



22nd BFAME Zonal Championships

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The 22nd BFAME Championships gets underway

The **22nd BFAME Championships** got underway with the Opening Ceremony held yesterday at Pearl Continental **Hotel, Lahore**. The Championship is being organised by the **Pakistan Bridge Federation (PBF)** and will continue till Saturday, **13th May, 2023**.

The Chief Guest, **Mr. Ehsan-Ur-Rehman Mazari** - the Federal Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination & President of Pakistan Sports Board graced the opening ceremony with his presence and started with a great gesture by personally meeting players & officials of each and every participating country along with **Mr. Mubasher Lucman, the President of PBF**.



The Chief Guest, Mr. Ehsan-Ur-Rehman Mazari addressing the players & delegates



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The opening ceremony ably conducted by **Ms. Mehak Jahangir** started with Pakistan's National Anthem, followed by address of Mr. **Mubasher Lucman**, who was at his best detailing the importance of Bridge in this part of the world and specially the BFAME zone. He emphasised on the knowledge and skill set required for the game but made it clear that more than these important aspects of the game, the spirit of the game and respect for partner & opponents should be maintained at all cost. He thanked the Chief Guest for lending full help to PBF and also announced that the Sports ministry has given a go ahead to conduct the World Championships in Pakistan in 2029.

He further thanked all his support staff who made this championship possible, specially thanking Mr. Ihsan Qadir, the Secretary BFAME, whom he called the "Rambo of Pakistan Bridge". He also told that all participants should enjoy the warmth & hospitality of Lahore. Before finishing his address he informed that it is his dream to see at least one team from BFAME zone winning a gold medal in the World Championship in near future.



Mr. Mubasher Lucman, President Pakistan Bridge Federation and Chairman, Organizing Committee addressing the audience

Next to address the audience was **Mr. Bahjat Al Majali**, the BFAME President. He greeted all the players & officials to the championship and thanked Mr. Mubasher Lucman, the President of PBF and his organizing team. He also thanked the technical staff, the directors, bulletin team, dealing team and BBO operators, who will be instrumental in conducting the tournament smoothly. He emphasised on developing discipline, meticulous planning and innovation and good ethics by all members of the NBO. He also informed the importance of getting new and younger generation of players to the game and Bridge to be taught at the School & University levels. He requested all the NBOs of BFAME to increase the membership of their members. On behalf of BFAME and all participants he sent his gratitude to Mr. Jan Kamras, the WBF President. He advised all players to take it easy and enjoy their game. More than result it is best to strengthen the friendship amongst all of us, after all it is only a sport.

The Chief Guest was then requested to address the audience. He welcomed all the distinguished players and officials to the BFAME championship and hoped that this will encourage players in Pakistan to take up the game. He gave his gratitude to all those who made this event possible and was sure it will be a great success.

Further the PBF President thanked all the sponsors of the tournament and gave the **Lifetime Achievement award** to Madam Kamila Alamgir, who is still an active player at the age of 94 years.



Mr. Bahjat Al Majali, the BFAME President addressing the gathering



Lifetime Achievement award was given to Madam Kamila Alamgir, Here she is with President PBF & President BFAME.

Next Mr. NRK Kirubamoorthy, the BFAME Vice President and representative of BFAME at WBF addressed the audience and informed that maintaining good relations should be the key amongst the NBO of our zone and thanked the PBF for their great effort in bringing all to Lahore for a face to face tournament after the pandemic

After the addresses, teams of Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine & UAE were invited one by one with their National Anthem being played followed by a thunderous applause by the audience.

Ms. Fatima Raza then took the Olympic oath on behalf of all the players and Mr. Ihsan Qadir on behalf of all the directors and the 22nd BFAME Championship was declared open.



Ms. Fatima Raza, the captain of the Pakistani Ladies team taking the Olympic oath on behalf of all the players.



Mr. Ihsan Qadir, CTD, taking the Olympic oath on behalf of all the directors

Play in all the four events i.e. OPEN, WOMEN, MIXED & SENIORS will start today. 2 matches (4 tables) per session are being shown live on BBO.

Five teams each in the **Open & Women** category team events are participating and will play an all-play-all triple round-robin after which the TOP 4 teams will qualify for the semi-finals, to be played on 11th & 12th May followed by the finals on 13th May 2023 for the coveted **Zakaria Adamjee Memorial Trophy & Vinodini Goenka Trophy respectively.**

Three teams in the **Seniors team event** and four teams in the **Mixed team event** are participating and will play 6 rounds of round robin matches (each round robin will be of 3 matches, with each Senior team having a bye round), after which the TOP 2 teams will qualify to play the finals on 12th May 2023 for the coveted **Nawzad Shaker Trophy** and **Mazhar Jafri Trophy** respectively.

The 2 teams reaching the finals in all the four events will qualify from Zone-4 for the World Championships 2023 to be held at Marrakech, Morocco from 20th Aug to 2nd Sep 2023.

The tournament commenced with a Friendship Pairs event of 22 boards. **47 pairs**, including many local pairs participated in the event. **Sandeep Karmakar & Marianne Karmakar** with 68.14% and **Abdul Muqet & Ahsan Qureshi** with a score of 63.97% were first & second respectively in the NS direction, whereas **Nejm Abd – Nilofer Aslam** with 62.47% and **Nauman Khalid Buty – Zia Hyder Naqi** with 59.74% were first & second respectively in the EW direction. **For detailed score, See page 9.**

LATE LINE-UP WARNING FROM HEAD TD

The following teams have received warning for not submitting their line-up for the 1st match in due time.

Next infraction from the same teams will result in fine.

***Bangladesh (Open)
Palestine (Women)
Pakistan (Women)
Jordan (Seniors)
Jordan (Mixed)
Pakistan (Mixed)***

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SCORING ON BRIDGEMATES

Participants must note that the correct rule for entering the scores on Bridge mate is: "NORTH is to enter the Score and EAST is to verify the same on Bridgемate".

In case of any mistake made while entering, please call the director immediately and get the entry rectified on the Bridgемate.

Vu-Graph on BBO

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

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

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

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

Today's Play Schedule (Friday – 6th May 2023)

OPEN TEAMS

TBL #	RR-1, RND-1 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-1, RND-2 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-1, RND-3 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-1	PAKISTAN	Vs	UAE	UAE	Vs	INDIA	INDIA	Vs	JORDAN
TBL-2	BANGLADESH	Vs	JORDAN	PAKISTAN	Vs	BANGLADESH	UAE	Vs	BANGLADESH
	INDIA	Vs	BYE	JORDAN	Vs	BYE	PAKISTAN	Vs	BYE

WOMEN TEAMS

TBL #	RR-1, RND-1 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-1, RND-2 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-1, RND-3 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-3	INDIA	Vs	PALESTINE	PALESTINE	Vs	JORDAN	JORDAN	Vs	UAE
TBL-4	PAKISTAN	Vs	UAE	INDIA	Vs	PAKISTAN	PALESTINE	Vs	PAKISTAN
	JORDAN	Vs	BYE	UAE	Vs	BYE	INDIA	Vs	BYE

SENIORS TEAMS

TBL #	RR-1, RND-1 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-1, RND-2 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-1, RND-3 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-5	INDIA	Vs	JORDAN	JORDAN	Vs	PAKISTAN	PAKISTAN	Vs	INDIA
	PAKISTAN	Vs	BYE	INDIA	Vs	BYE	JORDAN	Vs	BYE

MIXED TEAMS

TBL #	RR-1, RND-1 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-1, RND-2 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-1, RND-3 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-6	INDIA	Vs	UAE	PAKISTAN	Vs	INDIA	INDIA	Vs	JORDAN
TBL-7	JORDAN	Vs	PAKISTAN	UAE	Vs	JORDAN	PAKISTAN	Vs	UAE

Today's Vu-Graph Matches on BBO

Round-1: 1000 Hrs

BBO 1: PAKISTAN Vs. UAE (OPEN)

BBO2: INDIA Vs. UAE (MIXED)

Round-2: 1400 Hrs

BBO 1: PAKISTAN Vs. BANGLADESH (OPEN)

BBO2: INDIA Vs. PAKISTAN (WOMEN)

Round-3: 1645 Hrs

BBO 1: INDIA Vs. JORDAN (OPEN)

BBO2: PAKISTAN Vs. INDIA (SENIORS)

NOTICE

The Second meeting of the BFAME Council to deal with the rest of agenda items which include BFAME Elections, will be held on Monday 7th May 23 at 07:30 P.M. at the venue (Pearl Continental) Hotel, followed by a dinner.

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.



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, Jaggay Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral
 JORDAN	Zafer Najeh Jarrar (Captain), Aaida Haider HANNA Abu -Jaber, Sakher Mohammed Malkawi, Clement Maamarbachi, 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
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 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 Tambulat, 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		BYE		Team #	TEAM NAME
1	2	Vs	5	3	Vs	4	1	INDIA
2	5	Vs	1	2	Vs	3	4	PAKISTAN
3	1	Vs	4	5	Vs	3	2	BANGLADESH
4	3	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	5	JORDAN
5	1	Vs	2	4	Vs	5	3	UAE
							6	BYE

WOMEN TEAMS (5 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1

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

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

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

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

RND #	TBL-6		TBL-7		Team #	TEAM NAME
1	1	Vs	4	2		INDIA
2	3	Vs	1	4		JORDAN
3	1	Vs	2	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

RESULT OF FRIENDSHIP PAIRS

NS Direction					
Rank	PairId	Section	Names	Score MP	%
1	4	A	SANDEEP KARMARKAR - MARIANNE KARMARKAR	629.60	68.14
2	41	B	ABDUL MUQEET - AHSAN QURESHI	591.00	63.97
3	43	B	SILVIE SUKLJIAN - LINA ALMASRI	553.00	59.85
4	51	B	BACHIRAJU SATYA NARAYANA - KIRAN NADAR	522.60	56.56
5	7	A	ANUSHREE JALAN - SUKAMAL DAS	515.10	55.75
6	3	A	YASSER RAHIM - JAHANGIR AHMED	493.90	53.45
7	47	B	FATIMA RAZA - QUDSIA	487.80	52.79
8	5	A	VIDHYA PATEL - KALPANA GURJAR	483.90	52.37
9	9	A	AZHAR - SHAUQ	480.70	52.03
10	42	B	KHALED MOHIUDDIN - RAHAT MAHMOOD	478.40	51.77
11	48	B	HUSSEIN JAFFERS - ARSLAN ABBASS	477.90	51.72
12	10	A	KAMRAN IBRAHIM - JAVED KHALID	473.10	51.21
13	50	B	AFZAL SHEIKH - MAJOR NASEEM	472.80	51.17
14	49	B	DURRIYAH VASI - RUBINA HAI	448.60	48.55
15	45	B	MASOOD MAZHAR - GHALIB BANDESHA	444.60	48.12
16	46	B	SAID NABI MALIK - RASHED NABI MALIK	424.60	45.95
17	8	A	SYEDNADIRALI SHAH - IMRAN KARIM	415.00	44.91
18	6	A	FAISAL SHEIKH - COL TAQI IMAM	389.90	42.19
19	1	A	FARRUKH LIAQAT - SEHSISH RAHMAN	384.90	41.66
20	44	B	MINHAJ QIDWAL - SALEEM WAHADI	384.50	41.62
21	12	A	ARSLAN MANSOOR - SARDAR AAMEIR ISHAQ	376.10	40.7
22	2	A	FATIMA ALNAJJAR - MARAM	375.50	40.64
23	11	A	SUHA - HASSANA	322.50	34.91
EW Direction					
Rank	PairId	Section	Names	Score MP	%
1	68	B	NEJM ABD - NILO FAR ASLAM	577.20	62.47
2	21	A	NAUMAN KHALID BUTY - ZIA HYDER NAQI	552.00	59.74
3	61	B	BADAL DAS - PRANAB BARDHAN	550.40	59.57
4	29	A	SUBHASH GUPTA - SANDEEP THAKRAL	550.40	59.57
5	32	A	MUHAMMAD MUBASHIR - JUNAID SAID	544.80	58.96
6	66	B	BHARAT DEY - ALKA KSHIRSAGAR	527.10	57.04
7	30	A	ANWAR KIZILBASH - TEETA ASHA	524.00	56.7
8	27	A	RASHEDUL HASAN RIPON - BISHWAJIT SAHA	510.30	55.23
9	69	B	IMRAN GARDEZI - ARFA MALIK	491.60	53.2
10	22	A	FEHMINA HUSSAIN - SARFARAZ BUTL	487.80	52.79
11	23	A	SHAHID HAMID - GHIAS MALIK	481.20	52.08
12	28	A	SAMIR BASAK - HEMANT JALAN	476.70	51.59
13	65	B	MARWAN GHANEM - DIMA ALTAHER	464.10	50.23
14	67	B	FARIOUZ ZAGHMAUL - FADIA	458.30	49.6
15	24	A	MOHSIN CHANDNA - IMRAN ABEDI	457.30	49.49
16	31	A	NERMEEN - HUMAYUN	448.50	48.54
17	70	B	LAILA HADDADIN - MAY ABU GHARBEIH	414.30	44.84
18	62	B	ARIF AZIM - AZHAR SAMI	407.60	44.12
19	71	B	RAJEEV KHANDELWAL - HIMANI KHANDELWAL	406.80	44.03
20	25	A	SULTAN - MALIHA ELAHI	375.00	40.58
21	64	B	KHALED MANZOUR - ATHAR SAAID	371.40	40.19
22	63	B	HASAN ASKARI - TEHSIN GHEEWALA	346.00	37.45
23	26	A	YOUSEF BATSHON - JACK QAROUTA	340.00	36.8
24	72	B	NAWAR HACHEM - HANAN AL BITAR	298.40	32.29

Memories of the BFAME – Part 1

I learned no detail was small. It was all about the details. Brad Gray
By Ghassan Ghanem, President Emirates, BFAME

Masood Salim of Pakistan – God bless his soul – was the favorite partner of Zia Mahmood for many years, together with their team mates, they were runners up at two worldwide championships. At that time, they managed to locate Pakistan on the international bridge map.

Masood Salim had a high sense regarding slams, the following deal which came at a “classic” match during the 1989 BFAAME Championships held in Cairo – Egypt, at Ramses Hilton Hotel is a good witness for his skills at the table.

Board 6, Dlr: East, Vul: EW

	♠QJT7		
	♥2		
	♦J93		
	♣AQJT8		
♠K864	N	♠95	
♥Q8543	W	♥KJT9	
♦842	E	♦765	
♣K	S	♣9752	
	♠A32		
	♥A76		
	♦AKQT		
	♣643		

West	North <i>Masood</i>	East	South <i>Zia</i>
		Pass	1D
Pass	2C	Pass	3NT
Pass	4D	Pass	4H
Pass	4NT(1)	Pass	5NT(2)
Pass	6C	All Pass	

- (1) – Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (2) – Josephine’s Grand Slam Force

Masood’s hand was barely enough to bid 2/1 in terms of High Cards Points. But Masood knows the good things when he sees them.

Zia’s jump to three notrump showed a good hand with some additional values. Masood showed interest by a delayed support for diamond, Zia cue bid heart, Masood applied the Roman Key cards Blackwood, and with his wealth of controls applied the Josephine convention asking partner to bid seven with the top honors of clubs, otherwise to bid six.

As you can judge, there was nothing on the play, the slam needed one of two finesses, and that was the case. At the other table, their rival’s experienced pair played in three no trumps and the slam wasn’t even tried.

In the semi-final match, the stars studded Pakistani team faced the Egyptian strong team:

Board 38, Dlr: East, Vul: EW

	♠6		
	♥Q43		
	♦KQ98763		
	♣K7		
♠A875	N	♠KQ3	
♥AKT	W	♥J9862	
♦A2	E	♦T54	
♣QJT5	S	♣A6	
	♠JT942		
	♥75		
	♦J		
	♣98432		

Masood bridge skills and qualities were maximized when he partners Zia, their telepathy at the table was unprecedented.

Masood was good in sensing the good slams, but he was even better keeping away of the bad ones, Masood was still partnering Zia at the same match, mutually, both avoided any over board bidding and played three no trump made declared by Masood, after South opened the bidding showing two suiters!

At the other table, EW took a shot at a heart small slam that was hopeless after a diamond lead.

The following deal was played during the First Round of the Open Teams Championship of the Eighth BFAAME Championships held at “The Forte Grand Hotel” in Amman - Jordan on April/May 1995. It was Pakistan vs. Saudi Arabia.

Salim Masood was partnering Kamal Shoaib, a new partner after Zia Mahmood started in 1992 to invade USA building a brightening career.

Board 15, Dlr: South, Vul: NS

	♠Q86		
	♥Q982		
	♦93		
	♣Q862		
♠9	N	♠AKJ752	
♥T543	W	♥7	
♦AKJ8642	E	♦Q75	
♣7	S	♣AJ3	
	♠T43		
	♥AKJ6		
	♦T		
	♣KT954		

After the (strong) weak two diamonds opening bid, Kamal Shoaib and Salim Masood sailed via a cue bidding sequence to reach the small slam and make it, with only twenty-three points, and only eight out the total twelve controls only.

West <i>Shoaib</i>	North	East <i>Masood</i>	South
2D	Pass	2S	Pass
3D	Pass	4C(1)	DBL
Pass(2)	Pass	4H(1)	Pass
6D	All Pass		

- (1) – Control cue bids
- (2) – Second Round Control in Clubs

The small slam was bid via a cue bidding dialogue, probably it was difficult to bid via key cards asking tools. but the main point of interest is the continuity of bidding after South doubles the four clubs cue bid. After Shoaib repeated the diamond suit, Masood Salim started cue bidding by a four clubs cue bid, and South doubled. Kamal Shoaib passed to show a second round control in the club suit, that is a king or a singleton. Masood continued the cue bidding by a heart cue bid making use of the additional bidding space that was given by the opponents' double. As you can realize, there was nothing in the play of the hand whatever the lead is.

The Pakistani pair held all the elements that normally orient them to favor the cue bidding, a wealth of distributional values (three none honor singletons) when its value is added, it makes the total points 32 points, rich with controls, natural and distributional, the total number of controls adds to eleven, and a strong suit held among both partners' hands.

The last time I had met him was during the 2007 BFAME held in Karachi at the Carlton Hotel, he was still smiling his usual smile, though he was on a wheel chair. He was team-mating Jose Damiani, Zia Mahmood, Munir Attaullah, Rajash Dalal, and Sunit Choxy to play the AKD Transnational Teams. May the Mighty God bless his soul and reside him in his spacious Paradises

Ghassan Ghanem

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:

1st infraction	Warning
2nd Infraction	20 US \$
3rd Infraction	40 US \$
4th 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.

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

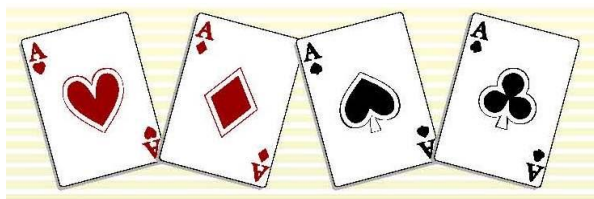
The time for a request for a Tournament Director ruling or for a review of a ruling or for score correction ends 30 minutes after the end of the round. A fee of \$100 will be paid for the case to be reviewed; which will be forfeited, if the Reviewer decides that the request has no basis.

Tie Break

As per ScoC

The 22nd BFAME Championships, LAHORE, PAKISTAN

5th May to 13th May 2023



Championships Schedule

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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