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SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

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1. **PREAMBLE**

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are Supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for Asia and Middle East Bridge Championships, as issued by the Bridge Federation of Asia & the Middle East and are specific for the 19th Asia & Middle East Bridge Championship to be played at Holiday Inn, Al Barsha Hotel in Dubai, UAE, from Monday 3rd till Wednesday 11th April 2017. These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 19th BFAME Championships 2017.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning for purpose of these Supplemental Conditions of Contest and, in addition, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

2.1 **"BFAME Championships"**
mean the 2017 Asia and Middle East Bridge Championships comprising Open, Women & Seniors Teams Championships along with Friendship Open Pairs and conducted under the auspices of the BFAME from 3rd to 11th April 2017 in Dubai, UAE, or at such other time and place as the BFAME may determine.

2.2 **"these Championships"**
mean the 2017 BFAME Championships and "championship event" means any of the events referred to in Section 2.1.

2.3 **"these Conditions of Contest"**
mean these Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 2017 BFAME Championships.

2.4 **"General Conditions of Contest"**
mean the General Conditions of Contest issued by the Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East for the BFAME Championships.

2.5 **"Open Teams Championship"**
mean the BFAME Open Teams Championship for Zakaria Adamji Memorial Trophy contested biennially (in the odd-numbered years) by teams from eligible BFAME member NBOs.

2.6 **"Women Teams Championship"**
means the BFAME Women's Teams Championship for Vinodini Goenka Trophy contested biennially (in the odd-numbered years) by teams from eligible BFAME member NBOs.

2.7 **“Seniors Teams Championship”**
means the BFAME Seniors Teams Championship, for Nawzad Shaker Trophy contested biennially (in odd-numbered years) by teams from eligible BFAME member NBOs.

All the three above Championships will be played simultaneously, for qualifying from Zone 4-BFAME representative teams for participation in 43rd Bermuda Bowl, 21st Venice Cup and 9th d’Orsi Seniors Trophy in Lyon, France from 12th to 26th August 2017 at Cite Centre De Congres.
2.8 "Friendship Open Pairs"

mean the BFAME Open Pairs contested biennially (in the odd-numbered years) by Pairs from BFAME member NBO, participating in the other championship events of the 2017 BFAME Championships, and additional Pairs representing the local players of host NBO and accompanying officials.

2.09 "World Standard Card"

means the Card referred to in Section 11.2, copies of which will be available at a BFAME Championship.

2.10 "Convention Card Desk"

means the facility set up at the site of these championships for filing and other services pertaining to Systems.

2.11 "Table Result Card"

means the Card referred to in Section 18.

2.12 "Open and Closed Rooms"

for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated by the Tournament Director.

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in the contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the BFAME President, in consultation with the Chief Tournament Director, shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to one gender shall include the other gender.

3. **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

See also Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest.

3.1 **Submission of Entries**

Each member NBO, in good standing of Zone 4/BFAME, shall be entitled to nominate one team for the Open Team Championship and/or one team for the Women Team Championship and/or one team for the Seniors Teams Championship. The names of the non-playing Captain and the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest, together with passport size photograph of each, should be sent, before 10th March 2017 to:

Amr Mekky or M. Azwerul Haque
amr.mekky@hotmail.com or azwer46@gmail.com

3.2 **Team Members**

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. If an NBO wishes to replace a team member, or members, or a fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement or increase [each must be from the NBO submitting the team] may be added prior to the start of the 1st Session of play with the permission of the BFAME President or his designated member of the Credentials Committee. However, the BFAME Council reserves the right, following such approval by the President or his designee to place any restrictions on that team if it deems proper.
3.3 **Penalty for Non-Participation**

In the event a previously entered team in these championships determines its inability to participate, the BFAME shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains’ meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the BFAME of non-participation shall result in the imposition of a US$ 500 penalty, payable by the NBO. Further, an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the BFAME deems appropriate.

4. **ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS**

BFAME Master Points may be awarded for the Open Teams Championship, Women Teams Championship and Seniors Teams Championship, in accordance with the BFAME Master Points Plan as and when such plan comes into force.

5. **CONVERSION SCALES**

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams shall be converted into Victory Points according to the new official WBF Continuous VP scales of 20-0 involving decimal places.

6. **TYPE OF CONTEST**

Participating teams will compete in accordance with schedule drawn up independently for the Open, Women and Seniors Teams Championships (Please see Appendix-A). These conditions are written with the expectation that entries in Open and in the Women/Seniors Teams Championship between 9-10 or 7-8 and 5-6 teams inclusive. If entries in any aforesaid championship event fall outside these limits, the BFAME President may, in consultation with Chief Tournament Director, make such changes to these Conditions of Contest as he deems appropriate, including the number of boards to be played in matches of any championship event.

(a) **The Open Teams Championship:**

The competing teams expected to be 9 or 10 will play complete double round robin of 16-board matches (18 matches) straight through, for 6 days, during 4th to 9th April’17. The top four teams will play the 64 boards (16x4) Semi Finals on 10th April’17 followed by 32 boards (16x2) Finals on 11th April’17. Both the finalists will qualify, and be eligible to represent Zone 4/BFAME in the 43rd Bermuda Bowl Championship in Lyon, France from 12th till 26th August’17 at Cite Centre De Congres, and the winners of the final shall be declared the Champions and winners of the 19th BFAME Open Teams Championship 2017 for Zakaria Adamji Memorial Trophy. However, in the event of one, or both, of the finalist teams’ ineligibility to participate in the 2017 Bermuda Bowl due to eligibility requirements of the WBF, replacement will be suitably made from the remaining spots, being so eligible.

(\textit{Note:} In the event of 7 or 8 teams, then the Semi Finals would be played over two days)

(b) **The Women Teams Championship:**

The competing teams expected to be 7-8 would also play double round robin of 16-board matches (14 matches) straight through, for 5 days, during 4th to 8th April’17. The top four teams will play the 64 boards (16x4) Semi Finals on 9th & 10th April’17 followed by 32 boards Finals on 11th April’17. Both the finalists will qualify, and be eligible to represent Zone-4/BFAME in the 19th
Venice Cup Championships along with Open Teams as mentioned above. However, in the unlikely case of 5-6 teams, it shall eliminate the need of Semi Finals and the teams would therefore play a Triple Round Robin (15 matches of 16 boards each), after which the top two teams would play Finals of 32 boards (16x2) on Wednesday 11th April’17. The winners of the final shall be declared the Champions and winners of the 19th BFAME Women Teams Championship 2017 for the Vinodini Goenka Trophy. In the event of the teams’ inability to participate in the 2017 Venice Cup due to eligibility requirements of the WBF, replacement will be suitably made from the remaining spots, being so eligible.

(c) Seniors Teams Championship:
This event will be played concurrently with the Open and Women Teams Championship depending upon the number of entries and the format explained above will be followed. In case of less than 7 teams, the top two teams would play the Finals of 32 boards (16x2), to determine the Champions and the winner will represent BFAME/Zone 4 in the 9th d’Orsi Seniors Trophy Championship along with Open and Women Teams as explained above. The winners will be declared Champions for the Nawzad Shaker Trophy.

(Note: According to WBF regulations a “Senior” in 2017 is a person whose 60th birthday falls during the 2017 calendar year, in other words, should be born before 01-01-1958).

(d) The Friendship Open Pairs:
This will comprise of only one session, to be played on Tuesday 3rd April 2017 after the Opening Ceremony and shall be open to all, including local players and officials. Entry Fee is US$ 20/- per pair for foreigners or AED 75/- for local players.

7. PROGRAMME & TIME SCHEDULE:
OPEN, WOMEN AND SENIOR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES, IN COMPLETE DOUBLE OR TRIPLE ROUND-ROBINS, WILL BE PLAYED DURING 4TH TO 9TH APRIL’17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE AS PER APPENDIX “A”.

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DAY – 6 SATURDAY 8th APRIL’17
10:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 13
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DAY – 7 SUNDAY 9th APRIL’17
10:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 16/SEMIS FINALS 1st SEGMENT (W)
14:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 17/SEMIS FINALS 2nd SEGMENT (W)
17:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 18

DAY – 8 MONDAY 10th APRIL’17
10:30 - STARTING TIME SEMI-FINALS 1st SEGMENT (O)/3rd SEGMENT (W)
14:30 - STARTING TIME SEMI-FINALS 2nd SEGMENT (O)/4th SEGMENT (W)
19:30 - STARTING TIME SEMI-FINALS 3rd SEGMENT (O)
20:30 - STARTING TIME SEMI-FINALS 4th SEGMENT (O)

DAY – 9 THURSDAY 11th APRIL’17
10:30 - STARTING TIME FINALS 1st SEGMENT (O, W & S)
14:30 - STARTING TIME FINALS 2nd SEGMENT (O, W & S)
19:30 - PRIZE GIVING & VICTORY BANQUET

IMPORTANT: All time schedules in this section are FIXED to avoid any confusion on any day, however they are subject to change, before or during these championships, at the discretion of the BFAME President, in consultation with the CTD.

8. LINE UPS

The Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure of a captain to submit his line-up in a timely fashion shall result in fines in accordance to section 17.2 in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the Championships.
The Line-ups during the Round Robin for both the teams must be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous round. The teams will not know the line-up of their opponents. The line-up for the first round must be given in accordance with the decision taken in the Captains Meeting.
In the Knock Out (KO) phase, the team to line-up first, must submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes after the end of previous session. The second team must then submit its line-up no later than 20 minutes after the end of the previous session or no later than 5 minutes after the submission of the first line-up, whichever is latest.
Line-ups are to be submitted in a dedicated area, with computers as designated by the Tournament Director. However, each team will have its own password protected page on the BFAME’s LAN set-up.
Once the line-up is submitted, it cannot be changed by the team captain, a genuine reason for the change along with the CTD approval are needed for such a change.
9. **DESIGNATION OF MATCHES**

9.1 Responsibility for the Draw and Allocation of Team Numbers. The BFAME President will allocate team numbers, 1 to 10 or as the case may be, to the participating teams, upon random draw by him in the 1st BFAME Council Meeting on Tuesday 3rd April’17. The teams shall retain their allocated team numbers in the 1st round-robin of Open, Women and Seniors Teams Championship. However, in the 2nd round-robin the position of finish/standing at preceding round-robin’s close shall be the team’s new number/allocation. All matches will be played in accordance with the stipulations of Appendix-"A". In case of semifinals of the Teams, the qualified teams shall be numbered according to their position of finish in the qualifying round-robin.

9.2 **Home and Away or Visiting Teams**

In each session of play, one team shall be "Home Team" [the team with the seating rights] and the other team shall be "Visiting or Away Team" [the team which posts its line-up First]. Subject to always to the over-riding provisions of Section 12.3, the procedure for determining Home Team and Visiting Team in each match or session of play shall be as follows:

**Round Robin Stage**

The first mentioned team in the matches as shown in the schedule of Open, Women & Seniors Teams, is the home team.

**Knock Out Stage**

There shall be a coin toss to determine the "Home Team" rights in the Semis-finals and Finals. When there are odd number of sessions, the winner of the toss gets the first choice for the session to be home or visiting team, then the opponents get the second choice and so on. When there are even number of sessions the winner chooses the seating rights in any of the two session portions and the opponents choose thereafter for the remaining portion.

[Note: in all cases regulations for the teams that include partnerships using HUM Systems will apply - See Section 12.3].

10. **CARRY-OVER**

There will be a carry over in the Semi-Finals and Finals of the Open, Women and Seniors Teams Championships. The carry over will be 1/2 or 1/3 of the IMP difference in the meetings of the teams in the round-robin. It will be 1/2 if the highest ranked team in the round-robin won against their opponents and 1/3 if the highest ranked team in the round-robin lost the match to their opponents. The maximum carry over will be calculated @ 0.25 imp per board of the Semi Finals or Finals. Therefore (4x16) for the 64 board Semi Finals a maximum of 16 imps (64x0.25) will be applicable for all the Open, Women & Seniors Teams Championships. Similarly, for 16x2=32 board Finals, the maximum carry over would be 8 imps.

In the event of three (3) teams playing Triangular of 16 boards each to determine the winner, there shall be no carry over.

11. **DISCLOSURE OF SYSTEMS AND CONVENTIONS**

11.1 **WBF Systems Policy**

The WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest. The Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup (including the respective Play-offs) are Category 1 events. In Category 1 events all Systems are allowed but see Section 11.2 below for restrictions during the Round Robin Phase. The d’Orsi Seniors Trophy
and the World Transnational Open Teams are Category 3 events, thus no HUM or Brown Sticker systems are permitted at any stage. If a pair in the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup is found to have used any such convention not listed on its Convention Card, it will be given a disciplinary penalty of up to two VP's deducted from the team’s score. In addition, the Tournament Director gives an adjusted score if he deems that the opponents are damaged by the use of such an unknown convention.

The pair will not play again until it has corrected its card to the satisfaction of the Head Tournament Director. If the pair re-offends in this way they will not be allowed to play in partnership for the rest of the event. The same penalties will apply to pairs in the d’Orsi Seniors Trophy and the WTOTC and, in addition, such penalties will be applied should any pair in either of these events be found to have used a Brown Sticker Convention.

11.2 General Regulations During the Round Robin of the BFAME Championship, HUM systems and Brown Sticker Conventions will be prohibited. HUM Systems and Brown Sticker Conventions will be authorized for use in the Knock Out stages in both the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup but not for the d’Orsi Seniors Trophy and only provided additional, separate convention cards, including separate forms for each Brown Sticker Convention to be played, together with viable proposed defenses are submitted in full accordance with the regulations below. Each pair is permitted to register and play a maximum of three Brown Sticker Conventions.

11.2 Submission of Systems

Each team captain is responsible for mailing to

amr.mekky@hotmail.com or azwer46@gmail.com or azwer@khi.comsats.net.pk

as soon as possible, but in any event before 15\textsuperscript{th} March 2017 for every partnership that will play in these Championships, their Systems described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, preferably using the CCE - Convention Card Editor (which is available to all NBOs) and accurately and legibly typed, plus Supplementary Sheets, also typed, as necessary to describe conventional sequences in detail (if typing is not feasible, printing by hand may be used, but legibility is essential). Penalties for failure to submit Conventions Cards and Supplementary Sheets to permit satisfactory photocopying, in time are (in addition to Section 11.2.1) specified in Section 17.1.

11.2.1 Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not reached the organizers in accordance with these Conditions of Contest shall (in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 17.1) be required by the Tournament Appeals Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than 3 matches in the first round-robin.

11.3 Supplementary Sheets

Where a conventional sequence cannot be described adequately in the space provided on the WBF Convention Card, a reference number should be placed prominently at the appropriate place on the Card; a Supplementary Sheet bearing that reference number, and containing the complete explanation must be submitted along with the Card.
11.4 **Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets**

(a) Any changes to the duly submitted (as per section 11.2) Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see (d) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event not later than 15\textsuperscript{th} March’17. These changes (which may be clarifications amendments, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions) must be first approved by the BFAME President or his designee. On-site, changes to systems will be approved or required by the Tournament Review Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the Chairman of the Tournament Review Committee.

(b) For a change to be implemented, it must be duly approved, signed, and dated by the Chief Tournament Director, and then circulated to all relevant teams in timely fashion. Such circulation may be done by mailing by the BFAME, or by manual distribution on site at the Captains’ Meeting, or through Captain’s mailboxes on site. For a change to be approved before arrival in Dubai, UAE must reach Amr Mekky, Chief Organizer or to M. Azwerul Haque by 15\textsuperscript{th} March’17. Otherwise, official approval will be given only on site.

(c) Approval for a change may be given or refused in whole or part by the BFAME and may be given subject to conditions. One such condition will usually be that any such change cannot be implemented during a round robin or during a stage of the event, with possible prejudice to unprepared opponents being a particularly important negative factor. Clarifications and improvements to presentation will not be considered as substantives changes.

(i) A new page of the Convention Card/Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change.

(ii) A separate printed/legible hand written in BLOCK LETTERS/typed sheet describing completely the proposed change and referring to the place(s) on the new pages where they can be found and any cross-references to Supplementary Sheet notes.

(iii) Two e-mail addresses for communication should this be necessary. (phone numbers only for emergencies).

11.5 **Special Responsibility for HUM, RED and BROWN STICKER**

About HUM, RED and BROWN STICKER systems/conventions, there is a special responsibility for users to explain their methods in sufficient detail (as per the Guide to Completion and the CCE), the first time that Cards are submitted. If these submissions are inadequate, the pair may be barred from using those inadequately described methods for the entire tournament and for at least the first-round robin. These penalties are quite severe, but with the duly executed distribution of these Conditions and all significant materials by the BFAME, no pair will be permitted to claim ignorance of this special responsibility. The NBO, the Captains and the players are jointly responsible for contacting the BFAME, should there be any problems in obtaining the necessary tournament information in timely fashion. If these materials are received late, it is the responsibility of both parties concerned to so inform the BFAME as soon as possible.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR TEAMS USING HUM SYSTEMS

12.1 **Highly Unusual Methods**

Highly Unusual Methods are utilized in any System which exhibits one or more of the following features as a matter of partnership agreement:

a) A pass in the opening position promises the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, and the player who passes may hold a queen or more above average hand strength (i.e. an average hand contains 10 high card points).
b) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
c) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values of a king or more below average strength.
d) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit; or either length in a specified suit or length elsewhere.

12.2 **Submission of HUM Systems**

The team captain of any team containing one or more pairs intending to use a HUM System shall send a full copy of any HUM System in English, together with the Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets, to Amr Mekky, Chief Organizer by 15th May'15. Failure to comply with this regulation or poor presentation of the System may result in such pair or pairs not being permitted to use HUM System, as the Tournament Review Committee shall in its discretion determine. In making any such determination, the Tournament Appeals Committee may apply Section 11.2.1. It is highly recommended that a full copy of a HUM System, in English, also be filed at the Convention Card Desk, at the Championship site, by the time of the Captains' meeting on Tuesday 3rd April'17.

12.3 **Regulations for Pairs using HUM Systems**

If a team includes any pair using a HUM System, it will be subject to the following regulations:

a) The pairs using HUM Systems should be available at least 15 minutes before the scheduled beginning of matches or sessions, to supply any information and clarification that may be requested by the opponents.
b) When a team that includes a pair using a HUM System (whether such pair will play) is opposing a team that has no such pair, the HUM System team will always be the Visiting Team. No special seating rights or line-up restrictions shall apply when two teams containing pairs using HUM Systems (regardless of line-up) oppose one another.
c) The team opposing a team which includes one or more pairs using a HUM System will submit three copies (clearly legible) of their defences (if any) to the HUM System in writing, at line-up time for the match; these defences shall be filed at the Convention Card Desk and supplied by the captain to the captain of the opposing team. In preparing these defences pairs using Green, Blue or Red Systems can change their systems including opening calls. Pairs using HUM Systems are not allowed to change their opening calls.
d) The pair using a HUM System must inform the opponents in writing (hand-written, 2 clearly legible copies) about their counter-defence at the table, prior to the start of the session. In preparing their counter-defence,
the pair using the HUM System is not permitted to change any of the highly artificial aspects of its system.

12.4 **Written Defences**

a) Notes on the defence against HUM Systems and on defence against the defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems and may be used by both pairs at the table, during the period when the aperture of the screen is closed and, also, for the purpose only of responding to a question, when the screen is open. See also Section 16 of the General Conditions of Contest for BFAME Championships.

b) A pair may prepare written defences against the artificial elements of a Red System or the Brown Stickers elements of any system (See the WBF System Policy, attached). Also, these defenses are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems (see 13.4(a)).

13. **LENGTH OF MATCHES**

Each 16 board matches in the qualifying round-robin will be played straight through and will be completed giving 8 ½ minutes playing time with screens, within (2) two hours and (20) twenty minutes, and the same would apply to each of the 16-board segment of Semi-Finals and Finals; after that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see section 17). Additional time will not be allowed for teams playing on Vu-Graph; neither will extra time be granted because of the use of bidding boxes, screens, discussions of systems or for other similar reasons. Vu-Graph presentation for any match or sessions will not start until The Chief Tournament Director notifies the Chief Commentator or his designee.

14. **TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES**

14.1 **Two Teams**

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) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in that event. If the tie remains, then:
b) Victory Points earned by the tied teams in the combined matches they played against each other, in that event. If the tie remains, then:
c) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the combined matches they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
d) Total points earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
e) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
f) One board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

14.2 **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) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that event. If one tie remains it shall be broken in accordance to Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

c) 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 that event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance to Sub-section 14.1.

d) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with the following:

e) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

f) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

g) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

h) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

14.2 **Four Teams:**

If four or more teams are tied with same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken as per the following.

a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1 and 14.2, if appropriate. If there are more that three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:

b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.2, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:

c) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1 and 14.2, if appropriate. If there are more that three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:

d) One-board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

14.3 **Finals**

In the finals, if a tie exists at the end of the match, it will be resolved by playing four additional boards. Should a tie still exist, four more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, one board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

15. **DISQUALIFICATION**

In the case of a team being disqualified, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may in the discretion of the BFAME Council be declared void and the scores earned by its opponents in those matches be cancelled or varied.
16. **PENALTIES**

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the International Code. All infringements of the International Code will be dealt with in accordance with the International Code. Monetary fines shall be paid in US Dollars, or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee. Upon publication of these Conditions of Contest no further warning is required (whether from the Director or otherwise) prior to the application of any penalty under the provision of the International Code or of these Conditions of Contest.

Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team after the Round-Robins. The VP penalties shall not affect individual matches for purposes of tie-breaking procedures in any manner, but may determine a team's ranking and affect carry-over. Penalties assessed in IMPs shall be deducted from the score of the offending team after the match during which the penalty was imposed, before its VP score is calculated. However, the score of the non-offending team shall not be affected, except in the knockout semifinals and final matches.

16.1 **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/- to be paid prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

16.2 **Failure to Submit Line-up on Time**

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with Section 9:

a) for the first such offence a warning shall be issued by the Tournament Director;

b) for the second offence, there shall be a fine of US$10;

c) for the third offence, there shall be a fine of US$20 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of US$30;

d) penalties are cumulative.

When failure to provide the line-up-in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, penalties under this Section shall be imposed only on the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. The captain of the other team shall have five minutes after the filing by the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the extra five minutes allocated in the foregoing, whichever is later, this captain too is deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to penalty under this Section.
16.3 **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 as per the following scale:

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16.4 **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 pairs shall be subjected to penalty, as per the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

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

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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.
16.4.2 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.

16.5 **Fouled Board**

See Section 13 of the General Conditions of Contest for explanation. If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to procedural penalty.

18. **Recording of Matches and Verification of Scores**

Bridgemates will be used for the official recording of the bidding, play and scores throughout the Championships. This recording is the responsibility of the team sitting North/South at each table. The N/S pair at each table will be responsible for the keying of the bidding, play and scores into the Bridgemates, whether this is undertaken by a member of the partnership or by the Captain, Coach or other designated person. The E/W pair (or their Captain, Coach or other designated person) will be responsible for agreeing the score by keying in their confirmation. The official score will be that keyed in by N/S and agreed by E/W. Players and Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores.

The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in Section 23.1; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

i) Awaiting a decision of the Reviewer on a requested review;

ii) Completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Championship Committee or the Operations Director.

18.1 **Score Corrections**

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71, 63 and 64. 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. 23.2

18.2 **New Technology**

The BFAME may decide to introduce and adopt a new electronic system of reading and registering the bidding and play during the Championships, in which case the regulations for use of this system will be published in due course.

19 **Duplicated Boards**

Duplicated boards will be used throughout these Championships, whenever possible.

20. **Attendance in Playing Rooms**

Subject to any supplementary regulations made by the BFAME Council before these Championships begin, except by special permission of the President, only the following are permitted to enter the playing rooms:
a) participants assigned to play in that room;
b) Tournament Directors;
c) personnel needed to operate these Championships, including assigned recorders, scorers, timers, caddies and Vu-Graph personnel;
d) the President;
e) Tournament Reviewer;
f) other members so appointed to assist the Tournament Reviewer who are on duty;
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 President.
i) a maximum of two members of the Daily Bulletin staff to be named by its Editor.

21. **SMOKING PROHIBITED**

Smoking in the playing area and toilets is strictly prohibited. Teams of players offending this regulation will be penalized with 0.5 VP for each such violation.

22. **MOBILE TELEPHONES PROHIBITED**

Mobile telephones will not be allowed in the playing area and toilets. Teams of players offending this regulation will be penalized with 2 VPs.

Issued at Karachi

M. AZWERUL HAQUE

24th February’17

BFAME VICE PRESIDENT

**Alerting Procedures**

Players who participate in The BFAME zonal championship are expected to protect themselves. They are also expected to observe the spirit of the laws as the letter. Full disclosure is vital. Alerting should be done properly; see screen regulations, and explanations are given in writing.

**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♣ (1club) must be alerted if it may show 2 cards.
5. Precision 1♠ strong 1♥/1♦ systems must be alerted as well as their conventional responses at each time they occur.
6. For strong 1♥/1♦ systems all natural bidding should be alerted as showing a maximum of certain points.
7. Conventional special doubles and redoubles.
Quick Reference to
2017 Supplemental Conditions of Contest

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. The line-ups of the teams to be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session.
4. Line-ups are to be submitted at the place designated by the Operation Director. This will be a dedicated area, where the teams will Line-Up. The time of the Line-Up will be recorded, and penalties for late line-ups will be mandatory accordingly. An official clock will be set in the playing area for showing the official time.
5. A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session.
6. Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in the auction and in their carding.
7. The use of Mobile phone in the playing area is totally prohibited (no exception), a severe penalty of 2 VP 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. Random checking will be in order at any time during the play with the above penalty applied. Beside the above penalty, a 50$ fine or equivalent will be applied if mobile is found with the player during the play session, with the approval of the C.T.D.
8. Smoking is not allowed in the playing building/Area, a severe penalty of 2VP will be given for such infraction and if the infraction is repeated, it will be reported to the Organizing committee for more penalties.
9. The playing area includes the toilets. 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. Mobiles or smoking are not allowed during that time with the same penalties as above. Before going to the toilets any player must empty his/her pockets, bag, etc.; and the above-mentioned penalties will be applied if appropriate.
10. 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. Players are not allowed to watch their own team.
11. No mobiles or smoking are allowed, and if found the player 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.
12. Non-playing captains can watch their own team in the closed or the open rooms with the provisions
13. Screen regulations shall be followed with written explanations and proper alert procedure.
14. For triangular 3-Team movement, when all boards are finished, players must stay at their table till the T.D. announces the movement for the finishing round. The played boards must be put in order and left on the side table.
15. Before moving, players should check the scores with their opponents, and make sure not to leave the scores behind.

In case of only 4 teams

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OPEN, WOMEN AND SENIORS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS: FIVE-SIX, SEVEN-EIGHT or NINE-TEN

BROAD FORMAT

Triple Round Robin matches if only 5 or 6 teams otherwise Double Round Robin matches of 16 boards to be played straight through, with results to be computed based on WBF new Continuous Victory Points Scale of 20-0 in decimal places. The top two or four teams with highest Victory Points after the triple or double Round Robin, will qualify for the straight Finals of 16 x 2 = 32 boards or Semi Finals of 16 x 4 = 64 boards followed by Finals of 16 x 2 = 32 boards.

The winner of the 19th BFAME Open Teams Championship will be declared as Champions and awarded the Zakaria Adamji Memorial Trophy.

Likewise, the winner of the 19th BFAME Women Teams Championship will be declared as Champions and awarded the Vinodini Goenka Trophy.

Similarly, the winner of the 19th BFAME Seniors Teams Championship will be declared Champions and awarded the Nawzad Shaker Trophy.

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES:

(The first named team is the home team)

For three different categories, 5-6 teams, 7-8 teams or 9-10 teams

In the event of a Bye, it shall be the last table

Tuesday 4th April’17
(Round 1) 10:30-12:50
1 vs 6  2 vs 5  3 vs 4
1 vs 8  2 vs 7  3 vs 6  4 vs 5
1 vs 10, 2 vs 9, 3 vs 8, 4 vs 7 and 5 vs 6.

(Round 2) 14:30-16:50
5 vs 1  4 vs 2  6 vs 3
7 vs 1  6 vs 2  5 vs 3  8 vs 4
9 vs 1, 8 vs 2, 7 vs 3, 6 vs 4 and 10 vs 5

(Round 3) 17:30-19:50
1 vs 4  2 vs 3  5 vs 6
1 vs 6  2 vs 5  3 vs 4  7 vs 8
1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5 and 9 vs 10

Wednesday 5th April’17
(Round 4) 10:30-12:50
3 vs 1  6 vs 2  5 vs 4
5 vs 1  4 vs 2  8 vs 3  7 vs 6
7 vs 1, 6 vs 2, 5 vs 3, 10 vs 4 and 9 vs 8

(Round 5) 14:30-16:50
1 vs 2  4 vs 6  3 vs 5
1 vs 4  2 vs 3  5 vs 7  6 vs 8
1 vs 6, 2 vs 5, 3 vs 4, 8 vs 10 and 7 vs 9

(END OF FIRST ROUND ROBIN FOR 5 TO 6 TEAMS)

[IN THE SECOND-ROUND ROBIN, THE SAME SCHEDULE AS OF FIRST ROUND ROBIN WITH NEW TEAM NUMBERS AS PER RANKING AT THE END OF FIRST ROUND ROBIN]

(Round 6) 17:30-19:50
Repeat of Round # 1.

3 vs 1  8 vs 2  6 vs 5, 7 vs 4
5 vs 1, 4 vs 2, 10 vs 3, 9 vs 6 and 8 vs 7
Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} April’17

(Round 7) 10:30-12:50  Repeat of Round # 2.

\textbf{1 vs 2, 5 vs 8, 3 vs 7, 4 vs 6}

\textbf{1 vs 4, 2 vs 3, 7 vs 10, 6 vs 8 and 5 vs 9}

\textbf{(END OF FIRST ROUND ROBIN FOR 7-8 TEAMS)}

[IN THE SECOND-ROUND ROBIN, THE SAME SCHEDULE AS OF FIRST ROUND ROBIN WITH NEW TEAM NUMBERS AS PER RANKING AT THE END OF FIRST ROUND ROBIN]

(Round 8) 14:30-16:50  Repeat of Round # 3

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 1}

\textbf{3 vs 1, 10 vs 2, 7 vs 6, 9 vs 4 and 8 vs 5}

(Round 9) 17:30-19:50  Repeat of Round # 4

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 2}

\textbf{1 vs 2, 6 vs 10, 3 vs 9, 4 vs 8 and 5 vs 7}

Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} April’17

(Round 10) 10:30-12:50  Repeat of Round # 5

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 3}

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 1}

\textbf{(END OF SECOND ROUND-ROBIN FOR 5-6 TEAMS)}

[IN THE THIRD-ROUND ROBIN, THE SAME SCHEDULE AS THAT OF FIRST OR SECOND ROUND ROBIN WITH NEW TEAM NUMBERS AS PER RANKING AT THE END OF SECOND ROUND ROBIN]

(Round 11) 14:30-16:50  Repeat of Round # 1.

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 4.}

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 2.}

(Round 12) 17:30-19:50  Repeat of Round # 2.

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 5.}

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 3.}

Saturday 8\textsuperscript{th} April’17

(Round 13) 10:30-12:50  Repeat of Round # 3.

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 6.}

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 4.}

(Round 14) 14:00-16:50  Repeat of Round # 4.

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 7.}

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 5.}

\textbf{(END OF SECOND & FINAL ROUND ROBIN FOR 7-8 TEAMS)}

(Round 15) 17:30-19:50  Repeat of Round # 5

\textbf{Repeat of Round # 6.}

\textbf{(END OF THIRD & FINAL ROUND ROBIN FOR 5-6 TEAMS)}
Sunday 9th April’17

10:30-12:50  Repeat of Round # 7/Semi Finals Women (1st segment)
14:30-16:50  Repeat of Round # 8/Semi Finals Women (2nd segment)
17:30-19:50  Repeat of Round # 9

(END OF ROUND ROBIN FOR OPEN & WOMEN SEMI-FINALS)

Monday 10th April’17

10:30-12:50  Semi-Finals Open & Women (1st [O]& 3rd segment)
14:30-16:50  Semi-Finals Open & Women (2nd [O]& 4th segment)
19:30 – 21:30  Semi-Finals Open (3rd segment)
20:30 – 22:50  Semi-Finals Open (4th segment)

Tuesday 11th April’17

10:30-12:50  Finals Open, Women & Seniors (1st segment)
14:30-16:50  Finals Open, Women & Seniors (2nd segment)

(END OF FINALS & CHAMPIONSHIPS)

19:30 – 21:30  Prize Giving & Victory Banquet

NOTE:
1. The BFAME President will allocate team numbers, 1 to 9 or 10 for the Open and 1 to 7 or 8 for the Women and 1 to 5 or 6 for Seniors as referred to above to the participating teams, upon random draw by him in the 1st BFAME Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd April’17.
2. Each 16-board match whether in the double/triple round-robin or the knock out stage must be completed within 140 minutes (or 2 hours and 20 minutes) of the scheduled starting time of each match.
3. Thus, the average duration of each board played with screens would be slightly more (8.75 minutes) than the WBF allocated 8.5 minutes.
4. The above schedule of matches will come into effect upon approval of the Conditions of Contest by the BFAME Council and shall be accordingly published in the Daily Bulletin if amended.

IMP Scale

| 0 - 10 = 0 | 750 - 890 = 13 |
| 20 - 40 = 1 | 900 - 1090 = 14 |
| 50 - 80 = 2 | 1100 - 1290 = 15 |
| 90 - 120 = 3 | 1300 - 1490 = 16 |
| 130 - 160 = 4 | 1500 - 1740 = 17 |
| 170 - 210 = 5 | 1750 - 1990 = 18 |
| 220 - 260 = 6 | 2000 - 2240 = 19 |
| 270 - 310 = 7 | 2250 - 2490 = 20 |
| 320 - 360 = 8 | 2500 - 2990 = 21 |
| 370 - 420 = 9 | 3000 - 3490 = 22 |
| 430 - 490 = 10 | 3500 - 3990 = 23 |
| 500 - 590 = 11 | 4000 - more = 24 |
| 600 - 740 = 12 |
## WBF Continuous VP Scale

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

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