

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST
FOR
DELHI GYMKHANA CLUB OPEN BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2025
Under the auspices of Bridge Federation of India

1. PREAMBLE

The conditions of contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions and Regulations for the National tournaments as specified in the "**Hand Book**" of Bridge Federation of India, and are specific to the **Delhi Gymkhana Club Open Bridge Tournament 2025** organized by **Delhi Gymkhana Club** under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India (BFI)** from **20th to 23rd November 2025** at **Delhi Gymkhana Club, New Delhi**

The Championship will be conducted under the technical management of Bridge Federation of India. The schedule of events will be as published in the tournament brochure and as given in the tournament web site https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwor/bw.cgi?club=dba&pid=display_page29. In case of necessity, the Tournament Committee in consultation with the Chief Tournament Director may alter / modify the format of any of the events. The tournament will be played in accordance with the laws and provisions laid down by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) and Bridge Federation of India (BFI). **The Championship will follow the WBF – 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.**

This tournament is considered as the North Zone Championship and the Team of Four & Match Point Pairs event of this tournament are **BFI Category-2 Ranking Point events**. Hence performance in these events will **be eligible for Ranking Points (as per the National Ranking and Selection Policy 2024-25)**, which is used for selecting pairs to participate in Selection Trials of Indian Teams. See the policy at <https://bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/National-Ranking-Policy-2025-Final2.pdf>.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 GENERAL RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- 2.1.1** Participation in this tournament is open to resident bridge players of Indian Nationality. Teams having one or more non-resident Indian bridge player(s) or foreigners will also be eligible to participate. However, being **Category-2 Ranking Point event**, the non-resident player & his partner will not be eligible for the ranking points from this tournament (In case, if the non-resident player has played with 2 or more partners in the team event, then all of them will be ineligible for the ranking points). **In case there are more than one pair of non-resident Indian players or foreign players playing for a team in the team event, the whole team will be disallowed any ranking points.**
- 2.1.2** Though the partnership with non-resident Indian / foreign player is not eligible for the ranking points from this tournament but they will be eligible for the prizes. Rank secured by such pair will not get substituted. For e.g. If we are giving ranking points up to 8 positions and the 5th rank is secured by a non-resident Indian player(s) / foreign player, then no ranking points will be allocated to any Indian players for that rank.
- 2.1.3** All participating players are required to be registered under BFI Master Point Scheme but being a Club tournament, the Tournament Committee may allow players who are not registered with the BFI MP scheme, asking them to become members as early as possible.

- 2.1.4 By participating in this tournament, each member Association/ Organization and contestants agree that all or portions of every tournament event may be filmed, recorded or otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the BFI.
- 2.1.5 By participating and /or intending to participate in this tournament each contestant agrees that he/she shall not claim for any loss in earning for any reason connected with the event, against the organizers and /or BFI.
- 2.1.6 All participants are to play as per the schedule drawn up by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) or his representative. Refusal to play against any player(s) or any team or withdrawal from an event at any stage, without the consent of the CTD shall result in disqualification for further participation in that event. CTD and the Tournament Committee, in addition, may take further disciplinary action against the offending player(s)
- 2.1.7 English will be the official language for players to communicate with each other during the play in the championship.
- 2.1.8 TRIOS are not allowed in any of the Pairs events.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3.1 OPEN TEAM EVENT FOR KAWALJIT SINGH TROPHY

A team for this event may consist of four, five or six players. The Open Team event will be played over Four days as given in the prospectus. All the contestants will play 6 rounds of qualifying Swiss league on day-1 (Thursday, 20th Nov 2025) and 3 rounds (Rounds 7 - 9) before lunch on day-2 (Friday, 21st Nov2025). Each round will be of 10-boards each.

TOP 15 teams and one Top non-qualified Delhi Gymkhana Club (DGC) team will qualify for the Pre-Quarterfinal stage.

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams at the end of each round of the Swiss League shall be converted into VP, according to the WBF Continuous VP Scale (20-0)

• GENERAL RULES FOR TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

1. In case of odd number of teams in Swiss League, one team will get a bye. 12 VPs shall be awarded to such a team in Team of Four event.
2. ***Pre dealt boards*** will be played.
3. There will be no seeding of teams in Team of Four events. The first round will be by random draw. Thereafter the usual Swiss league draw will be followed.
4. Important: Each member of a team is required to play a minimum of 25% of the boards in Swiss League (i.e. minimum 3 rounds out of the 9) & further 25% in every qualifying KO stage to play in the next KO stage.

• SEATING PRIVILEGES IN SWISS LEAGUE

In Swiss League, the "Home Team" will sit NS and the "Away Team" will sit EW in the OPEN room. It will be reverse in the CLOSED room, where the "Away Team" will sit NS and "Home Team" will sit as EW.

• PRE-QUARTER FINAL

The Pre-quarterfinal matches will be played in 3-sessions of 10 boards each on day-2 (Friday, 21st Nov2025). The team finishing at top at the end of the Swiss league will choose their opponents from among the teams placed from 9th to 16th position. Subsequently the team finishing 2nd in the Swiss league will choose their opponent from among the remaining teams from 9th to 16th position and so on.

The eight PQFs losers would be ranked joint 9th to 16th for prizes and they will be seeded to play in the second session of Match Point (MP) Pairs event, in case they have given their MP Pairs entry before the start of the MP Pairs event.

• **QUARTER FINAL**

The winners of PQFs will play the quarter-final matches of 30 boards in 3 sessions in the morning of day-3 (22nd Nov 2025). The quarter-final matches will be 1 Vs. 8, 2 Vs. 7, 3 Vs. 6 & 4 Vs. 5.

The four quarterfinal losers would be ranked joint 5th to 8th for prizes and they are seeded to play in the third session of MP Pairs event, in case they have given the MP Pairs entry before the start of the MP Pairs event.

• **SEMI-FINAL**

The Semi-final will be played in 3 sessions of 10 boards each on day-3 afternoon (22nd Nov 2025). The Semi-final line up will be 1 Vs. 4 & 2 Vs. 3.

• **FINAL & Play-Off**

The Two semi-final winners will play a 48- board match in four sessions (12 boards per session) on last day of the tournament (23rd Nov 2025). IMPs would score the match, with the team having the higher IMP-score (after deducting penalties, if any) at the end of the match being the winner and the loser the runners-up.

The Semi-final losers will play a 36- board match in three sessions (12 boards per session) to finalize the 3rd / 4th positions.

• **Carry Over – TEAM EVENT**

There will be carry over at all stages of the K.O.

In case of direct Knock-out matches, the teams will carry forward part of their difference of the Swiss league match score, if any, between the two teams. The part shall be one half of the difference in the direct match between teams, if the team that won the direct match finishes higher than their opposing team at the end of qualifying league and one third otherwise, subject to maximum of one fourth of the total boards to be played in that KO stage. So, for the 30 board PQF / QF / SF KO matches, the maximum carryover will be 7.5 IMPs, and for the 48 board Final KO match, the maximum carryover will be 12 IMPs.

• **Line-Up for KO Matches**

The line-up must be given to the tournament director in accordance with the time schedule. Failure to submit line up may attract penalty as decided by the director.

In each of the KO matches, Team ranked higher (lower serial number team) will sit NS in open room in all the sessions. Lower ranked Team winning against higher ranked team will automatically occupy the higher ranked position.

There shall be a coin toss for exercising the seating rights. The winner of the toss elects in which session it wants to have the seating rights; the opponents then automatically have seating rights in the other session. The team with "Seating rights" will ask their opponents to give their line-up first. In a 4-Session KO, the winner of the toss will have the right to exercise the seating rights for either 1st and 3rd or 2nd and 4th segments, which need to be communicated to the CTD before start of the KO match. In case of 3 segments, the leader at end of 2nd segment will have the seating privilege in the 3rd segment.

A change of player, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of the session and no restrictions of any pair playing against another pair apply for any of the sessions of the match.

If there is any pair who uses Brown Sticker conventions, they should be available 10 minutes before the schedule beginning of the match to present their system and answer questions by the opponent.

3.2 Open Match Point (MP) Pairs

The Open Match Point Pairs event will be played over 2.5 days, as given in the prospectus. It will consist of a 3-Session elimination round each of 26 boards. The first session will be played from afternoon of day-2 (21st Nov 2025) and the 2nd & the 3rd session will be played in the morning & afternoon on day-3 (22nd Nov 2025).

Pairs of teams losing in PQFs and QFs will be seeded to the 2nd & 3rd Session of Open MP Pairs elimination round with a pre-determined score, in case their Pairs entry is given before start of the MP Pairs event by the closing time of 1230 Hrs. on 21st Nov 2025.

The Open MP Pairs final will be played on day-4 (23rd Nov 2025) in 2 sessions of 26 boards each. **A total of 40 Pairs will play in the finals.**

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- A pair will be allowed to participate at any stage of a pairs event, independent of whether one or both players are qualified to KO stage or not. Even a player, who has not participated in the team event, will be allowed to play the pairs event with another player, who is qualified to any KO stage of team event. However, the following conditions will be applied for allowing such partnerships:
 - The pair should have given their entry before the start of the elimination round of the Pairs event.
 - Not more than 3 pairs of a team will be allowed to play as seeded pairs, when they join from a KO stage to the Pairs elimination round / session. As the onus will be on the team captain to inform about the 3 pairs being allowed from the team, hence each pair of the team should inform their captain and take his permission beforehand about playing with a player outside the team.
 - If a seeded pair who has given the pair event entry before start of the event, and is joining the pair event after getting knocked out of the team event, wants to change his partnership due to certain reasons, he / she will only be allowed to change the player either from their own team, or with a player of other team, which has got eliminated at the same KO level of team event as his / her.
 - A player in a team qualifying for knockout stage will be considered as "Seeded" only if he/she has played a minimum of 25% of the boards in every stage of the KO.
- **In case of a sit out (bye) due to the movement in any Pairs event, the score of Pairs who will be playing less no. of boards will be factored to the total boards, which are supposed to have been played. e.g. A pair plays 24 Boards instead of 26 boards due to sit out in the movement. His score (Match Points or IMPs) will be multiplied with a factor of 26/24.**
- **In case of a Pair(s) withdrawal midway in the event, the TD will award Avg+ (60%) score on the first board and Avg (50%) on the subsequent boards to the non-offending side.**

• Carry Over – Match Point Pairs EVENT

There will be carryover from the elimination round to finals, given to the qualified pairs.

The carryover formula will be:

$C = (M - m) [(Q/E)(A \times B \times Q)/S]$; Where:

C = carryover

M = matchpoints of a given pair

m = matchpoints of lowest qualifying pair

Q = pairs to be qualified
E = pairs entered in the event
A = average on each board in the final session(s)
B = number of boards played in qualifying session(s)
S = sum of the scores of all qualifiers

The maximum carryover to final cannot be more than 2 boards score. If the formula determines the high carryover to be above the allowable limits, the formula is abandoned and the following procedure is followed: Subtract the low-qualifying score from the high-qualifying score and divide this number into the maximum allowable carryover. The resulting factor is multiplied by the difference of the high qualifying score and the low-qualifying score. Thus the low qualifier will have a carryover of zero, and the high qualifier will have the maximum allowable carryover.

When a qualified pair is replaced by a reserve pair, the carry-over is computed using the actual score of the reserved pair.

• General Rule for giving Pre-determined Scores to Seeded Pairs

For giving pre-determined scores for those seeded pairs, who will join in the 2nd / 3rd Session of Match Point Pairs, the following method will be applied:

$x = (Q \cdot T) / (T + D)$; where

T – No. of qualified pairs;

D – No. of drop in seeded pairs;

Q – No. of the qualifying spots at the end of the current phase.

x - Carryover to be given to seeded pair equivalent to the carryover of the qualified pair whose rank is the calculated value (rounded to integer)

For e.g. if 40 Pairs have to be qualified to the final and if 80 (T) pairs played the 1st Session and 20 (D) seeded pairs join in the 2nd Session, then $x = (40 \cdot 80) / (80 + 20) = 32$ position. So the carryover Score of the 32nd position qualifier will be given to all the seeded pairs joining in the 2nd Session

3.3 IMP Pairs

All those who do not qualify for the finals of Open MP Pairs can participate in this event after giving the required entry fee. This event will be played in 2 sessions of 22 boards on day-4 (23rd Nov 2025), as given in the prospectus.

4. ENTRY FEE AND SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

The team of four event entries must be submitted online through the form given on the web site: https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwor/bw.cgi?club=dba&pid=display_page33

The Pairs entry (both Match Point & IMP Pairs) will be taken at the venue itself as per the last date of entries as stipulated in the brochure.

The entry fee payment for all the events will be collected in CASH at the venue as per the entry fee schedule mentioned in the Tournament brochure.

5. Authority of the Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee reserves the rights to alter or modify this SCoC. In exercising this right the committee shall also have the right to ratify any clear error in the SCoC as soon as it is brought to its notice, provided that the error is evident from the context or from it's being in conflict with the laws.

6. SYSTEM POLICY

"**BFI System Policy 2021 (Updated)**" will be followed. The policy can be found on BFI web site <https://bfi.net.in/bfi-national-policies/>

Please note that the main events of the championship (Team of Four & Match Point Open Pairs) have been categorized as **Category 2 Events** and the use of **HUM systems and Brown Sticker conventions are totally prohibited in them.**

In Category-2 events, Psychic Artificial bids are prohibited in qualifying rounds where as **Psychic Artificial opening bids** are prohibited in KO stages.

7 Convention cards and Submission of Systems

Fully filled System Convention Card (CC) with supplementary sheets, if necessary, must be displayed at the table for all segments of all events. If any team does not have their convention card at the table, they may be penalized.

Players must disclose fully the meaning of their conventional agreements, particularly, conventions and treatments that may require defensive preparation by opposing pairs. In addition to system card, pairs shall use supplementary sheets, where necessary, to achieve this objective. To satisfy the principle of adequate disclosure, the onus is on each pair to prepare for the information of opponents an accurate and comprehensive system card.

Understandings whereby there may be violations of the normal meaning of the call, and where the nature of violation may possibly be anticipated, must also be disclosed in the convention card with full detail in a supplementary sheet, wherever necessary. The understandings may be explicitly agreed or they may have developed from partnership experience or mutually shared knowledge not available to opponents.

If a player makes use of any conventional call not sufficiently described on his system 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. The onus of disclosure is on the user. When there is a claim of damage through inadequate disclosure, the CTD and the Review Committee will give the benefit of any doubt to the opponents.

Opening bid of 2 Diamond, which shows weak in either major with or without the possibility of any other strong hand has to be explained in detail with responses and subsequent rebids.

Normal range of Weak Two opening should be specified and situations where it can be below minimum need to be alerted.

Each pair of every team is required to present at the table two copies of convention cards from the beginning of any event. However, at the beginning of the pre-quarter final knock-out of the Team event, each pair of every team qualified for the pre-quarterfinal shall submit one copy of their convention cards to the CTD, before the commencement of pre-quarterfinals. Failure to follow any stipulation of this section may be subjected to penalty at the discretion of Review committee /CTD, in addition to restriction on use of certain methods.

It is mandatory for all the pairs to have in their possession a duly filled convention card at the table. If a pair forgets a convention or resorts to a psyche, and there is no convention card, director is empowered to assume mistaken explanation and may award an adjusted score [Law12C1]. In addition to this the offending pair may not be allowed to use that convention in the rest of the match. Frequent violations of the system, amounts to a private understanding and will be dealt severely.

Failure to follow any stipulation in this section may be subject to procedural penalty at the discretion of Appeals Committee /CTD in addition to restrictions on the use of certain methods as specified in the BFI system policy. Use of HUM system and/or Brown Sticker conventions in violation of what is permitted as per this SCoC will be penalized.

Partnership may clearly describe their strategy of third hand openings. Third hand subminimum openings are required to be alerted and lower limit of such opening should be specified very clearly. It is also essential to clarify conditions of such subminimum openings. Consistency in such calls by partnerships is expected.

CCs "MUST BE DISPLAYED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TABLE" from start of the tournament.

8. 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 CTD may designate a substitute to complete the team. The result obtained by the substitute shall stand unless the Tournament Committee judges that the substitute's bridge skill were considerably greater than those of the players replaced, in which case an adjusted score may be determined. Whether or not the result stands, the Tournament Committee may impose appropriate penalties when it judges a team to be at fault.

In Pairs events, the CTD may make emergency substitution, whenever it is necessary for the smooth running of the game. If this emergency substitution may result in disqualification of any contestant, the contestant shall, where practicable, be informed by the CTD, at the time the substitution.

9. Procedure for Forfeits & Withdrawals

If utmost necessary, a team is permitted to withdraw only with the expressed consent of CTD after the completion of any Swiss round, or after a direct knock out match but not after the beginning of a match during any stage or in the middle of knock out match. In case a team withdraws without such expressed consent, the members of the team may be disqualified for the rest of the championship by the CTD & the Tournament Committee may also have to face the disciplinary proceedings by BFI Disciplinary Committee.

Walkover should be reported to the director before the start during KO matches.

Two walkovers by the same team will mean a compulsory withdrawal of that team from the Competition. The Tournament Committee or the Disciplinary Committee may impose additional penalties to the forfeited team.

If a team is unable to play or complete a match, CTD may find the team in default and declare the match forfeited. The scoring will be done as follows:

➤ Swiss Teams

In this case,

- The non-offending team will receive 12 VPs.
- The forfeiting team will get a maximum of 8 VPs. Depending on circumstances, this result may be reduced by the Technical Committee.

➤ Pair Events

If a pair withdraws after completing one-third of the session all scores obtained against the withdrawn pair stand. Any pair required to 'sit out' as a result of the withdrawal receives AVE+ for the first sit-out board and AVE for each subsequent board.

If a pair withdraws before 1/3 of the session has been completed all scores against that pair are cancelled. Pairs at any resulting half-table receive their own average (=not played)

Note: in a multi session event, all scores obtained in previous session/s stand, and any half tables in further sessions are treated as not played.

In a Howell type event (all play all) the above applies but a pair required to sit out receives the higher of Ave+ or the converse of the withdrawn pairs average.

IMPORTANT: Teams / Pairs giving walk over or forfeiting the match at any of the knock out stage of the team event or finals of the Pairs event will not be eligible for Master Points & ranking points under the BFI ranking Policy. The Tournament Committee has the discretion to award negative ranking points equal to the eligible points at the stage the Team / Pair has forfeited.

10. Disciplinary Rules and Penalties

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the laws. All infringements of the law will be dealt with in accordance with the norms laid down by Bridge Federation of India.

- **Lateness** – In the Swiss League, penalty will be imposed on any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of the session according to the following scale.

0+ to 5 minutes - late warning;

5+ to 10 minutes – 1.0 VP;

10+ to 15 minutes - 2.0 VPs;

a team may forfeit its match if it is late by over 15 minutes, at the discretion of the CTD/ Chairman Tournament Committee.

In a knock-out match after 5 minutes of grace time, a penalty of 1 Imp per minute will be imposed up-to 30 minutes and CTD may also reduce the number of boards. A team may forfeit its match, if it is late by over 30 minutes, at the discretion of CTD / Chairman Tournament Committee.

- **Slow Play or Late finish**– If slow play is reported and the Director is convinced about it, he may impose penalty on the offending side.

0+ – 5 minutes late - 1 VP

5+ – 10 minutes late - 1½ VPs

Over 10 minutes late - 2 VPs.

In case any match is not finished within the stipulated time, the Director may stop play after 10 minutes and declare result on the boards played. The result may be adjusted to bring equity to the non-offending side in case of reduction of boards.

- **Mobile Phones** – Mobile phones shall be switched off during the play, Team from which the players are observed calling or receiving call during the play will be penalized 0.5 VP (2 IMP) for the first offence and 1VP (3 Imps) for any offence thereafter. Repeated violation by any player may mean suspension of that player / pair at the discretion of the CTD and Reviewer. In KO matches, players will not be allowed to carry the mobiles phones. They should be submitted with the CTD / Organizers.
- “Zero tolerance” policy will be strictly implemented. Mandatory **penalty** of 1 VP for first offence, 2 VP for second offence, 3 VP for third offence and thereafter suspension.
- **Alcoholic Influence** – Consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area is prohibited. Any player consuming alcohol before or during the session in play area or is observed to be under alcoholic influence during the play, will result in his team being penalized 2 VPs (6 Imps in a KO match). CTD may also decide to substitute such a player. However further penalty may be imposed depending on the condition and behavior of the player on the table at the discretion of the CTD.
- **Smoking:** Smoking in the designated playing area is prohibited. Once the play starts no player shall leave the table in order to smoke. Any violation will be subject to penalties: 1 VP (3 IMPs/20% of top earned MP in pairs or KO matches) for the first offence, 2 VPs (6 IMPs/40% of top earned MP in pairs or KO matches) for the second and any subsequent offence. For repeated violation the player/pair may be suspended for the session at the discretion of the CTD.
- **Movement of Players:** Once the play is over, players are expected to go out of the playing area and not to watch the play at any other table.
- **ADDITION OF POWERS TO DIRECTORS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:**

The BFI Disciplinary Code, 2024 (amended) is effective from 1st January, 2024 and will be implemented for all events of this tournament as well.

The link for the code is at: <https://bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-01-23-BFI-Disciplinary-Code-V9.pdf>

In accordance with Section XXXVIII of the Rules and Regulations of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of BFI

XXXVIII. CODE OF DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS:

The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel, suspend or otherwise discipline a player for any of the following reasons:

- (i) In case of any impropriety / cheating / fraud committed by the said player.
- (ii) In case of misbehavior with officials or fellow contestants during various bridge competitions or contests or during meetings of the Council, Executive Committee, or any other bridge related forum.

With respect to the above clause, if any competitor is found guilty of Improper conduct, including without limitation, acts of aggression, violence or intimidation, on the part of an individual towards any director/s in preview of their ruling against any individual where such nominated director is in performance of his/her BFI duties or functions, whether within the context of laws and bye laws of BFI rules and regulations and WBF Laws for Duplicate Bridge will be seriously taken for procedural penalty and disciplinary action immediately.

Penalties liable to be imposed for misconduct:

Procedural Penalty: Notwithstanding any penalties which have been empowered to a Director as per WBF Law of Duplicate Bridge 2017, the director may depending on the gravity of the reprehensible conduct, impose one or more of the following penalties in respect of reprehensible conduct:

- (a) Warning;
- (b) On repeated misconduct in the same/later appearance, a penalty of 2 VPs/5 Imps
- (c) Where Reprehensible Conduct occurs frequently at or in connection with a BFI Event, disqualification of all results (including, at the discretion of the hearing panel, the results of the team) at such BFI Event, including forfeiture of any points, prizes and medals;

Disciplinary Action:

- (d) Suspension for a given period of at least 3 to 6 months from the day of adjudication of final verdict of violation to participate in any national federation recognized events or minimum 2 federation events whichever is later.
- (e) Suspension for a given period of time of at least 1 year from the day of adjudication of final verdict of violation to participate in any national federation recognized events or minimum 4 federation events whichever is later.
- (f) Permanent ban on the person concerned (excluding STATES) from attending and/or participating in BFI Events and/or activities;

11. Tie- breaking Procedures

Team Event:

The teams with identical scores after deducting all penalties will deem to have tied.

In case of a tie for the last qualifying position in a Swiss league, determinations of rank will be broken on VP product of all rounds but for all other qualifying positions, tie is broken by draw of lots, as per BFI handbook - Page No. 66.

In Knock-out matches, even a difference of 0.01 IMP (accrued due to carry-over) will be considered a win. In case of a tie break in knock out matches, there will be play off of extra four board match for the tie break. Fresh Line up of pairs will be allowed at this stage. If the tie persists, tie breaking will be done by one board ("sudden death") matches to determine the winner with same pairs to continue. Difference of 1 IMP is a win.

Pair Event:

Tie in a Pair event will be broken as per BFI handbook - Page No. 65.

12. Length of Matches

10 board matches: 1 Hour 15 Minutes (Without Screen) / 1 hour 25 minutes (With Screens)

12 board matches: 1 Hour 30 Minutes (Without Screen) / 1 hour 40 minutes (With Screens)

13. Review Procedure

Players have the right to bring to the notice of the Director any irregularity on the table, during play and the match. Directors will give ruling on such irregularities, if necessary, after consultation with a panel of experts.

As per the latest WBF rules, after a Director has given a ruling, request for a review may be made to the CTD by players/ Team along with a review fee of Rs. 1000 to the Tournament Director.

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. However the time required for the review procedure will not hold-up the play of the subsequent round.

The recipients of a ruling will be entitled to ask for the matter to be reviewed by a reviewer who was not involved in the original decision. The reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when 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 judgment that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players were consulted. Finally the Reviewer will check that ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness.

14. Appeal on Scoring of Results

Appeal for correction of an error in Computing or tabulating the total point score of an agreed number of tricks on the hand must be made on the score appeal form which is to be submitted to CTD within 20 minutes of the end of the respective session. (10 minutes for the last session). However in case of discrepancy between official results on any board, correction period may be extended by CTD

15. Ethics and Deportment

All contestants are required to conform at all times to the highest standards of ethics and deportment. BFI 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. All contestants (including non-playing captains) are expected to accept the decisions of the Tournament / Review Committee in a sportsman like manner.

16. Spectators

Any person in the playing area, other than a player or a tournament official, has the status of a spectator unless the Director specifies differently. A spectator may not look at the hand of more than one player. During a round a spectator must refrain from mannerism or remarks of any kind and must have no conversation with a player. A spectator at the table shall not draw attention to any aspect of the game.

17. Disciplinary Powers

THE BFI DISCIPLINARY CODE, 2024 (AMENDED) EFFECTIVE FROM 1st JANUARY, 2024 WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ALL EVENTS MENTIONED ABOVE.

The link for the code is at: <https://bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-01-23-BFI-Disciplinary-Code-V9.pdf>

For any BFI event, the entry of any player, pair, or team may be rejected. If this occurs the affected party or parties will receive, in writing, the reasons for the rejection. The offenders will be given reasonable opportunity to answer the allegation in person or in writing. The

Governing Council of BFI, has constituted and empowered a "Disciplinary Committee", which will exercise these disciplinary powers. Typical causes of disciplinary action are:

Any breach of the Laws or proprieties of bridge as set out in the Code or in these regulations, Offensive behavior, Withdrawal or non-attendance from an event without good reason.

EVENT RECORDER OR COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee shall nominate a person of high standing in the bridge community or a committee of three members to the position of Event Recorder. The person /persons so nominated, and accepting the position, shall perform the following functions.

1. The Event Recorder will receive verbal or written complaints.
2. The Event Recorder will decide, if a complaint is serious or trivial (in which case the complainant is told immediately the reasons for not pursuing it).
3. If the complaint is serious, the Event Recorder will inform the complainant that he will approach the person(s) concerned and advise them of the complaint and the names of the complainant.
4. The complainant will be asked if there were any witnesses and the Recorder will note their names.
5. The Recorder will discretely approach the person concerned (and their playing partner) and advise them of the complaint, and ask the partner if it is true. If the partner says it is true, various actions are open to the Recorder.
 - Warning (if not too serious)
 - Advise the person(s) that the Tournament Committee will be contacted to recommend suspension for X games. If the Recorder is present during the competition where the alleged offence took place, he may put the player on a "good behavior bond" for the rest of the competition, and if no further complaints are received, decide to drop the matter
 - Advise the Tournament Committee that the person is suspended for all or part of the event. In the most serious cases, advise the Tournament Committee that the person be banned for an extended period
6. Where there is no admission of guilt, bring all parties together and try and ascertain the truth. All incidents, with full details, shall be kept in the RECORDER BOOK, which is cross-indexed by name. Only the Recorder and the President of BFI shall be permitted to see the Recorder Book.

18. Tournament Schedule

As given in the Tournament Web Site and Tournament Brochure.