

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST
FOR
DELHI GYMKHANA CLUB INDIA OPEN BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2018
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 by the Bridge Federation of India, and are specific to the ***Delhi Gymkhana Club India Open Bridge Tournament 2018*** to be played at ***Delhi Gymkhana Club, New Delhi*** from ***16th to 18th March 2018***.

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 prospectus. 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.***

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 GENERAL RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- 2.1.1 The tournament is an open event and any participant including foreigners can participate.
- 2.1.2 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.
- 2.1.3 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.
- 2.1.4 All participants are to play as per the schedule specified in this document and the Tournament Prospectus. Refusal to play against any player(s) or any team or withdrawal from an event at any stage, without the consent of the Chief Tournament Director shall result in disqualification for further participation in that event. The Tournament Committee, in addition, may take further disciplinary action against the offending player(s)

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3.1 OPEN TEAM EVENT FOR DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS TROPHY

A team for this event may consist of four, five or six players. The Open Team event will be played over three days as given in the prospectus. All the contestants will play 6 rounds of qualifying Swiss league on day-1 (Friday, 16th March 2018) and 2 rounds (Rounds 7 - 8) before lunch on day-2 (Saturday, 17th March 2018). Each round will be of 10-boards each. 8 teams will qualify for Quarterfinal stage. This will constitute of the Top 7 teams (it may contain a Delhi Gymkhana Club team as well) and 8th place will be reserved for best Gymkhana club team (The Gymkhana Club team which is ranked highest from 8th position onwards in the Swiss league).

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 the event of a tie for the last qualifying position in a Swiss league, determinations of rank (i.e. 1st to 7th position) will be broken on VP product of all rounds as per BFI handbook, page No. 66.
2. 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.
3. If a team is unable to play or to complete a match and the CTD/Tournament Committee may find that team is in default and declare the match forfeit (Walk Over), the other team being declared winner. The loser will receive zero VP and the winner shall receive the greatest of 12 VPs or average (at the end of the Swiss League) of its VP, whichever is the higher. The CTD may impose additional penalties to the forfeited team.
4. Important: Each member of a team is required to play a minimum of 25% of the boards in Swiss League (i.e. minimum 2 rounds out of the 8) & further 25% in every qualified 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.

• QUARTER FINAL

For the quarterfinal matches, to be played on day-2 (Saturday, 17th March 2018), the 8 qualified teams will be divided into 2 groups and will play an all-play-all Super League within their group i.e. 3 rounds of 12 boards each. Group A will consist of Team Nos. 1, 4, 5 & 8, whereas Group B will consist of Team Nos. 2, 3, 6 & 7.

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

The top 2 teams of both the groups will qualify for the semi-finals. The four quarterfinal losers would be ranked joint 5th to 8th for prizes and they are seeded to play in the Second elimination of Pairs event, in case they have given the OPEN Pairs entry before the start of the Pairs event.

• SEMI-FINAL

The winners of Group "A" in the quarter-final shall play the 2nd ranked team of Group "B" and winners of Group "B" in the quarter-final shall play the 2nd ranked team of Group "A" in the 3-Session knock-out semi-final to be played in the morning of day-3 (Sunday, 18th March 2018). Each session will be of 8 boards each. The team having the higher IMP-score (after deducting penalties, if any) at the end of the 3-Session match will be the winner of the match.

The two semi-final losers would be ranked as joint 3rd & 4th and they are seeded to play in the Pairs Final event, in case they have given the OPEN Pairs entry before the start of the Pairs event.

• FINAL

The Two semi-final winners would play a 30 board match in three sessions (10 boards per session). 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 losers the runners-up.

• **Carry Over – TEAM EVENT**

There will be no carry-over in the Quarter-Final matches, as they are being played as Super-league.

In case of direct Knock-out matches (Semi Final & Final), 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 24 board Semi-Final KO match, the maximum carryover will be 6 IMPs, and for the 30 board Final KO match, the maximum carryover will be 7.5 IMPs.

• **Line-Up for SEMI-FINAL & FINAL 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 case of quarter-final super league, the teams will sit according to the HOME & AWAY team rules. However, in case there is a conflict, where one of the team wants to sit their players based on their opponents at the table, director will ask both the teams to submit a blind line-up in line-up form.

In the SF and Final (three session match), the highest ranked team will HAVE THE CHOICE TO BECOME HOME TEAM in first or second session. Home team is the team with the seating rights and the other team will be the Away team (team which posts its line up first). For the 3rd session the leading team will have the choice to be home or away team.

The team which is Home team in 1st session will play as NS in the open room and EW in the closed room throughout, for all the sessions. 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 even will be played over 2 days, as given in the prospectus. It will consist of a 2-Session first elimination round (each of 18 boards) to be played on day-2 (17th March 2018). Approximately 40-50% pairs will then qualify to the 2nd elimination round to be played in the morning of day-3 (18th March 2018). The qualifiers will be joined by the pairs of the losing quarter-finalist teams in the 2nd elimination round, which will be played as one session of 24 / 26 boards.

The Open MP pairs final will be played in the afternoon of day-3 (18th March 2018). 30 Pairs will play in the finals, which will be of 15 rounds of 2 boards each (half the field). The TOP 21 pairs from Pairs Elimination-2 round will qualify for the Pairs Finals. The rest 9 pairs will be:

- ***6 Pairs of the 2 losing Semi-finalist teams.***
- ***2 TOP non-qualified Gymkhana Pairs from the 2nd elimination round will be seeded to the Pairs Final.***
- ***The Sponsor, Dhampur Sugar Mills, has the right to nominate one Pair, either Ladies or Juniors, to be seeded into the Pairs Final.***

IMPORTANT: A seeded pair from quarter-final (getting direct entry to Pair elimination -2) or semi-final stage (getting direct entry to Pairs Final) can only play with a seeded pair of same rank & class. That is if he is entering from QF stage, then his partner should also be from QF stage. He cannot play with an unseeded or a player who has qualified for next stage i.e. Semi-final. A player in a team qualifying for QF or SF 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.

• Carry Over – Match Point Pairs EVENT

There will be carryover at each stage of the elimination round till 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 cannot be more than 3 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 reserve pair.

• General Rule for giving Carryovers to Seeded Pairs

For giving Carryovers for those seeded pairs, who will join in the 2nd elimination round or Final of Match Point Pairs, the following method will be applied:

The carryover of the nearest integer of (The Number of Pairs who get qualified from the Previous Round / 2)th position pair will be given. So, for example, let us say 50 pairs from elimination-1 round of MP Pairs get qualified to the next stage and 10 seeded pairs join them, then all the 10 seeded pairs will be given the carryover of the (50/2) = 25th ranked pair from the original 50 pair qualifying list.

This will not hold good for DGC / Sponsor's pairs entering in the finals of the Pair event. They will be given zero carry-over.

3.3 SPECIAL Match Point Pairs

All those who do not qualify for the 2nd elimination round of Open Match Point Pairs can participate in this event, without paying any entry fee. The event will be played in a single session of 18/20 boards in the morning of 18th March 2018, as given in the prospectus.

3.4 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 a session of 24 boards from the afternoon of 18th March 2018, as given in the prospectus.

4. ENTRY FEE AND SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Entries must be submitted in the prescribed form accompanied by the requisite entry fees, stating the names and MP Registration Numbers of the participating players. Such entries should be filed within the prescribed time. Entries not accompanied by the entry fee or not giving the names of the players of the team (at least four players) or pairs, or without the players' M.P. Registration numbers, may be rejected. Acceptance of late entries shall be at the sole discretion of the CTD.

It may be noted that entries can also be given on the tournament web site <http://www.bridgewebs.com/dba/>. The payment can be made at the venue.

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

WBF system Policy would be followed. Extract of WBF policy is given below:

Average Hand - A hand containing 10 high card points (Milton Work) with no distributional values

Weak - High card strength below that of an average hand

Strong - High card strength a "king or more" greater than that of an average hand

Natural - A call or play that is not a convention (as defined in the Laws)

Length - Three cards or more

Shortage - Two cards or less

6.1 HUM Systems

For the purpose of this Policy, a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) means any System that exhibits one or more of the following features, as a matter of partnership agreement:

1. A Pass in the opening position shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities
2. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
3. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values a king or more below average strength.
4. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit
5. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length in one specified suit or length in another.

EXCEPTION: one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system

HUM system is permitted only at the knock-out stage of Open Team Event and is prohibited from use at other events. Pairs using HUM System must inform the CTD at the start of the tournament and get his approval. Thereafter, they have to file their convention card with the CTD, at least three hours before its intended use and receive his approval before the play starts.

6.2 Classification of Systems

In order to facilitate recognition and handling, systems material will be identified by one or more of the following:

- 6.2.1 A WBF colored sticker;
- 6.2.2 The appropriate name (hand printed or typed) color;
- 6.2.3 A check mark on a convention card next to the appropriate color - in keeping with the following descriptions:
 - Green (Natural) System
 - a) All one level opening bids are natural (non artificial) bids.
 - b) An opening bid of a major suit guarantees (4+ cards) in the denomination named and minor suit guarantees (2+ cards) in the denomination named.
 - c) 1NT should be balanced.
(Note: this does not preclude individual assessment of some hands, e.g. a hand with a singleton honor. The subsequent bidding methods, however, should not be able to identify such hand types)
 - d) All one level opening bids, must by agreement, promise at least 8 HCP with no distributional value.
 - Blue (Strong Club /Strong Diamond) Systems
This category includes systems that satisfy all the following criteria.
 - a) One Club /one Diamond is artificial, forcing and always strong.
 - b) One of a Major is natural, 4+ suit.
 - c) 1 NT is natural, balanced.
 - d) The one level opening in the other minor may be artificial with various possibilities not covered by the other opening bids.
 - e) All one level opening bids, must by agreement, promise at least 8 HCP with no distributional values.
 - Red (Artificial) Systems
This category includes all artificial systems that do not fall under the definition of Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) systems [see definition above], other than Strong Club/Strong Diamond systems (see 'Blue'). Examples would be a system where one club shows one of three types - a natural club suit, a balanced hand of a specific range, or a Strong Club opener; or a system in which the basic methods (other than the no trump range) vary according to position, vulnerability and the like; or a system that uses conventional 'weak' or 'multi-meaning' bids (with or without some weak option) in potentially contestable auctions, other than those described in the main part of the WBF Conventions Booklet.
 - Yellow - Highly Unusual Methods ('HUM') as defined above.

6.3 Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments

It is recommended that a pair may prepare written defenses against the 'Brown Sticker' elements of a system. Such defenses shall be given to their opponents (two clear legible copies) at an appropriate time and place prior to the start of that segment. Written defenses against Brown Sticker Conventions are deemed to be part of the opponent's system card.

The following conventions or treatments are categorized as 'Brown Sticker'.

- a. Any opening bid of two clubs through three spades that could be weak (may be made by Agreement with values below average strength) and does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.
 - **EXCEPTION:** The bid always shows at least four cards in a known suit if it is weak. If the bid does not show a known four-card suit it must show a hand a king or more over average strength. (Explanation: Where all the weak meanings show at least four cards in one known suit, and the strong meanings show a hand with a king or more above average strength, it is not a Brown Sticker Convention.)
 - **EXCEPTION:** A two level opening bid in a minor showing a weak two in either major, whether with or without the option of strong hand types, as described in the WBF Conventions Booklet. Defensive measures are permitted for the opponents as per WBF system policy on 12th October 2010, item no. 6, page no. 6.
- b. An overcall of a natural opening bid of one of a suit that does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.
 - **EXCEPTION:** A natural overcall in no trumps.
 - **EXCEPTION:** any cue bid suit that shows a strong hand.
 - **EXCEPTION:** a jump cue bid in opponent's known suit that asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit.
- c. Any 'weak' two-suited bids at the two or three level that may by agreement be made with three cards or fewer in one of the suits.
- d. Psychic bids protected by system or required by system.
- e. None of the foregoing restrictions pertain to conventional defenses against strong, artificial opening bids or defenses against 'Brown Sticker' or HUM conventions. Additional to the classification of systems above, any partnership using one or more 'Brown Sticker' conventions must indicate this alongside its system classification.
- f. For the avoidance of doubt an opening bid of one club which may be made on a doubleton or singleton club and which is ostensibly natural and non-forcing should be regarded as natural and not artificial.

6.4 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 shall be specified very clearly. Also it is essential to clarify conditions of such subminimum openings. Partnerships are required to be consistent in third hand openings. "Weak Two" opening may also be specified with range of high card points and need to be consistent on such weak openings.

6.5 Encrypted Signals

Additional to the restrictions on bidding methods and conventions above, players shall not use signaling methods by which the message or messages conveyed by the signals are hidden from the declarer because of some key available only to the defenders (i.e. encrypted signals are not allowed)

6.6 Random Openings

It is forbidden to open hands which, by agreement, may contain fewer than 8 high card points and for which no further definition is provided

7 Psychic Bids

Any artificial strong bid cannot be psyched at any stage of the event.

CTD may consider any psyche with little or negligible risk as a Brown Sticker Convention clause 6.3 (d) and may adjust the score and impose penalty.

CTD may treat any psychic bid as a partnership understanding under Law 40B, if in his opinion the bidder's partner had the possibility of being aware of the deviation.

The principles of full disclosure must be strictly adhered to. The Director may adjust the score and impose a procedural penalty, if in his opinion there is undisclosed knowledge that has damaged the opponents (Law 40).

8 Alert Policy

Alert policy as specified by WBF will be followed

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

1. Conventional bids should be alerted, non-conventional bids should not.
2. Those bids which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning). See Law 40(b).
3. Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an un-passed hand to opening bids of one of a suit.

If screens are not in use, do NOT alert the following:

1. All doubles.
2. Any no-trump bid which suggests a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or suggests a no-trump contract.
3. Any call at the four level or higher, with the exception of conventional calls on the first round of the auction.
4. Stayman, Jump overcalls if they are weak, Strong Club when explained in advance, carding agreements except for a lead of low from doubleton.

It is the responsibility of the alerting player to alert clearly. Nevertheless, players must respect the spirit of the policy. Any irregularity in the alert procedure which causes damage to the non offending side may result in score adjustment as per the law.

When screens are in use

- The modified Laws and Regulations as per WBF will apply as varied Supplementary Regulation and at the discretion of the CTD in any manner necessary to facilitate the reasonable conduct of the event.
- All queries are to be made and responded in writing. The written queries and responses must remain on the table to be collected by the Tournament Director for retention till the expiry of the correction period.
- Alerts are made by displaying or indicating an alert card. The recipient must acknowledge the alert. Alert doubles other than T/o and negative below the level of 3NT.
- Questions during the play period should be in writing with the aperture closed. The screen is opened after response has been made in writing.
- N-S is in control of the tempo of movements of the tray. Any irregularity in movement or placing bidding cards in the tray may bring to the notice of the director.

9 Filling up of Convention cards and disclosure of systems

Fully filled System Card 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. A written defense is to be provided as mentioned in the system policy.

Use of up-to two Brown Sticker conventions per partnership are allowed in direct knock out matches subject to filling up such system card and submitting a copy to the Director before the last round of Swiss league and getting it approved. At the same time a viable suggested defense to any Brown Sticker convention must be filed. This will be deemed to be a part of the system card and may be referred to by the opponents at the table. A pair which has not submitted the convention card (system card) as above would be debarred from using such conventions till three hours after the pair has submitted its properly filled card. Any of these conventions / systems needs to be approved by the CTD before they can be used.

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 a score that will be the most favorable to the non-offending side and the most unfavorable to the offending side [Law12C(e)]. 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.

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

10. 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.

11. 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. In case any match is not finished within the stipulated time, the Director may stop play after 5 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 Chairman Appeals / Review Committee. In KO matches, players will not be allowed to carry the mobiles phones. They should be submitted with the CTD / Organisers.
- **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 VP (5 Imps). 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 / Chairman Appeals Committee.]

- **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: 0.8VP (3 IMPs/20% of top earned MP in pairs) for the first offence, 1.6 VPs (6 IMPs/40% of top earned MP in pairs) 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 and Chairman Appeals Committee
- No beverages / food is allowed in the playing arena. This is to keep the area clean and avoiding accidental spoiling of cards/furniture/linen.
- **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.

12. Tie- breaking Procedures

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

Tie breaking in the Swiss league will be on the basis of VP product. 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.

13. Review Procedure

13.1 *Entitlement of Review (NO APPEALS COMMITTEE)*

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.

There will be no Appeal Committee in the tournament. 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. 500 to the Tournament Director. A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 15 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.

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 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.

16. IMP to VP Scales

Scales for 10 and 12 board matches for Team of Four Event is as given below:

Team of Four Event – 10 Boards			
IMPs	VPs	IMPs	VPs
0	10.00 –	27	17.34 – 2.66
1	10.39 – 9.61	28	17.51 – 2.49
2	10.77 – 9.23	29	17.68 – 2.32
3	11.14 – 8.86	30	17.84 – 2.16
4	11.50 – 8.50	31	18.00 – 2.00
5	11.85 – 8.15	32	18.15 – 1.85
6	12.18 – 7.82	33	18.30 – 1.70
7	12.51 – 7.49	34	18.44 – 1.56
8	12.83 – 7.17	35	18.58 – 1.42
9	13.14 – 6.86	36	18.71 – 1.29
10	13.43 – 6.57	37	18.84 – 1.16
11	13.72 – 6.28	38	18.97 – 1.03
12	14.00 – 6.00	39	19.10 – 0.90
13	14.28 – 5.72	40	19.22 – 0.78
14	14.54 – 5.46	41	19.33 – 0.67
15	14.80 – 5.20	42	19.44 – 0.56
16	15.05 – 4.95	43	19.55 – 0.45
17	15.29 – 4.71	44	19.66 – 0.34
18	15.52 – 4.48	45	19.76 – 0.24
19	15.75 – 4.25	46	19.86 – 0.14
20	15.97 – 4.03	47	19.96 – 0.04
21	16.18 – 3.82	48	20.00 – 0.00
22	16.39 – 3.61		
23	16.59 – 3.41		
24	16.78 – 3.22		
25	16.97 – 3.03		
26	17.16 – 2.84		

Team of Four Event – 12 Boards			
IMPs	VPs	IMPs	VPs
0	10.00 –	27	16.91 – 3.09
1	10.36 – 9.64	28	17.08 – 2.92
2	10.71 – 9.29	29	17.24 – 2.76
3	11.05 – 8.95	30	17.40 – 2.60
4	11.38 – 8.62	31	17.56 – 2.44
5	11.70 – 8.30	32	17.71 – 2.29
6	12.01 – 7.99	33	17.86 – 2.14
7	12.31 – 7.69	34	18.00 – 2.00
8	12.61 – 7.39	35	18.14 – 1.86
9	12.90 – 7.10	36	18.28 – 1.72
10	13.18 – 6.82	37	18.41 – 1.59
11	13.45 – 6.55	38	18.54 – 1.46
12	13.71 – 6.29	39	18.66 – 1.34
13	13.97 – 6.03	40	18.78 – 1.22
14	14.22 – 5.78	41	18.90 – 1.10
15	14.46 – 5.54	42	19.02 – 0.98
16	14.70 – 5.30	43	19.13 – 0.87
17	14.93 – 5.07	44	19.24 – 0.76
18	15.15 – 4.85	45	19.34 – 0.66
19	15.37 – 4.63	46	19.44 – 0.56
20	15.58 – 4.42	47	19.54 – 0.46
21	15.79 – 4.21	48	19.64 – 0.36
22	15.99 – 4.01	49	19.74 – 0.26
23	16.18 – 3.82	50	19.83 – 0.17
24	16.37 – 3.63	51	19.92 – 0.08
25	16.55 – 3.45	52	20.00 – 0.00
26	16.83 – 3.17		