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**ONLINE QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS FOR  
WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022  
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**1. INTRODUCTION and FORMAT**

**1.1 Introduction**

This Event comprises Qualification Competitions of the CACBF for the World Teams Championships 2021/2022 ("the WTC") to be played online, using the RealBridge platform (RB), 25th to 31st of October 2021. The event consists of 4 National Teams Competitions in the Open, Women's, Seniors' and Mixed Categories to qualify for the WTC. A Trans-National Swiss Team competition is also included as indicated by the program, Appendix 1. The Event will be governed by the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 ("the Laws"), the CACBF General Conditions of Contest ("the GCoC") as published on the CAC website, these Supplementary Conditions of Contest ("the SCoC") and the separate regulations that will be communicated in letters to the NBOs. Unless otherwise stated or illogical in context, the definitions used in the GCoC apply also to these SCoC. But see Section 7 hereunder in connection with interpretation of the Laws.

NBO's are responsible for requiring their players to be familiar and practiced in the RealBridge format

**1.2 Format**

It is anticipated that each of the four Qualification Competitions will be played as either a single or double complete round robin of matches with 16 boards. The Trans-National will be Swiss Team. The duration, format, and number of boards in a particular Competition will be determined when the number of teams registered is finalized.

**1.3 Draw**

Prior to play an official draw for numbers in the schedule of play will be made and published on the CAC website. Should there be a variation in the number of teams participating, adjustments in the draw and schedule of play may occur. These will be published on the CAC website prior to the start of each Competition.

**2. ADVANCE ORGANIZATION**

**2.1 Registration**

**2.1.1 Registration of Teams and Players' Names**

Registration of teams complete with the captain's and players' names must be submitted by e-mail to Jeanne Petrov-Stojanovic, the CACBF Secretary at petrov.jeanne@gmail.com no later than 8 Oct 2021.

### **2.1.2 Right to enter**

Each member NBO is authorized to enter one team in each of the four qualifying competitions. NBOs must have paid the entry fee and be in good standing with the CAC and WBF. Each participating NBO must play against all other participating NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification and possible disciplinary measures. The Trans-National members can be any bridge player not under sanction from a bridge organization.

Each pair in the Mixed Team Competition must have one player of each gender.

To participate in the Seniors' Competition a player must be aged 62 or older during 2021.

## **2.2 Entry Fees and Costs**

### **2.2.1 Entry Fees**

The entry fee for each qualifying Competition will be \$600.00US; for the Trans-National \$400.00US.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer before or on 15 October 2021 to

BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION – See Appendix 2

## **2.3 Team Members**

In addition to a non-playing captain and a coach or team-manager, each team is entitled to have six playing members. An NBO may change or add members up to 3 days before the commencement of play of each Competition.

All such changes are subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee.

Except with the permission of the Head TD or Championship Committee, such substitute or added player must use one of the systems already filed in accordance with Section 3.2 below.

## **2.4 Tournament Directors**

Jack Rhind will be Chief tournament Director in addition there will be:

- "System" TDs working within the RB platform; and
- "Assistant" TDs on call in the various competitions

## **2.6 Credentials Committee**

The names of the captain, coach and the other members of each team as submitted to the CAC Secretary in accordance with Section 2.1 above will reviewed by the Credentials Committee for consideration of approval of participation. NBO's may be asked to provide documentation showing that a member satisfies CAC eligibility criteria.

## **3. SYSTEMS**

### **3.1 Systems Policy**

The WBF Systems Policy apply to these Competitions.

All five Competitions are classified as Category 3 events (no HUMs or Brown Sticker methods). Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in the auction and in their carding.

The systems must be described on System (Convention) Cards and Supplementary Sheets in accordance with the CAC 's GCoC, and submitted as described below.

### **3.2 Submission of Systems (in all Competitions)**

Systems in all Competitions must be registered with the CAC no later than 8 October 2021 by email to Jack Rhind, rhind.jack@gmail.com. Captains should ensure that their e-mail address is provided to enable the directors to contact them should queries arise. Systems will be posted and available on the CAC website

Minor changes to systems (which may be clarifications, amendments, minor additions and/or cosmetic revisions) will be accepted up to 18 October 2021. Revisions will be published on the website with the other systems, marked as REV1 or REV2 etc., thus giving captains the opportunity to compare them with the original submission. The maximum number of Supplementary Sheets is four.

### **3.3 Format of Cards for submission**

Cards must be in the WBF/CACBF format

## **4. RULES FOR RUNNING THE TEAMS MATCHES**

### **4.1 Composition and Seating of Teams**

#### **4.1.1 Designation of teams**

The team mentioned first in the schedule of matches is designated as the Home Team.

#### **4.1.2 Line-up procedure**

Both captains submit their line-up without knowing the line-up of their opponents.

Line-ups for a round have to be submitted before the end of the previous round. The actual names of the players must be used.

#### **4.1.3 Seating of teams**

The Home Team sits throughout in the N/S position in the Open Room and in the E/W position in the Closed Room. Players will be seated automatically by the RB platform based on the lineups submitted.

### **4.2 Period of Play and penalties for slow play**

Penalties for late arrival and slow play are as described in Appendix 3 of the GCoC

#### **4.3.1 Equipment and Layout**

NBOs must insure that their players have adequate equipment to support all features of Real Bridge.

#### **4.3.2 Multiple Players in one Location**

Situations where multiple players are at the same location are to be avoided. If absolute necessary players must be in separate rooms. Since sound and video must be active this can be verified.

#### **4.3.4 Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices**

Except computers in use for play, mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication may not be in use by players. No headphones, earphones or comparable devices are allowed, only keyboard communication.

Violations will be subject to a penalty once a warning has been delivered.

#### **4.3.5 Other Equipment and Items**

The only items recommended in a player's vicinity are:

- their monitor (with RB in full screen mode, sound on and microphones on);
- their keyboard and "mouse";

- the opponents' System Cards and Supplementary Sheets;
- a private score card and writing utensil.

#### **4.4 GENERAL RULES DURING PLAY**

##### **4.4.1 Language**

Players may communicate only in English, even if all players have another language in common. TD adjudications will be in English only.

##### **4.4.2 Behaviour**

During the match players should avoid discussion or arguments with partner or opponents. In case of dispute a player's proper recourse is to the TD.

##### **4.4.4 Calling the TD**

Mechanical problems will be dealt with automatically. However, it is necessary to call the TD when:

- (a) the platform has not dealt with a mechanical issue satisfactorily;
- (b) a player is unresponsive, or the play becomes 'stuck' in some other way;
- (c) there is conflicting information about the meaning of a call or play, e.g. when an alert/explanation is different from the system card or does not reflect the partnership understanding;
- (d) there appears to be use of unauthorized information;
- (e) there is a dispute over a claim/concession.
- (f) there is a request for an undo;
- (g) there is any bad behaviour.

##### **4.4.5 Consulting System Cards**

Consulting one's own system card between the commencement of the auction period and the end of play is not allowed.

##### **4.4.7 Alerts and Explanations**

Players are responsible for alerting and explaining to their screen mates any call they make that is alertable (self-alerting).

##### **4.4.8 Pauses in bidding and play**

There will be delays automatically generated by the platform before first round bids and plays are visible. Details of the delays will be announced at least a week prior to the start of the event.

#### **4.6 Protest time**

In respect of scores the protest time of all matches played in a day ends at the starting time of the first match on the day following. In respect of scores which are manifestly incorrect, protest time is extended to prior to the start of the penultimate round.

In respect of scores in the final day's play protest time ends two hours after the official finishing time of the final match.

The time for a request for a TD ruling or for a review of a ruling already received ends 30 minutes after the official score has been made available for inspection.

#### **4.7 Publication of decisions**

All decisions involving play, penalties, deals, infringement of the Rules, etc., will be e-mailed. However, the fact that a penalty has not yet been posted and that the attention of the players or captains has not yet been drawn to it does not nullify the penalty.

#### **4.8 Byes, Ranking and Ties**

##### **4.8.1 Byes**

In the event of a team having a bye in any round it will receive 12 VPs.

##### **4.8.2 Ranking**

Final rankings will be according to the total number of VPs scored by each team.

##### **4.8.3 Ties**

A tie between two teams will be broken in accordance GCoC

### **7. LAWS INTERPRETATIONS and OPTIONS**

Words and phrases in the Laws and GCoC applicable in face-to-face bridge, and not specifically defined in these SCoC, shall be interpreted *mutatis mutandis* to an online environment.

#### **7.1 Call Undo**

A player wishing to substitute a call under Law 25A1 shall call the TD who will rule on whether to allow the substitution.

#### **7.2 Call or Play Undo**

A change of call or play based on misinformation (Law 47E2) may be allowed by the TD. Otherwise a change of call or play is not allowed.

### **8. RULINGS AND APPEALS**

In keeping with recent WBF procedures, appeals will be reviewed by an adhoc assembly of peers and ruling is final

### **9. PARTICIPATION IN WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The top ranked teams in each Qualifying Competition will earn the right to participate in the World Team Championships in Italy March 2022.

Should a qualified team withdraw, it will be replaced by the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team from these Competitions, and so on for any further withdrawals.

### **12. CHANGES IN REGULATIONS**

These SCoC may be amended and/or augmented, at the discretion of the CAC, if circumstances so warrant in order to ensure that the event can progress in a smooth, efficient and fair manner. This includes possible precautionary measures due to Covid 19.

### **13. CONFLICTING REGULATIONS**

In case of a conflict between these SCoC and the GCoC, these SCoC shall prevail.

Matters not regulated here are governed by the GCoC, the Laws of Duplicate Bridge and relevant provisions and regulations of the CAC (or failing that, a relevant regulation of the WBF)

# APPENDIX 1

## Preliminary Game Schedule

**October 25 – 31 2021**

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AST Round Robin 1 for Open, Women and Senior Teams  
13:00 AST Round Robin 2 for Open, Women and Senior Teams  
16:00 AST Round Robin 3 for Open, Women and Senior Teams

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AST Round Robin 4 for Open, Women and Senior Teams  
13:00 AST Round Robin 5 for Open, Women and Senior Teams  
16:00 AST Round Robin 6 for Open, Women and Senior Teams

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AST Round Robin 7 for Open, Women and Senior Teams  
13:00 AST Round Robin 8 for Open, Women and Senior Teams  
16:00 AST Round Robin 9 for Open, Women and Senior Teams

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AST Semi-Final 1 for Open, Women and Senior Teams, Match 1 for Trans National Teams  
13:00 AST Semi-Final 2 for Open, Women and Senior Teams, Match 2 for Trans National Teams  
16:00 AST Final 1 for Open, Women and Senior Teams, Match 3 for Trans National Teams

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AST Final 2 for Open, Women and Senior Teams, Match 4 for Trans National Teams  
13:00 AST Round Robin 1 for Mixed Teams, Match 5 for Trans National Teams  
16:00 AST Round Robin 2 for Mixed Teams, Match 6 for Trans National Teams

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AST Round Robin 3 for Mixed Teams, Match 7 for Trans National Teams  
13:00 AST Round Robin 4 for Mixed Teams, Match 8 for Trans National Teams  
16:00 AST Round Robin 5 for Mixed Teams, Semi-Final 1 for Trans National Teams

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AST Round Robin 6 for Mixed Teams, Semi-Final 2 for Trans National Teams  
13:00 AST Final 1 of Mixed Teams, Final 1 for Trans National Teams  
16:00 AST Final 2 of Mixed Teams, Final 2 for Trans National Teams

#### **Note 1:**

Start time for simultaneous competitions will be slightly staggered.

#### **Note 2:**

AST is GMT(UTC) minus 4 hours