

**5<sup>TH</sup> ALL INDIA SHREE CEMENT BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 2022**  
**ORGANISED BY CORPORATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNDER THE AGIES OF BFI & WBBA (BFI RANKING POINTS, LEVEL 1 TOURNAMENT)**

**THE SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST**

**PREAMBLE**

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for National Bridge Championships of the Bridge Federation of India and are specific to the All India Shree Cement Bridge Tournament 2022. These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the Rules and Regulations of BFI form the set of Rules & Regulations governing this tournament.

This is a Category 1 tournament with Ranking points under BFI. The Championships will be conducted under the technical management of the Bridge Federation of India. The Tournament Committee will be the sole authority in determining alterations/modifications in the format. The events will be played following laws and provisions governed by the World Bridge Federation & BFI. In case of any discrepancy, the provisions in this Supplemental Conditions of Contest will apply.

**Conditions of Entry to Championship**

Participation in this championship is open to all registered Bridge players in India. Registered players of other NBOs are also eligible to participate. All registered players who are participating in the tournament are to keep their registration up-to-date. In addition to a non-playing Captain, each team may have four, five, or six members. All Captains are to note that any addition or alteration of the players of the team should be done only before the start of the tournament. Once the event starts, no alteration in the team members will be allowed. CTD, at his discretion, may allow the addition of a new player for a four or five-member team, but only before the end of the second session.

The winner and other toppers of this tournament will have ranking points as per BFI guidelines, provided none of the playing members of the team is from another NBO (other than India).

By participating in this Championship, each contestant agrees that all or portions of every Championship event may be filmed, recorded, or otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the West Bengal Bridge Association or BFI.

By participating and/or intending to participate in this Championship each contestant agrees that he/she shall not make any claim for any loss in earning for any reason connected with the event against organizers, WBBA, or BFI. After entering in any event, a subsequent refusal to play against any pair/team as required by the schedule of play or withdrawal during any round without the consent of CTD shall result in disqualification in participating in the event and will be liable for further disciplinary action by WBBA/BFI.

**Submission of entries**

Entries must be submitted in the prescribed form with the requisite entry fees and giving details (MP nos.) of participating players within the prescribed date and time. Players

who want to play in the Pairs will have to give their entries within the scheduled time, even if they are subsequently seeded.

### **Type of Contest**

A team of Four Duplicate for the All India Shree Cement Tournament will be played in two stages:

Stage I Qualifying Swiss league of 8 Rounds of 10 Boards. 16 teams will qualify.

Stage II: The 16 qualified teams will play knock-out matches. The top qualifying team will have the right to choose its opponent in the Pre-quarter final from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> placed teams. Subsequently the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> qualifier may choose their pre-quarterfinal opponents similarly. The pre-quarterfinal will be a 30 board match in 3 sessions.

The pairing of teams in the quarter-final will be 1 VS 8, 2 VS 7, 3 VS 6, and 4 VS 5. This will be a 30 board match in 3 sessions.

The winners will play in the semi-final 1 VS 4 and 2 VS 3. Semi-final will be a 40 board match in 4 sessions.

The semi-final winners will play a 48 board match in 4 sessions in the Final. The Semi-final losers will play a 36 board match in 3 sessions for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> position.

**There will be a carry-over from the Swiss to the Knock-Out stage (for all KO matches), if they have played each other in the qualifying Swiss. It will be based on imps gained or lost. The maximum carry-over will be 0.25 IMP per board. For a 30 board match, the maximum carry-over will be 7.5 imps, 10 imps for a 40 board match, and so on.**

### **Sitting Privileges in Swiss League and Knock-out matches**

The sitting privileges both in Swiss League and Knock-Out matches will be as per BFI guidelines.

### **Draw and Time Schedule**

The draw and all-time schedules will be announced before the start of the event. The Chairman Tournament Committee or the Chief Tournament Director may alter the program from the earlier announced one depending on exigencies.

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### **Tie- breaking Procedures**

- The procedures suggested for tie-breaking in the BFI handbook will be followed.
- Teams are considered tied only after deducting all types of penalty points.
- Penalties imposed for the late start, slow play, smoking, use of a mobile phone, or seating in the wrong position do not count for tie-breaking. A team with greater such penalty points takes perior rank.

### **Forfeiture of Teams Matches**

In a team event, any team, which forfeits a match, shall receive a maximum loss, and their opponents shall receive 12 VPs initially and it will be increased to their average match score at the end or 20 minus the opponent's average score whichever is greater.

### **PAIRS EVENT**

It will be played in three stages: Two eliminations and a Final. Pairs from Pre-quarter-final losers will be seeded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Elimination provided they have given their entries on

time. Pairs from Quarter-final losers will be seeded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of 2<sup>nd</sup> Elimination with the last qualifying score provided they have given their entries in time. Any player from a losing pre-quarterfinal or quarter-final team can pair up with any player provided they have paid the entry fees in stipulated time. Not more than 3 pairs of a team will be allowed to play as seeded pairs when they join from a KO stage to a Pairs elimination round.

~Around 50% of pairs will qualify for 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination from 1<sup>st</sup> elimination. The actual percentage will depend on the number of entries. 26 pairs from 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination along with 2 sponsored pairs will qualify to the final.

### **Carry Over – MP Pairs event**

Carryover for Shree Cement Gold / Silver for each elimination / final stage will be computed as per the formula below:

$$C = (M - m) \left[ \frac{Q}{E} \left( \frac{A \times B \times Q}{S} \right) \right]$$

where C = carryover

B = number of boards played in qualifying session(s)

S = sum of the scores of all qualifiers

M = matchpoints of a given pair

m = matchpoints of lowest qualifying pair

E = pairs entered in the event

Q = pairs to be qualified

A = average on each board in the final session(s)

### **General Rule for giving Carryovers to Seeded Pairs**

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 40 pairs from elimination 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  $(40/2) = 20$ th ranked pair from the original 40 pair qualifying list.

The seeded pairs in the final will not have any carry-over.

## **Disclosure of System Policy and Classification of Systems**

### **1. System Policy**

#### **BFI System Policy will be followed.**

The KO stage of the Team event and Pairs Final will be considered a Category 1A event. Teams using the HUM system or Brown Sticker Conventions must submit their system card and Brown Sticker Announcement Forms at least two hours before the start of the match and get it approved by CTD before the start of the match. In case of a Pair using the HUM system or Brown Sticker Convention in the Pairs Final, They have to submit their system card with the Brown Sticker Announcement form before the last session of the last elimination round and get it approved by CTD before the start of the Final.

The Swiss league and the Elimination rounds of Pairs will be considered a Category 1B event. The use of HUM System and Brown Sticker Conventions are prohibited in Category 1B events. Here Psychic strong artificial opening bids are also prohibited.

Defense against HUM system and Brown Sticker Conventions are to be prepared and copies to be given to the opponent as specified in BFI system Policy before the match. These written defenses will form a part of the opponent's system card.

- 1A **3rd Seat One Level suit Opening bids: The hand should have a Near Average Strength – at least 8 HCP or meets the rule of 17 (addition of numbers of high cards and length in two longest suits).**

## 1 **FILLING UP OF COVENTION CARDS AND SUBMISSION OF SYSTEMS**

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 cards, 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.

All systems and treatments requiring defensive preparations must be listed in the front right part of the Convention card. They must be fully explained either in the appropriate section of the Convention card or in the supplementary sheet.

- 1.1 Understandings whereby there may be violations of the normal meaning of the call, and where the nature of violation may 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.
- 1.2 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 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 will give the benefit of any doubt to the opponents.
- 1.3 Each pair of every team is required to present at the table two copies of convention cards from the beginning of any event. The team qualified for the KO stage must submit a copy of their Convention card to CTD before starting the KO matches. Failure to follow any stipulation of this section may be subject to penalty at the discretion of CTD, in addition to the restriction on the use of certain methods. Any problem with the system will be referred to the Chairman of the System Committee or his nominee or CTD.

## 2 **ALERT POLICY**

Alert policy as specified by BFI 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 have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understanding 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, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play).
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 screen tables are not in use, DO NOT alert the following:

1. Any No-Trump bid which suggests a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or suggests a No-Trump contract.
2. Any call at the four-level or higher, except for conventional calls on the first round of the auction.
3. Doubles

Alert a double of an Artificial Bid that asks the doubled suit not to be led or that asks for a specific suit to be led that is not the doubled strain.

Do not alert the following doubles

- A take-out double after a natural suit opening at any level.
- A penalty or card showing double after an NT opening bid
- Any double after an artificial opening bid
- A negative double by a responder after a natural suit over-call of 1 level suit opening bid.
- Any double by responder after an Artificial over-call of 1 level suit opening bid.
- A penalty double by responder after a natural suit over call of 2 level or higher suit opening bid.
- Negative doubles, penalty doubles, and card showing doubles by responder after a 1NT or 2NT opening and an over-call at the 2 or 3 levels.
- A take-out double after a natural opening bid and a natural response.
- Any double after an opening bid and response if either the opening bid or the response is artificial.
- Any double after a natural opening, natural over-call, and natural 1NT response. All doubles by both sides at openers rebids and later.

4. Redoubles.

Do not alert the following redoubles:

- A redouble that shows general strength, and suggests playing the current contract or penalizing other contracts.

- A redouble that shows the specific number of cards or strength in the partner's suit.
- A redouble in the balancing seat or after a balancing double suggests doubt about the current contract or is a suggestion to play a different contract.
- A redouble that shows control of the suit that was doubled.

It is the responsibility of the alerting player to alert clearly. Nevertheless, players must respect the spirit of the policy as well as the letter.

### **Delayed Alerts**

Starting with the opener's rebid, calls above 3NT, in particular, ace-asking calls and responses should not be alerted. However, after the auction is over, the partner of the player who had made such a call should alert the opponents. This delayed alert should come after the final pass and before the opening lead.

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 to 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.
- Questions during the play period should be in writing with the aperture closed. The screen is opened after the response has been made in writing.

## **3 AUTHORITY OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

The Tournament Committee reserves the authority to modify /alter the SCoC preferably in consultation with CTD. 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 notice, provided the error is evident from the context of its being in conflict with the law.

## **4 GENERAL**

### **4.1 Pre-Dealt Boards**

Pre dealt boards will be used in this tournament wherever possible.

### **4.2 Recording of Scores, Computing, and Reporting**

Unless otherwise instructed, North /South players at each table must properly fill in the table score sheets /cards. This official form must show the names of players and the final result of each board played in the session and wherever instructed, must be initiated by North and East. The North /South players in the open room should hand over the official table score sheet /card to the director

within the allotted time for the session. After the close room play is over, the open room table score will be handed over to the close room players for comparing the scores and computing the results. The official table score sheet along with the official table result card duly filled in and initialed by both teams is handed over to the director within the stipulated time for the session.

#### **4.3 Penalties**

The schedule of penalties that follows is supplemental to the laws. All infringements of the law will be dealt with following the BFI handbook.

##### **(a) Late start**

Penalties will be imposed on teams not seated and ready to start 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 VP; 10+ to 15 minutes - 2 VPs; 15+ to 20 minutes - 3 VPS. A team may forfeit its match, if late by over 20 minutes at the discretion of the CTD / Chairman Tournament Committee. In knock-out matches after 5 minutes, a penalty of 1 Imp per minute will be imposed for up to 20 minutes and CTD may also reduce the number of boards. A team may forfeit its match, if late by over 20 minutes at the discretion of the CTD / Chairman Tournament Committee.

**(b) Slow play** or late finish slow play is reported and the Director is convinced about it, the Director may impose a penalty on the offending side as per the late Start procedure. In case any match is not finished within the stipulated time, the Director may stop play after 5 minutes and declare results on the boards played.

##### **(c) Smoking**

Smoking in the designated playing area is prohibited. Once the play starts no player shall leave the playing table to smoke. Any violation will be subject to penalties: 1 VP (3 MPs in Pairs) for the first offense, 2 VPs (6 MPs in Pairs) for the second offense, 3 VPs (9 MPs in Pairs) for the third offense. In case of further violation, the player / Pair may be suspended for the session at the discretion of the CTD and Chairman Tournament Committee.

##### **(d) Mobile Phones**

Mobile Phones are required to be switched off during the play. The team from which a player is observed calling or receiving a call during the play will be penalized 1 VP or 3 Imps for the first offense and further additional penalties for any subsequent offense thereafter. In the case of a Pairs event, a penalty of 25% of the match points available in a board of the session will be imposed for the first offense. Additional penalties will be imposed for a subsequent offense. Repeated violation by any player may mean suspension of that player / Pair by the CTD and Chairman Tournament Committee.

**(e) Alcoholic influence /Misbehavior in the playing arena**

Consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area is prohibited. Any player consuming alcohol before or during the session in this area or is observed to be under the alcoholic influence during the play will result in his team being penalized 2 VPS (6 Imps in KO match or 25% of the match points available on a board during the session in a Pairs event). However, further penalties may be imposed, by the CTD and Chairman Tournament Committee, depending on the condition and behavior of the player on the table.

**4.4 Review Procedure**

Players have the right to bring to the notice of the Director any irregularity on the table, during play, and during the match. Directors will give a 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, a 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. If the tournament reviewer determines that it is a frivolous appeal and there is no merit in it, the deposit of Rs.1000/- will be forfeited.

**4.5 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 15 minutes of the end of the respective session (10 minutes for the last session). An appeal fee of Rs.50/- per appeal will be charged if more than two appeals are made by any pair.

**4.6 Withdrawal**

A team is permitted to withdraw only with the expressed consent of CTD.

**4.7 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 Committee in a sportsman-like manner.

**4.8 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 mannerisms 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.

## **ADDITION OF POWERS TO DIRECTORS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:**

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:

- In case of any impropriety / cheating / fraud committed by the said player.
- 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:

### **• Warning:**

On repeated misconduct in the same/ later appearance, a penalty of 2 VPs/5 Imps 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 medal

### **• Disciplinary Action:**

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.

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. Permanent ban on the person concerned (excluding STATES) from attending and/or participating in BFI Events and/or activities;