



SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST (SCOC)

FOR

Karnataka Diamond Jubilee Bridge Championships

Organized by Karnataka State Bridge Association (KSBA)

Under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India (BFI)

1. Preamble

The conditions of contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions and Regulations for the Zonal tournaments as specified in the "Hand Book" of Bridge Federation of India, and are specific to the KSBA Diamond Jubilee Bridge Championships organized by KSBA under the aegis of BFI on 15th September and 17th September and at KSCA Chinnaswamy Stadium Hall P2, Bangalore.

The Championships will be conducted under the technical management of Karnataka State Bridge Association.

Schedule of events given below

- a) Team of Duplicate
- b) UNN Rao memorial Matchpoint Pairs
- c) Board-A-Match
- d) IMP Pairs

Detailed tournament schedule is available in the prospectus as well as an addendum to this document. . In case of necessity the Tournament Committee in consultation with the Chief Tournament Director and Technical Committee may alter/modify the format of any of the events. The tournament will be played in accordance with the laws and provisions laid down by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) and Bridge Federation of India (BFI) and follow the WBF – 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge. We shall follow standard practice in BFI National level events or refer to BFI hand-book in all matters not explicitly stated in SCOC.

All participating players should go through the tournament SCoC and abide by it. The SCoC will be available on the tournament web site.

2. Conditions Of Entry – General Rules

All participants are to play as per the schedule drawn up by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) or his representative. Refusal to play against any player(s) or any team 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 Tournament Committee, in addition, may take further disciplinary actions against the offending player(s). English will be the official language for players to communicate with each other during the play in the championship.



3. Entry Fee and Submission Of Entries

Entries must be submitted online through the prescribed entry form on the tournament web site, accompanied by the requisite entry fees to be submitted online through the payment gateway, stating the full names and BFI MP Registration Numbers of the participating players, within the prescribed time for the event as mentioned in the tournament web site. We will also have a registration desk at the venue on the date of the tournament which will be open from 9 am – 9:20 AM on the days of the tournament. All participants are requested to register online as much as possible and use the registration desk only for unavoidable circumstances. All players of qualified teams in team of four duplicate event, who are interested in playing MPs Pairs need to register before start of first session of MP Pairs elimination

4. Authority of the Tournament Committee

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

5. System Policy, Classification of Systems and Psyches

Tournament will be played as BFI Category 2. "BFI System Policy 2021" will be followed.

A few salient features given below

- a) Highly Unusual methods (HUM) systems will be prohibited for entire duration of the event.
- b) Brown Sticker conventions are limited to knockout matches and can be played only if approved written defense is provided to opponents at the table..
- c) Only Psyches of artificial opening bids are prohibited.
- d) Psychic controls (psyches protected by system) are prohibited
- e) Minimum of 16 hcp or combination of minimum of 13 hcp and rule of 24 (hcp+length of 2 longest suits) to be followed for all strong artificial openings (std 2c/precision 1c etc)
- f) Minimum of 8 hcp required for any non-weak (pre-emptive) opening bids. Either 8 hcp or Rule of 17 (hcp+length of 2 longest suits) to be followed for any light non weak 3rd seat opening bids.
- g) Minimum of 10 hcp and range not greater than 5 hcp for any NT opening
- h) Natural NT opening or overcall can't have void, 10 cards in 2 suits or singleton which is not A/K/Q (needs to be alerted if small singleton allowed).

Players must disclose fully the meaning of their conventional agreements, particularly, conventions and treatments that may require defensive preparation by opposing pairs. Delayed alerts before opening lead for any artificial bids above 3n which should not be alerted during auction.

Full full details of the policy can be found on BFI web site www.bfi.net.in.

6. Technical Rules - Qualification, Seating rights, Carryover, Tie-breaks

Tournament will follow WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, WBF Alert policy and System Regulations and BFI hand-book in all technical matters not explicitly stated in this document (COC).



6.1 Team of Four duplicate

7 rounds of 8 boards of Swiss league will be played on Day 1. Top 8 teams as per cumulative VP Score (minus all penalties) will qualify for QFs. VP product will be used to break any tie for qualification or ranking purpose. Top ranked team in Swiss will be ranked 1 and can choose their QF opponent from teams ranked 5-8, 2nd ranked team can choose from remaining 3 teams in 5-8 bracket and so on. Winner of 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 to play SFs. Both QFs (12x2) and SFs (14x2) will be played on Day 2. Finals (12x4/14x3) will be played on Day 3. Team finalists are not eligible to play any other event. Teams in the top few tables in the last few rounds of Swiss and all k/o matches will play common randomly computer dealt boards. Bridge-mates will be used for wireless electronic scoring.

If there is any conflict in seating rights in Swiss League, both captains need to submit blind line-ups to director and seat accordingly. In any 2 segment k/o match, each team will be home team for one segment each (decided by toss). Home team can seat their players after away team fields their line-up. In a 4 session k/o match, team winning toss can choose to be home team in either (1 and 3) or (2 and 4) sessions. In 3 session k/o match each team can choose to be home team in any one session (team winning toss has first choice of segment) and blind line-up for remaining segment.

Carryover (1/2 if winning team finished ahead in Swiss ranking or 1/3rd IMPs difference based on IMPs difference in their direct match in Swiss subject to maximum of ¼ number of boards in play-off match) will apply to all k/o matches from QFs to Finals.

In case of any tie (after application of carryover and any penalties) in any of k/o matches, initially 2 board tie-break followed by 1 board sudden death till tie is broken.

6.2 Matchpoint Pairs

Matchpoint Pairs elimination will consist of 3 sessions (2 sessions on Day 2 and 3rd session on Day 3 morning) of 18-20 boards each. At the end of 3 sessions, top 26 pairs based on cumulative score for all-play-all 25 board finals post lunch on Day 3. Pairs of losing QFs will join the first session of Pairs elimination. Pairs of losing SFs (per team, maximum of 2 pairs if 4 member team and 3 pairs if 5 or 6 member team can be seeded) will join 3rd session of Pairs elimination with pre-determined score provided their entries are given before start of session 1 of elimination. There will also be carryover from elimination to finals for all qualified pairs. We will follow standard BFI guidelines for assigning pre-determined score for seeded Pairs (of losing SFs in teams) to 3rd session as well as carryover for Pairs finals.

6.3 Board-A-Match

Single session of 20-24 boards will be played in morning of Day 2. All players who have not qualified for QFs of team of 4 duplicate event can participate in this event. Scoring will be 6-0 scale (0-10 difference-3-3, 20-50 difference – 4-2, 60-190 difference – 5-1 and 200+ difference – 6-0)

6.4 IMP Pairs



Single session of 22-24 boards will be played post lunch on Day 3. All players who have not qualified for either Team of 4 duplicate or Matchpoint Pairs finals can play in this event. Scoring will be Butler IMPs.

7. Withdrawal and walk over

If utmost necessary, a pair is permitted to withdraw only with the expressed consent of CTD. In case a team withdraws without such expressed consent, the pair will be disqualified for the rest of the championship by the CTD & the Tournament Committee may also have to face the disciplinary proceedings by KSBA or relevant Disciplinary Committee of state or national federation.

8. Disciplinary Rules and Penalties

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the laws. All infringements of the law will be dealt with by the organizing committee along with the CTD. The following are some of the offences which could lead to penalty

- Lateness – Delay in starting a round or a match
- 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.
- Mobile Phones – Mobile phones shall be switched off during the play
- Smoking: Smoking in the designated playing area is prohibited. Once the play starts no player shall leave the table in order to smoke.
- 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. And in between rounds, players should follow directors instruction, not discuss any deals and move accordingly.

9. Ethics and Additional powers to directors and disciplinary committee

All contestants are required to conform at all times to the highest standards of ethics and deportment. BFI expects all players to play to win at all times and in all circumstances. All contestants are expected to accept the decisions of the Tournament / Review Committee in a sportsman like manner.

The Organising Committee shall have the power to expel, suspend or otherwise discipline a player for any of the following reasons:

- (i) In case of any impropriety / cheating / fraud committed by the said player.
- (ii) In case of misbehavior with directors, other officials or fellow contestants

With respect to the above clause, if any competitor is found guilty of Improper conduct, including without limitation, acts of aggression, violence or intimidation, on the part of an individual towards partner, teammates, fellow players and any director/s or other tournament officials, will be seriously taken with, on the spot procedural penalty and further disciplinary action as recommended by CTD or tournament committee.



10. Review and Score correction

Director will give ruling after application of relevant bridge laws, conduct polls in case of any judgement related aspects and additionally check with CTD if required. Hence any change in director's ruling will be rare. Players can ask for review of director's ruling by paying Rs 500, which will be returned only if reviewer sees any merit in player's contestation. Reviewer will request CTD to relook at the ruling in case of process related issues or if any technical aspect not given due consideration. CTD will give final ruling after incorporating the above feedback from reviewer.

Any score correction will be done up-to correction period only (30 minutes after completion of session or round in case of team event and publishing of results in case of other events). Players need to get concurrence of concerned opponents before approaching CTD for score correction.

Technical Committee

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