



# African Bridge Federation

## Zonal trials

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### Conditions of contest

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*Event on RealBridge platform*

## **1. Preamble**

These Conditions of Contest are the standard regulations which apply to the online African Bridge Federation Championships.

The ABF Systems Policy, the ABF Alerting Policy and the ABF Policy on Psychic Bidding are part of the Conditions of Contest.

The ABF organizing committee retains its rights to add / change any of these conditions of contest during the event.

## **2. Definitions for the General Conditions of Contest**

### **2.1. ABF Alerting Policy**

Means the Policy, issued by the ABF from time to time, that regulates the alerting procedure in an African Bridge Championship

### **2.2. ABF Systems Policy**

Means the Policy, issued by the WBF from time to time, that regulates the use of Systems in an African Bridge Championship.

### **2.3. ABF Policy on Psychic Bidding**

Means the policy, issued by the ABF from time to time, that specifies the ABF's Policy with regard to Psychic Bidding (see Appendix 4: ABF/WBF Psychic Bidding Policy).

### **2.4. Brown Sticker Announcement Form**

Means the form designed for the announcement of Brown Sticker Conventions (bids, overcalls and subsequent auction) as referred to in the ABF/WBF Systems Policy.

### **2.5. Head Tournament Director and Tournament Director**

Mean the respective Directors so designated, respectively, by the ABF and The Host Country Organizing Committee for a Zonal Bridge Championship

### **2.6. ABF Monitor**

Means a person appointed by the ABF to monitor the players during play in the designated playing spot.

### **2.7. Executive Council**

Means the Executive Council of the ABF established under the Constitution and By-Laws of the ABF.

### **2.8. Guide to Completion**

Means the publication of that name issued by the ABF/WBF to instruct players in the correct completion of ABF/WBF Convention Cards for a Zonal Bridge Championship copies of which may be obtained from the ABF Systems Administrator whose address can be found in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

### **2.9. Highly Unusual Methods (HUM)**

Mean any of the systemic agreements so described in the ABF/WBF Systems Policy.

### **2.10. HUM System**

Means a System that utilizes Highly Unusual Methods.

### **2.11. Law**

Means a Law contained in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, these being numbered from 1 to 93 inclusive.

### **2.12. Playing Area**

Means the area defined by the ABF which may include the lobby in the immediate vicinity of the actual playing room, the toilets adjoining the playing room which are designated for the use of the players and any other rooms/lobby areas to be decided on site. Such areas will be identified to the participants.

### **2.13. President**

Means the President of the ABF.

### **2.14. Review Form**

Means the form prescribed by the ABF/WBF for the lodging of a review against the tournament director's decision at a Zonal Bridge Championship.

### **2.15. Reviewer and his assistants**

The reviewer and his assistant are appointed by the WBF President before the start of the championship and will review the TD's rulings when required to do so.

### **2.16. Schedule of Play**

Means the schedule for the play of a Zonal ABF Bridge Championship, either as contained in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest or as subsequently determined by the ABF.

### **2.17. Session**

Means a segment of play (as prescribed by the Schedule of Play) after which scores are computed.

### **2.18. Supplementary Sheets**

Means such additional pages containing System details as are annexed to and form part of ABF/WBF Convention Cards in accordance with these and the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

### **2.19. System**

Means all agreements and understandings a pair has as to the meaning of any call or play as those respective expressions are defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007.

### **2.20. These Conditions of Contest**

Means these General Conditions of Contest.

### **2.21. Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee, Tournament Appeals Committee and Credentials Committee**

Mean the respective committees constituted either generally or for a Zonal Bridge Championship pursuant to the By-Laws of the ABF.

### **2.22. WBF**

Means the World Bridge Federation, Inc., a corporation incorporated in Switzerland.

### **2.23. ABF/ WBF Convention Card or Card**

Means the Convention Card authorized by the ABF/WBF for the disclosure of systems by contestants in a Zonal Bridge Championship and includes Supplementary Sheets. See Appendix 2.

## **3. Eligibility**

### **3.1. General**

To be eligible for participation in an ABF Zonal Bridge Championships a competitor must comply with the Olympic Charter as well as with the rules of the ABF/WBF, and must be entered by his NBO. He must notably respect the spirit of fair play and ethics, and behave accordingly.

### **3.2. Credentials Committee**

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the ABF, the President has appointed a Credentials Committee, whose functions shall be (subject to these Conditions)

- A. to determine all questions relating to the rights and eligibility of players and non-playing captains whose names have been submitted by his NBO for invitation to compete in an ABF Zonal Bridge Championship (“nominated”), taking into account the reports (if any) from previous proceedings involving suspension of or disciplinary proceedings against players under their jurisdiction. The names of players and non-playing captains submitted by the NBOs for invitation to an ABF Zonal Bridge Championship must be transmitted to the President, or his designee, in writing, as prescribed by the relevant Supplemental Conditions of Contest;
- B. in its discretion, to refuse to invite any player or non – playing captain whose name has been submitted for invitation to an ABF Zonal Bridge Championship by his NBO, as aforesaid, to participate in a zonal Bridge Championship. In any such case of refusal, no reason shall be given by the Credentials Committee.

### **3.3. Eligibility Requirements**

The Credentials Committee must ensure that each nominated contestant satisfies the birth and residence requirements of the NBO nominating him belongs and also satisfies the eligibility requirements of the ABF as follows:

Any competitor in an ABF Zonal Championship must be a national of the country of the NBO entering him for participation, subject to the following:

If a competitor is a national of two or more countries at the same time, he may represent either one of them, as he may elect.

If a competitor has represented one country in an ABF zonal championship and has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, he shall not participate in an ABF zonal championship to represent his new country until after three years of such change of acquisition. This period may be reduced or even cancelled upon the request of the NBO with the approval of the ABF Executive Council.

If an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of boarder, or if a new NBO is affiliated as a member of ABF, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, choose to represent his country or be entered in an ABF zonal championship by his new NBO if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.

Entries may be rejected if any NBO whose nominated contestants are submitted for invitation in arrears in the payment of monies due to the ABF for annual dues or for entry fees to any ABF event. No male shall be a playing member of, or a substitute player in, a team or pair competing in a women's event.

### 3.4. Eligibility for Senior Players

All players must be aged 63 or older during the calendar year in question for the Zonal senior Championship.

### 4. Number of players / team

Each team consists of at least 4 players and up to 6 players.

### 5. Official Language

English language will be the official language of the event.

### 6. Ethics

The organizing committee is expecting from all bridge players and all the participants to behave in sportsmanlike manner.

It is not accepted by all means any political statements, rude behavior and any unsportsmanlike conduct towards your partner, your opponents, your TD or the officials responsible of running the event.

Any sort of unauthorized communications is strictly forbidden and will result in canceling the team match and to be excluded from the event and will be reported to the ABF disciplinary committee.

Any complain shall be sent to the head TD who will discuss the case with the ABF-Authority Committee and take the necessary action if needed.

Should a team be disqualified as a result of a decision made by the Head Tournament Director or by the organizing committee itself, no refund of the entry fees will be made.

### 7. Systems, codes and Alert Procedure

#### 7.1. Alert

All ALERTABLE bids and artificial bids **must be self-alerted** (press the alert button before making the bid). And give a full writing disclosure of the bidding, vocal explanation won't be taken into the TD consideration.

NOTE: - Players will not be allowed to alert their partner's bid, only self-alert will be allowed and the written explanation will be shown to both opponents but not to partner.

## 7.2. Systems

- HUM, Browne stickers systems, Forcing Pass Systems, Random Openings, and Encrypted Signals are not allowed all the time.
- Players can't consult their system cards or notes between the start of the auction period until the end of the play. Exception: players may consult their defense notes vs 2 ♦ multi-opening.
- psychic conventional opening bids are forbidden

## 7.3. Codes

- If you want more information about an opponent's bid, whether or not it was explained, you should send a private message to the opponent who made the bid asking for clarification.
- Requesting information may be made at any time, at the time the bid is made, when the auction concludes, or any time during the play as long as it is a private chat between one opponent and the bidder.
- If players explain bids via chat, they should set the recipients to Opponents, not Table, so that only opponents see the explanation, not the partner. But the best way is to explain the bids via the RealBridge alert mechanism.

## 8. Completion of ABF/WBF Convention Card

### 8.1. Publication of Systems

Registration of Convention Cards with the ABF gives the ABF the right to publish such convention cards via Internet or to any parties at the Championship in such form as it sees fit. When full systems are registered on site, for the purposes of providing additional information, these will not be published by the ABF to persons other than those requiring them for the purpose of running the tournament.

### 8.2. Requirements

Contestants are required to make full written disclosure of their System and also to make a full disclosure of the meaning of any call or play in response to a proper question at the table from an opponent. The Supplemental Conditions of Contest will set forth detailed procedures for that disclosure, in accordance with the ABF Systems Policy and in addition to rules established in these Conditions of Contest. The full written disclosure referred to in the above paragraph is made by the completion in due form of the ABF/WBF Convention Card and Supplementary sheets as required. Partnerships are required to file their Convention Cards and supplementary Sheets in accordance with the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

A Card will not be regarded as having been completed in due form for the purposes of this section unless:

- a. all sections of the Card have been accurately and legibly completed, in English, in accordance with the Guide to Completion, these Conditions of Contest, and the Supplemental Conditions of Contest;
- b. the Card and Supplementary Sheets contain a clear and sufficient explanation of the System used, including, without limitation, all competitive agreements and understandings, it being accepted by the ABF that the full particulars of some sequences (such as relays) which occur in later rounds of the auction, may be omitted from the Card without such omission constituting a breach of the requirement that the Card contain a clear and sufficient explanation of the System;
- c. The type of System and its appropriate color are duly indicated in the prescribed place on the Card.
- d. No prior agreement is permitted by which a varied meaning of a call or play applies only after a question asked, a reply given, or an irregularity occurring.

### **8.3. Supplementary Sheets**

- a. The ABF/WBF Convention Card may be supplemented by the addition of supplementary Sheets. The function of the Supplementary Sheets is to facilitate the full disclosure of Systems and the relationship of material on a supplementary Sheet to material on a Card should be clearly indicated by corresponding numbers on both the Card and the Supplementary Sheet.
- b. The number of Supplementary Sheets allowed, as well as the procedures for amendment and variation of Convention Cards will be set forth in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

### **8.4. General**

- a. If a player makes use of any conventional call not sufficiently described on his 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.
- b. The onus of disclosure is on the user. When there is a claim of damage through inadequate disclosure, the Tournament Director will give the benefit of any doubt to the opponents.

## **9. Use Of Convention Card at Table**

Unless otherwise set forth in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest, each member of a pair must his duly completed Card and Supplementary Sheet(s) (incorporating any variations made pursuant to the provisions of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for a specific ABF Zonal Bridge Championship) which shall contain in the designated place on the Card an indication of the appropriate color. After withdrawing his cards from the board and until they are restored at the conclusion of the play, a player may not consult his own Card or Supplementary Sheets; except that the declaring side as per Law 40B2(b), is allowed to look at its own system during the clarification period. A player may also consult the WBF Convention Booklet in respect of a

call made by an opponent, but not in respect of a call made by his partner, or one made or contemplated by himself, and he may consult written defenses against Brown sticker conventions and HUM-aspects in his opponents' system.

## **10. Dress Code**

NBOs are asked to take note of the recognition of Bridge as a Sport by the IOC and requests that players should, at all times, be dressed appropriately.

## **11. Restrictions**

The following restrictions apply to the playing areas (see definition of these areas in Section 2.12)

### **11.1. Smoking and Alcohol**

Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area is strictly prohibited. No player may leave the playing area in order to smoke or consume alcohol before the end of his match.

Any player or team official smoking or consuming alcohol before, during or after the session in this area will result in his team being fined 2 VP, or in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area.

### **11.2. Mobile Phones, Pagers and other Electronic Equipment**

Mobile telephones, pagers, smart watches or any other electronic equipment may not be brought into the playing area.

Any player or team official bringing such an item into this area will result in his team being fined 2 VP or, in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session. The penalty is mandatory. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area. The Head Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area. Anyone entering the playing area may be required to comply with procedures put in place by the ABF for the detection of such electronic equipment.

### **11.3. Disqualification from any ABF Championship event or Tournament**

Should a team, pair or individual play be disqualified as a result of a decision made by the Head Tournament Director or the Executive Council, no refund of the entry fees, either in part or in whole, will be made.

## **12. Penalties**

It is expected from all the players are to be online 10 min at least before the official time of the session. Late log on to RealBridge could result in a penalty by the TD.

The TD may remove un-played boards if a delay in finishing the match will interfere with the smooth running of the competition. An assigned adjusted score will be awarded to each board that has already been played in the other room.



## 12.1. Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion.

Any team containing a partnership that, for any reason, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 11.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 11.2.1):

- a. not be provided with a copy of the Systems of opposing teams unless and until either the President or the Tournament Reviewer has been provided with the required number of copies of the System used by that team's own pairs: and
- b. be subject to a decision of the Tournament Reviewer who may forbid the team to use specific conventional understandings not submitted in accordance with these Conditions of Contest. If a disallowed convention is used, the Tournament Reviewer may impose penalties at its discretion;
- c. and be fined US\$50.00 to be paid prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

## 12.2. Lateness

Any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of a match or a session of a match will be assessed a penalty according to the following scale;

### During the Round-Robins

- 0+ - 05 minutes late - warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
- 5+ - 10 minutes late - 1 VP
- 10+ - 15 minutes late - 2 VPs
- 15+ - 20 minutes late - 3 VPs
- 20+ - 25 minutes late - 4 VPs
- Over 25 minutes late - at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the BFAME Council.

### During the Finals

- 0+ - 5 minutes late - warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
- 5+ - 25 minutes late - 1 IMP plus an additional 1 IMP for each full minute or part there beyond 5 minutes.
- Over 25 minutes late - at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the BFAME Council.

### 12.3. Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the time play in such match or session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the time allowed by Section 13 of these Conditions, then either or both of the pairs shall be subjected to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

#### 12.3.1. Excess time apportioned to a pair in the Round-Robin

0+ -	05 minutes late -	1 VP
5+ -	10 minutes late -	1½ VPs
10+ -	15 minutes late -	2 VPs
15+ -	20 minutes late -	2½ VPs
20+ -	25 minutes late -	3 VPs
Over	25 minutes late -	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by BFAME Council.

Example: If a 16-board session took 2 hours and 35 minutes (excess of 15 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 6 extra minutes total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2 VPs penalty and pair B 0.8 VP penalty. In any case if the Tournament Director judges that one match will be so delayed that it would disturb the starting time of the next round, he may truncate it, reducing the number of the boards played: if this happens the match will be scored only with boards played at both tables, but the same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

#### 12.3.2. Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Finals:

0+ -	25 minutes late -	1 IMP for each minute or part thereof
Over	25 minutes late -	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by BFAME Council.

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the President shall determine responsibility for slow play. A partnership which considers its opponents are playing slowly shall inform the Tournament Director who may appoint a monitor if he thinks it is necessary; the partnership is only protected from the time at which the Tournament Director is informed. A Director may install a monitor without request of the players.

### **13. Substitutes in Team Tournaments**

If, for any reason, a team is unable to produce four players, either at the start of a Session or because of an emergency that develops during the session, the Head Tournament Director, in consultation with the captain of the team, may designate a substitute to complete the team. A substitute need not be a member of the NBO or the Zone represented by the team on which he or she substitutes, but must not be a player from another team and may not be a male in the case of an event restricted to women. In a Mixed event a man may not substitute for a woman, nor a woman for a man. The Tournament Director, having designated a substitute, shall inform The Chairman of the Organizing Committee or his designee as soon as practicable. The results obtained by the substitute shall stand unless the Organizing Committee judges that the substitute's bridge skills were considerably greater than those of the player replaced, in which case an adjusted score may be determined. Whether or not the result stands, the Organizing Committee may impose appropriate penalties when it judges a team to be at fault.

The Organizing Committee shall have authority to determine whether, and to what extent, a substitute may become a permanent replacement.

### **14. Substitutes in Pair Tournaments**

The Head Tournament Director may make emergency substitutions whenever they are necessary to the smooth operation of the game. If this will, or may, cause the resultant disqualification of any contestant, the contestant shall, where practicable, be notified at the time the substitution is made. In a Mixed event a man may not substitute for a woman, nor a woman for a man.

### **15. Forfeits in Team Tournaments**

If a team is unable to play or complete a match, the Organizing Committee may find that team to be in default and declare the match forfeited or postponed. The team in forfeit shall score zero Victory Points and zero IMPs for that match. The team winning the forfeited match 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 team's average
- (c) The average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault, whichever is greater.

### **16. Walkover**

If a team, by its own fault, is unable to play against another team, ( see 15 ), will score zero VP. A second walk-over by the same team will be referred to the Disciplinary Commission which can apply further sanctions including disqualification of the team. When a team is disqualified, all the team scores will be canceled in any uncompleted RR.

### **17. Score Corrections**

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71. An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Head Tournament Director

may be corrected up to thirty minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

## 18. Screens

The use of screens is mandatory throughout in all Zonal team ABF Bridge Championship.

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) Failure to do as (b) provides may persuade the Director 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 normally regarded as significant.
- d) However, if the players have not been randomizing the tempo of the auction, then a delay of more than 15 seconds may well be regarded as being significant.

## 19. Attendance in Playing Rooms

### 19.1. General

Subject to any supplementary regulations made by the Executive Council or special permission of the President, only the following are permitted to enter the playing spots:

- a. participants assigned to play in that room;
- b. ABF monitor;
- c. personnel appointed to operate these Championships, including assigned recorders, timers, caddies and technicians;
- d. the ABF President;
- e. Chairman and members of the Disciplinary Commission who are on duty;
- f. The Reviewer or his assistant;
- g. staff personnel for provision of refreshment and room cleaning, if necessary;
- h. "Officials on duty" appointed for a specific session or sessions by the ABF President;
- i. Media operators authorized by the ABF President.

No spectators can be admitted in the playing spots to watch the matches.

## 20. Tie-break procedure

### 20.1. Round Robin Stage

20.1.1. If **two teams** are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken as follows (in the sequence shown):

- a) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match(s) they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- b) Total IMPs earned in all matches played by the tied teams in the event. If the tie remains then:
- c) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in the event. If the tie remains:
- d) One board "sudden death" will determine the winner

#### **20.1.2. Three teams**

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in the event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Subsection 9.1.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in the event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with Subsection 9.1.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- c) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in the event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 9.1.1
- d) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in the event.

#### **20.2. Knock out stage – if any -**

There shall always be a carry-over of 0.5 IMP for the team that scored more VPs at the end of the RR stage to break the tie.

#### **21. Undo**

Undoes are allowed according to the followings:

1. The undo button is activated from the beginning
2. Click the undo button to stop the play.
3. Call the TD
4. No Action from any party will be taken before the arrival of the TD.
5. The TD will instruct the opponents whether to accept the undo or not.
6. The TD will keep counting the undoes for each player, only 2 undoes are allowed for each player during one session.
7. If the opponents accept – before the TD arrival - , play continue. but all parties forfeit their rights for any kind of rectification later on.

8. If the opponents don't accept – before the TD arrival - , play stops and the TD decide what is to be done.
9. The TDs reserve the rights to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information might arise from using the undo process.

## 22. Hesitation & Unauthorized information

Only Long hesitations that are bridge-related require hesitator's partner to consider UI has been passed and act accordingly. However, shorter hesitations that would pass UI in face-to-face events are to be ignored as not bridge related.

## 23. Kibitzers

Kibitzers will not be allowed all the time.

## 24. Entry fees & Prizes

- Entry fees shall be :

- One Team only: **US\$ 1125**
- Two teams: **US\$ 1700**
- Three Teams: **US\$ 2550**
- Four Teams: **US\$ 3000**

- payment details.

Bank Name : Banque Populaire

Bank Address : 10 Rue Des Cytises  
97400 ST Senis

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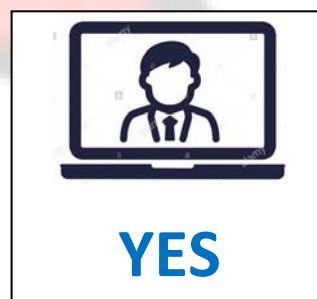
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## 25. General

- All the players must be presented at the playing spot determined by the ABF and to play under the supervision a monitor appointed by the ABF.
- WBF 20 VP continues scale will be used in the RR Stage
- KO stage – if any - will be calculated in IMPs
- Butler ranking will be posted after each RR session.
- in the event that there is confusion, lack of clarity, or a difference in the interpretation of one of the technical clauses in these regulations, the interpretation of the Head TD is the final interpretation of this confusion / wording.
- In the event that there is confusion, lack of clarity, or a difference in the interpretation of one of the non-technical items in these regulations, the interpretation of the

Chairman of the organizing Committee shall be final interpretation of this confusion / wording.

- Playing with mobile phones are completely restricted, only Laptops shall be allowed.
- It is the responsibility of each NBO to provide a good, fast and stable internet connection in the playing area for the players, ABF monitor, ABF Officials and ABF IT.
- Two Surveillance cameras with an internet connection and zoom capability controlled by the TD will be placed inside the playing area to monitor it.
- It is the responsibility of each NBO to provide playing screens in the playing area, in case needed by the appointed monitor.
- The following figures shows the correct and required cadre view for all participants during play.



## 26. **Rulings and reviews**

After a director has given a ruling, a request for a review may be made.

## 27. **Review following a Tournament Director's ruling**

(See definition in Section 2.14 , 2.15)

### 27.1. **General**

The WBF Code of Practice is utilized by the WBF Tournament Directors before any rulings are given, and such rulings are made in consultation with other Directors, senior players and other personnel as appropriate.

The Code of Practice will apply. Players should note the procedures which the Code calls upon them to adopt (as, for example, that they should randomize and make unpredictable the tempo of passing the tray).

## 28. **Request for a Review**

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.

### 28.1. **Deposit Requests for Review**

When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit with the ABF monitor. The amount of deposit required will be US \$ 100 (or the equivalent in Euro), with the exact amount to be informed to the participants

before the start of the event. This deposit will be refunded unless the Reviewer determines that the request was without merit, in which case the deposit will be forfeited.

## **29. Review Procedure**

### **29.1. General**

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.

More information about Reviews and the procedure can be found on the WBF website.

## **30. Team Requirements**

The ABF expects all teams and partnerships to play to win at all times and in all circumstances. While a team 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, and the Committee shall have the authority to determine on such evidence as it considers sufficient whether a partnership has done so. Any such finding will constitute grounds for such penalties as may be imposed by the Committee, which shall also be empowered to recommend that the Executive Council disqualify or suspend the offending contestant.

## **31. Authority of the ABF Executive Council**

The ABF Executive Council reserves the authority to modify or supplement these Conditions of Contest, at any time.

## **32. Line up ( Home & Visiting teams )**

When logging in to the RealBridge game ( using the game link ), the team's name will be written on one of the Tables. All team members are required to sit at their table ( all together ) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when the session starts, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.

In the schedule of play there will be a home team ( the team mentioned first ) and a visiting team ( the team mentioned second )



NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table ( in Pairs NS and EW ), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

**33. Agreement to the conditions of contest**

Entering or being accredited to attend ABL Cup means that everybody concerned with such entry knows and agrees to abide by these Conditions of Contest.

**34. Social Media, Website & Communication**

A WhatsApp Group will be created for the team's Captains for better and faster communications between the OC and the teams.

A Website for all info about the event

( [www.bridgewebs.com/abf/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/abf/) )

**35. Appendix 2: ABF Systems Policy**

Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of any ABF Policies, which will be available on the ABF Website.

**36. Appendix 3: ABF Alerting Policy**

The ABF has adopted the Alerting Procedure given by THE WBF. Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of any WBF Policies, which will be available on the ABF Website ( [www.bridgewebs.com/abf/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/abf/) ) or WBF Website ( [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) ) or from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com).

**37. Appendix 4: ABF Psychic Bidding Policy**

The ABF has adopted the Psychic Bidding Policy given by THE WBF. Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of any WBF Policies, which will be available on on the ABF Website ( [www.bridgewebs.com/abf/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/abf/) ) or WBF Website ( [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) ) or from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com).

**38. Appendix 5: WBF Code of Practice**

Players should ensure that they obtain the latest version of the WBF Code of Practice, which will be available on on the ABF Website ( [www.bridgewebs.com/abf/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/abf/) ) or WBF Website ( [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) ) or from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com).

**39. Appendix 6 – WBF/ABF IMP to VP Conversion Scale**

This scale will be used in ABF/ WBF Championships and should be used for major team Tournaments

IMPS	6	7	8	9	10	12	14	16	20	32
0	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1	10.50	10.47	10.44	10.41	10.39	10.36	10.33	10.31	10.28	10.22
2	10.99	10.92	10.86	10.81	10.77	10.71	10.66	10.61	10.55	10.44
3	11.46	11.35	11.27	11.20	11.14	11.05	10.97	10.91	10.82	10.65
4	11.90	11.77	11.67	11.58	11.50	11.38	11.28	11.20	11.08	10.86
5	12.33	12.18	12.05	11.94	11.85	11.70	11.58	11.48	11.34	11.07
6	12.75	12.57	12.42	12.29	12.18	12.01	11.87	11.76	11.59	11.27
7	13.15	12.94	12.77	12.63	12.51	12.31	12.16	12.03	11.83	11.47

8	13.53	13.31	13.12	12.96	12.83	12.61	12.44	12.29	12.07	11.67
9	13.90	13.65	13.45	13.28	13.14	12.90	12.71	12.55	12.30	11.86
10	14.25	13.99	13.78	13.59	13.43	13.18	12.97	12.80	12.53	12.05
11	14.59	14.32	14.09	13.89	13.72	13.45	13.23	13.04	12.76	12.24
12	14.92	14.63	14.39	14.18	14.00	13.71	13.48	13.28	12.98	12.42
13	15.24	14.93	14.68	14.46	14.28	13.97	13.72	13.52	13.20	12.60
14	15.54	15.22	14.96	14.74	14.54	14.22	13.96	13.75	13.41	12.78
15	15.83	15.50	15.23	15.00	14.80	14.46	14.19	13.97	13.61	12.95
16	16.11	15.78	15.50	15.26	15.05	14.70	14.42	14.18	13.81	13.12
17	16.38	16.04	15.75	15.50	15.29	14.93	14.64	14.39	14.01	13.29
18	16.64	16.29	16.00	15.74	15.52	15.15	14.85	14.60	14.20	13.46
19	16.89	16.53	16.23	15.97	15.75	15.37	15.06	14.80	14.39	13.62
20	17.12	16.77	16.46	16.20	15.97	15.58	15.26	15.00	14.58	13.78
21	17.35	16.99	16.68	16.42	16.18	15.79	15.46	15.19	14.76	13.94
22	17.58	17.21	16.90	16.63	16.39	15.99	15.66	15.38	14.94	14.09
23	17.79	17.42	17.11	16.83	16.59	16.18	15.85	15.56	15.11	14.24
24	17.99	17.62	17.31	17.03	16.78	16.37	16.03	15.74	15.28	14.39
25	18.19	17.82	17.50	17.22	16.97	16.55	16.21	15.92	15.45	14.54
26	18.38	18.01	17.69	17.41	17.16	16.73	16.38	16.09	15.61	14.68
27	18.56	18.19	17.87	17.59	17.34	16.91	16.55	16.26	15.77	14.82
28	18.73	18.36	18.04	17.76	17.51	17.08	16.72	16.42	15.93	14.96
29	18.90	18.53	18.21	17.93	17.68	17.24	16.88	16.58	16.08	15.10
30	19.06	18.69	18.37	18.09	17.84	17.40	17.04	16.73	16.23	15.24
31	19.22	18.85	18.53	18.25	18.00	17.56	17.19	16.88	16.38	15.37
32	19.37	19.00	18.68	18.40	18.15	17.71	17.34	17.03	16.52	15.50
33	19.51	19.15	18.83	18.55	18.30	17.86	17.49	17.17	16.66	15.63
34	19.65	19.29	18.97	18.69	18.44	18.00	17.63	17.31	16.80	15.76
35	19.78	19.43	19.11	18.83	18.58	18.14	17.77	17.45	16.93	15.88
36	19.91	19.56	19.24	18.97	18.71	18.28	17.91	17.59	17.06	16.00
37	20.00	19.68	19.37	19.10	18.84	18.41	18.04	17.72	17.19	16.12
38		19.80	19.50	19.22	18.97	18.54	18.17	17.85	17.32	16.24
39		19.92	19.62	19.34	19.10	18.66	18.29	17.97	17.44	16.35
40		20.00	19.74	19.46	19.22	18.78	18.41	18.09	17.56	16.46
41			19.85	19.58	19.33	18.90	18.53	18.21	17.68	16.57
42			19.95	19.69	19.44	19.02	18.65	18.33	17.79	16.68

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