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19TH HCL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP



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PRIZE MONEY: ₹2.2 crores (US\$ 275,000)

11th Oct – 16th Oct, 2022

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About HCL International Bridge Championship

Bridge is a strategy game that teaches one to be of a tougher mindset, to use one's intellect to maximum capacity, communicate powerfully and to pursue victory diligently. It is these qualities that makes bridge a perfect fit for HCL.

HCL has been strongly supporting the game in India since 2003 through the HCL International Bridge Championship held every year in New Delhi, India. The Championship is the premier bridge tournament in the country and the biggest in terms of the prize money and participation levels. The last live edition of the championship was played in 2019 and had a prize purse of Rs. 18 million. It witnessed participation by a record over 1000 players from 185 teams.

International teams having players from USA, Poland, Italy, Bulgaria, Russia, Netherlands, Israel, Sweden, Iceland, South Africa, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, Denmark, Romania, Japan, Thailand, Jordan, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh have participated in the last few editions of the Championship. Due to Covid-19, we could not have the 2020 championship and the 18th HCL championship in 2021 was an online event due to the pandemic.

Now after the Covid-19 hiatus, the 19th HCL International Bridge Championship is back and will be held live from October 11-16, 2022 at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Gurugram (Delhi NCR). The total prize money is Rs. 22 Million (USD 275,000), one of the highest across any Bridge tournament worldwide.

The championship will have three main events:

- Team of Four Gold- Winners will be awarded the 'Naresh Tandan Trophy'
- Team of Four Silver- Winners will be awarded the 'Mohini Tandan Trophy'
- Open Pairs - Winners will be awarded the 'Neena Bonarji Trophy'





THE PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 11, 2022



Time in Hour	Activity
	Note: There will be 2 parallel team events in Gold & Silver category.. See the criteria for Silver category participation in the "Notes for Participants". TEAM OF FOUR GOLD / SILVER EVENT - SWISS LEAGUE (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)
1000 - 1015	Director's Announcements & Display of Draw for Team of Four Events
1020 - 1145	Round 1
1205 - 1330	Round 2
1330 - 1430	Lunch Break
1430 - 1555	Round 3
1615 - 1740	Round 4
1740 - 1810	Tea Break
1810 - 1935	Round 5

Wednesday, October 12, 2022



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD / SILVER EVENT - SWISS LEAGUE - Continues (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)
1000 - 1125	Round 6
1145 - 1310	Round 7
1310 - 1410	Lunch Break
1410 - 1535	Round 8
1555 - 1720	Round 9
1720 - 1750	Tea Break
1750 - 1915	Round 10
1930 - 2000	Captain's meet for the Top 16 qualifying teams of the GOLD & SILVER event for Pre-QF knock out

Thursday, October 13, 2022



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO PRE-QUARTER FINALS (4*14 boards)
1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3

Friday, October 14, 2022



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO Quarter Finals (4*14 boards)
1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3
	MP PAIRS STRATA II (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)
1100 – 1415	Session 1
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1830	Session 2
1900 Onwards	Cocktails & Dinner (Hosted by HCL)

Saturday, October 15, 2022



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO Semi Finals (4*14 boards)
1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 3 and IMP PAIRS - ELIMINATION (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3

Sunday, October 16, 2022



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – Finals (4*14 boards) & Play-Off
0900 – 1100	Session 1
1115 – 1315	Session 2
1315 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1600	Session 3
1615 – 1815	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS- FINAL (GOLD & SILVER) – Barometer Scoring
0930 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1745	Session 2
	IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)
1000 – 1330	Session 1
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1745	Session 2
	IMP PAIRS STRATA – II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)
1030 – 1330	Session 1
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1730	Session 2
1830	Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

PRIZE MONEY

Break-up of the total prize money is as per different events: All figures are in Indian rupees.

Rank	Gold	Silver	Rank	Open Pairs Gold	Open Pairs Silver	IMP Pairs	MP Pairs STRATA-II	IMP Pairs STRATA-II
1 st	4,000,000	1,500,000	1 st	1,200,000	200,000	200,000	80,000	80,000
2 nd	2,400,000	900,000	2 nd	800,000	150,000	150,000	50,000	50,000
3 rd	1,200,000	450,000	3 rd	600,000	120,000	120,000	36,000	36,000
4 th	800,000	300,000	4 th	400,000	80,000	80,000	24,000	24,000
5 th to 8 th	400,000	150,000	5 th	300,000	60,000	60,000	18,000	18,000
9 th to 16 th	150,000	60,000	6 th	240,000	40,000	40,000	12,000	12,000
17 th to 20 th	50,000	20,000	7 th	180,000	30,000	30,000	8,000	8,000
			8 th	120,000	20,000	20,000	6,000	6,000
			9 th	100,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
			10 th	80,000	7,000	7,000	4,000	4,000
			11 th	60,000				
			12 th	50,000				
			13 th to 16 th	40,000				
			Pairs Elim-1 & 2 (1 st)	12,000				
			Pairs Elim-1 & 2 (2 nd)	8,000				
			Best Mixed & Best Ladies Pair - 1 st	12,000				
			Best Mixed & Best Ladies Pair - 2 nd	8,000				
Total	11,400,000	4,310,000		4,370,000	717,000	717,000	243,000	243,000

GRAND TOTAL - ₹22,000,000

Note 1: For international players, the final prize money will be converted as per the prevailing foreign exchange rates of the day. TDS will be deducted as per the prevailing Indian Income Tax rules

Note 2: There are two prizes each for Best mixed and Ladies pairs in open MP Pairs event. For winning this prize, pairs must reach Open MP Pairs final or 3rd elimination of MP Pairs event

ENTRY FEE

Team Entry -

- Team of Four Gold - Rs. 10,000 for 4 member team and Rs. 2000 for additional member
- Team of Four Silver - Rs. 8,000 for 4 member team and Rs. 1,500 for additional member

Note: In the Team of Four Gold and Silver events, the 16 teams qualified to play the KO stage will pay additional Rs. 3,000 per team.

- Open MP Pairs - Rs. 4,000 per pair
- Open MP Pairs STRATA II - No entry fee for this event. Non qualifiers from Match Point Pairs elimination-1 round can only participate in this event.
- IMP Pairs - Rs. 2,500 per Pair
- IMP Pairs Strata II - No entry fee for this event. Non qualifiers from IMP Pairs elimination round can only participate in this event.

Note: There will be a 50% concession on entry fee to a Team / Pair consisting of all under-30 players.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

- In the SILVER event, a team can have only one “**National Master or above level player**”, who will be treated as the team mentor. All other players should be below the rank of “National Master”. In case, a team is found to have more than one player above “National Master” level, the team will get scratched from Silver event.
- All foreign teams will participate in the GOLD event only, unless tournament committee gives them special permission to participate in “SILVER” category.
- The MPs to be considered for participation in the Silver event will be as on **30th Sep 2022**.
- The TOP 26 pairs from Elimination-3 round of MP Pairs will qualify for MP Pairs GOLD final, whereas pairs ranked 27-52 will play in the MP Pairs SILVER final. The rest of the Elimination-3 qualifiers will be seeded to the IMP Pairs final.
- The Match Point Pairs STRATA – II is only for those non qualifiers, who could not qualify to the elim-2 round of the MP Pairs event. Similarly the IMP Pairs STRATA – II is only for those non-qualifiers, who have paid entry of IMP Pairs but could not qualify to the IMP Pairs Final. Any non-qualifier not interested to play the STRATA-II event is kindly requested to inform the same to the CTD or TC Pant at the venue.
- No entry for team event will be accepted after the stipulated closing time of 2000 hrs on Sunday, October 09, 2022. Registration will be opened online and the entry fees will be collected through an online payment gateway.

All teams are advised to register their entries in advance on website. The following persons can be contacted for any clarification:

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- **Closing time for MP Pairs entries is 1430 hrs on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.**
- **Closing time for IMP Pairs entries is 2030 hrs on Friday, October 14, 2022.**
- Sponsor will have a quota of 2 Pairs, directly seeded to the MP Pairs GOLD Final.
- Participating players are required to take their seats as per the program; failure to do so will result in penalty.
- Displaying of properly filled convention cards at the table is compulsory. Copies of blank Convention cards will be made available at the venue.
- Players will be provided Lunch at the venue. Tea /coffee and snacks during scheduled tea breaks, will also be provided.
- Players are requested not to bring Tea/Coffee/Cold drinks/Lunch inside the playing arena
- Please visit the Tournament web site www.hcl-bridge.com for accommodation details in nearby hotels and their contacts. It will be updated after 20th Aug 2022
- The applicable Supplementary Conditions of Contest (SCoC) will be circulated before start of the tournament on the tournament web site www.hcl-bridge.com
- Tournament will follow the WBF - 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge
- The organizing committee has the right to change the tournament schedule and format, if deemed necessary.
- All prize money will be credited to the winner bank accounts within 15-20 days of the final day of the tournament



ORGANIZING MEMBERS

Chairperson - Mrs. Kiran Nadar

Co-Chairman – S. Sundareshan (President, BFI)

Organizing Secretary – Sandeep Thakral

Head of Operations - T C Pant

Marketing, Administration – Rakesh Kalra, S.S. Mishra and Rajat Chandolia & their Teams



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT

In-charge - T.C. Pant

Bulletin – Dr. Prakash Paranjape & Bholu Nath

Website – Sandeep Thakral & HCL Team

Bridgemates & Scoring – Srinivasan Iyengar & Kaustubh Deodhar

Dealing - Chetan Raval, SRC Sekar and Team

BBO Vu-Graph - Pramod Samant & Team



TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Head TD – Laurie Kelso (Head TD, WBF)

Joint CTD – M.B.V. Subrahmanyam, Pranab (Ranju) Bhattacharya

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