**Irish Bridge Union**

**Notice of Trials**

The IBU Junior Committee will use the trials hereunder as part of a selection process (see \*NOTE below) to select pairs to represent Ireland in any IBU event for the 2020/2021 season. The CBAI will also use these trials as part of a selection process to select their pairs for the Peggy Bayer and Junior Camrose teams. Performance in the trials will be taken into account by the NIBU in the selection of the their teams for the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer as well.

The Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies are the two home international competitions in which junior teams from England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales compete against each other annually. This season’s competitions are scheduled for Scotland in February, but obviously how, and whether, they go ahead will depend on circumstances concerning the coronavirus pandemic.

**IBU Junior Trials**

**Dates**

Trials, accounting for 40% of the selection process, will be held online on BBO over the weekend of **29th August - 30th August 2020**.

Precise timings will be determined once the entries have been received but you should plan on the basis that play will start at 11:00 a.m. Saturday finishing at 10:30 p.m. and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday concluding at 6 p.m.

**\* NOTE:** Winning the trials in itself does **not** guarantee selection for relevant the team but accounts for 40% of the marks available within a scorecard approach. The remainder is made up of evidence of practice (ongoing) and attendance at competitions during the year.

**Entries**

Entries are invited from pairs wishing to represent Ireland. Entries must be received by midday on **Friday 28th August 2020**. Thereafter, entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Junior Committee (e.g. to make up even numbers for play).

Entries must be submitted to the IYBC email (irishyouthbridge@gmail.com) in pairs. A filled out WBF Convention Card & supplementary notes must also be submitted along with the entry. Examples of completed WBF cards and notes are available on the Irish Junior Website ([www.bridgewebs.com/irishjuniorbridge](http://www.bridgewebs.com/irishjuniorbridge)).

**Qualification Requirements**

Players competing in the trials must meet the requirements below

* Players competing in Under 21 events must not have achieved their 20th birthday by 31st December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place.

So Peggy Bayer entrants must not have achieved their 20th birthday by 31st December 2020 (**should have been born on or after 1st January 2001**)

* Players competing in Under 26 events must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place.

So Junior Camrose entrants must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31 December 2020 (**should have been born on or after 1st January 1996**).

**Format**

The exact schedule and number of boards per round will be decided after the closing date when the number of pairs entered in the trials is known. It is envisaged that the format will be an IMP pairs’ event on BBO each pair playing a direct match over as many boards as possible against the other pairs. Any ties will be broken by the TD on the day as per standard practice.

**General**

The Junior Committee is empowered to alter any of the arrangements or conditions including time, dates and venue, and to decide on all matters affecting these trials.

Each player who enters these trials is agreeing to represent Ireland or the Republic of Ireland (as appropriate) if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials and, if selected, with all subsequent conditions.

**Junior Committee**

**Dermot O’Brien , Karel De Raeymaeker, Hugh Gormally, Sandie Millership, Margaret Murphy, Pat Johnston, John Phelan, John Conolly, Wayne Somerville**

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**Rules/Regulations re Substitutes and Systems for IBU trials**

**Substitutes**

There are no substitutions allowed. If a player cannot fully complete 50% of the rounds in the trials, then that pair’s scores will be deleted and all scores obtained will be re-calculated.

If a pair is unable to play against another pair for either the whole or part of a round, the following score adjustment will be made.

The offending pair will score zero cross-imps or their average score over their other matches whichever is the lesser. The non-offending pair will receive the score, whichever is greater, between:-

1. Zero cross-imps
2. The non-offending pair’s average cross-Imps score over their other matches.
3. The average score obtained by all the other opponents against the offending pair

for any of the boards not played in the round.

**Systems**

All participating players must have copies of their systems uploaded and available to their opponents on BBO. Both members of a partnership are restricted to a single system and both must play the same system and methods in bidding and defense.

The system card will use the WBF Convention Card (CC) format. Note: Generic U20 (Acol based) and U25 (2/1 based) WBF CCs are available and can be downloaded from the junior website.

Failure to fill out and email a CC will forfeit that pair’s right to compete in the trials. If a pair requires assistance in filling out a CC contact a member of the Junior Committee.

If a pair is unable to produce a CC at the commencement of play in each session they will receive an automatic penalty of 1 VP per match.

Peggy Bayer and Junior Camrose: Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) and Brown Sticker Conventions (BSC) are not permitted