains.

Passwords will also be allocated to the Captains for the use of Line-Up software.

Friendship Pairs Event

The **Friendship Open Pairs (Open to All)** will be held today at the **Venue Hotel** from **1530 Hrs.**

The entry fee for today's **Friendship Pairs** is: **US\$ - 20/.** For local pairs it will be **Pakistan Rupees 3000 per pair.**

No Mobile Phones

Use of Mobile telephones is prohibited in the playing area, while the play session is on. No player can take the Mobile phone inside the playing arena. It has to be deposited outside playing area and TDs will make a random check. Strict action will be taken against the offending players.



No Smoking



Smoking in the playing area, is strictly prohibited and will attract heavy penalties.

SUBMITTING YOUR LINE-UP

It is mandatory for Captains to give their Line-up through the Electronic LINE-UP Software. Each Captain will be provided with a PASSWORD for accessing the software at the Captain's meeting.

Regulations for Electronic Line-Ups

Line-ups must be submitted electronically as detailed below. Failure to submit line-up within time shall result in fines as follows:

1 st infraction	Warning
2 nd Infraction	20 US \$
3 rd Infraction	40 US \$
4 th Infraction	a report will be written to the BFAME organizing committee to decide the suitable penalty, which might be in VPs.

- Line-ups are to be submitted in a dedicated area, with computers as designated by the Operations Director. However, each team will have its own password protected page on the website (bfame.bridgesoln.com/lineup) to enable them to use the software with their own laptops / mobile phones.
- The line-ups during the round robin must be submitted by visitor team no later than 15 minutes and Home team not later than 20 minutes, after the end of the previous round. In open & Women events, Home team will know the line up in the first 2 rounds and in the Senior and Mixed events for the first 4 rounds. For the last round in all the events, there will be a blind line up and all teams must submit it not later than 15 min after end of previous round.
- In the KO phase Higher ranking team will become Home team. Visiting team will have to submit their line up no later than 15 minutes and home team within 20 minutes in even rounds (2/4/6). Vice versa for odd (1/3/5) no. Of rounds.
- The time of the Line-Up will be recorded automatically by the system, and penalties for late line-ups will be mandatory. An official clock will be set in the playing area for the purpose of showing the official time.

Waleed El-Menyawi, Head TD & Dir. of Operations

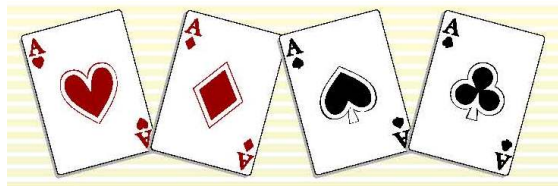
IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

The Tournament Directors would award penalties as prescribed by the Laws and Conditions of the contest for Use of Mobiles, Slow play or Late Arrival.

All players are informed that ENGLISH is the official language of the tournament for interacting while the match is on.

The 22nd BFAME Championships, LAHORE, PAKISTAN

5th May to 13th May 2023



Championships Schedule

Friday, May 05 1100 Hrs. Opening Ceremony with Chief Guest
1400 Hrs. 1st BFAME Council Meeting chaired by BFAME President
1445 Hrs: Captain's Meeting (All Categories)
1530 Hrs: Friendship Open Pairs

Saturday, May 06 1000 – 1220 Hrs. Round-1 of RR- OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Round-2 of RR- OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams
1645 – 1905 Hrs. Round-3 of RR- OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams

Sunday, May 07 till Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (Next 4 days) - Same timings as above for all qualifying matches in the Round Robin of all the events. All teams play three matches per day. But in Mixed & Senior there will be the last round robin on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Thursday, May 11 1000 – 1220 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 1 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 2 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1645 – 1905 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 3 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams

Friday, May 12 1000 – 1220 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 4 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 5 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1645 – 1905 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 6 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams

1000 – 1220 Hrs. Finals – Segment 1 - MIXED / SENIOR Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Finals – Segment 2 - MIXED / SENIOR Teams

Saturday, May 13 1000 – 1220 Hrs. Finals – Segment 1 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Finals – Segment 2 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1930 Hrs. Prize Distribution over Victory Banquet

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Complete Triple Round Robin Qualification matches of 16 boards each with 3 matches per day, Total 15 matches in Open & Women Category.
- Semi Finals: 96 Boards (16x6) for Open & Women Category.
- 6 Round robin matches of 16 boards each with 3 matches per day. Total 18 matches in Mixed & Senior Category
- Finals: 32 boards (16x2) for all four categories. For Open & Women Category on 13th May and for Mixed & Senior Category on 12th May.

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