



# Bridge Federation of Asia and Middle East

Zonal trials

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*General Conditions of contest*

*Special edition for the online trials 2021,*

*Event on RealBridge platform*

## **1. Preamble**

These Conditions of Contest are the standard regulations which apply to the online Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East Championships.

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

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

### **2.1. BFAME Alerting Policy**

Means the Policy, issued by the BFAME from time to time, that regulates the alerting procedure in a BFAME Championship

### **2.2. BFAME Systems Policy**

Means the Policy, issued by the BFAME from time to time, that regulates the use of Systems in a BFAME Championship.

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

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

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

Mean the respective Directors so designated by the BFAME for a Zonal Bridge Championship

### **2.6. BFAME Monitor**

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

### **2.7. Executive Council**

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

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

Means the publication of that name issued by the BFAME/WBF to instruct players in the correct completion of BFAME/WBF Convention Cards for a Zonal Bridge Championship copies of which may be obtained from the BFAME 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 BFAME/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 BFAME 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 BFAME.

### 2.14. Review Form

Means the form prescribed by the BFAME/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 BFAME Bridge Championship, either as contained in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest or as subsequently determined by the BFAME.

### 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 BFAME/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 review Committee and Credentials Committee

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

### 2.22. WBF

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

### 2.23. BFAME/ WBF Convention Card or Card

Means the Convention Card authorized by the BFAME/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 BFAME Zonal Bridge Championships a competitor must comply with the Olympic Charter as well as with the rules of the BFAME/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 BFAME, 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 BFAME 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 BFAME 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 BFAME 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 BFAME as follows:

Any competitor in an BFAME 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 BFAME zonal championship and has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, he shall not participate in an BFAME 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 BFAME 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 BFAME, 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 BFAME 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 BFAME for annual dues or for entry fees to any BFAME 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 62 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 BFAME disciplinary committee.

Any complain shall be sent to the head TD who will discuss the case with the BFAME-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. Completion of BFAME/WBF Convention Card**

#### **7.1. Publication of Systems**

Registration of Convention Cards with the BFAME gives the BFAME 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 BFAME to persons other than those requiring them for the purpose of running the tournament.

#### **7.2. 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, in accordance with the BFAME 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 BFAME/WBF Convention Card and Supplementary sheets as required. Partnerships are required to file their Convention Cards and supplementary Sheets.

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.
- 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 BFAME 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.

### 7.3. Supplementary Sheets

- a. The BFAME/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.

### 7.4. 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.

## 8. 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.

## **9. Restrictions**

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

### **9.1. 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.

### **9.2. 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 BFAME for the detection of such electronic equipment.

### **9.3. Disqualification from any BFAME 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.

## **10. Penalties**

It is expected from all the players 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.

## **11. 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.

### **12. 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.

### **13. 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 fault 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 continues 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.

### **14. Walkover**

If a team, by its own fault, is unable to play against another team, ( see 13 ), will score zero VP. A second walk-over by the same team will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee 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.

### **15. 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.

### **16. Screens**

The use of screens is mandatory throughout in all Zonal team BFAME 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 20 seconds may well be regarded as being significant.

## **17. Entry fees & Prizes**

- Entry fees shall be:

- One Team only: **US\$ 1000**
- Two teams: **US\$ 1750**
- Three Teams: **US\$ 2500**
- Four Teams: **US\$ 3000**

- payment details.

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## **18. Rulings and reviews**

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

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

(see definition in Section 2.14 , 2.15)

### **19.1. 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).

## **20. 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.

### **20.1. Deposit Requests for Review**

When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit with the BFAME monitor. The amount of deposit required will be US \$ 100, 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.

## **21. Review Procedure**

### **21.1. 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.

## **22. Team Requirements**

The BFAME 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.

## **23. Authority of the BFAME Executive Council**

The BFAME Organizing Committee reserves the authority to modify or supplement these Conditions of Contest and the supplemental conditions of contest at any time.

## **24. Line up**

Supplemental conditions of contest – online version -.

## **25. Agreement to the conditions of contest**

Entering or being accredited to attend BFAME Championships means that everybody concerned with such entry knows and agrees to abide by these Conditions of Contest and the supplemental conditions of contest.

## **26. 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/bfame/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/) )

## **27. Appendix 2: BFAME Systems Policy**

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

## **28. Appendix 3: BFAME Alerting Policy**

The BFAME 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 BFAME Website ( [www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/) ) or WBF Website ( [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) ) or from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com).

## **29. Appendix 4: BFAME Psychic Bidding Policy**

The BFAME 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 the BFAME Website ( [www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/) ) or WBF Website ( [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) ) or from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com).

## **30. Appendix 5: WBF Code of Practice**

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## **31. Appendix 6 – WBF/BFAME IMP to VP Conversion Scale**

This scale will be used in BFAME/ 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