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20th HCL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Celebrating **20** *Years*



PRIZE MONEY
₹26 Million
(USD 310,000)

October 31 - November 6, 2023

The Leela Ambience
Convention Hotel, Delhi

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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 championship in 2022 had a prize purse of Rs. 22 million. The previous editions of the tournament have witnessed participation by 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.

The 20th HCL International Bridge Championship will be held from October 31 to 6th November 2023 at the Leela Ambience Convention Hotel. The total prize money has been increased this year by approximately 18% to Rs. 26 Million (USD 310,000), 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'
- Being the 20th edition, there will be an special ProAm event on the last day of the tournament (6th Nov 23) in which Amateur player will partner a Professional player. The ProAm event will have a maximum of 36 pairs. Further details will be provided shortly to interested players. Those interested in ProAm event may please contact Mr. Sandeep Thakral on +91-9910034918.



THE PROGRAM



Tuesday, October 31, 2023



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, November 1, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENTS - 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, November 2, 2023



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
1930 Onwards	Cocktails & Dinner (Hosted by HCL)
2015 - 2045	Draw of Lots for ProAm Tournament



Friday, November 3, 2023



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



Saturday, November 4, 2023



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, November 5, 2023



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



Monday, November 6, 2023



Time in Hour	Activity
	Pro-Am Pairs Tournament (IMP Scoring) - Max 54 Boards
0930 - 1315	Session 1 (28 Boards)
1315 - 1400	Lunch Break
1400 - 1730	Session 2 (26 Boards)
1800	Prize Distribution

PRIZE MONEY

Event wise break-up of the total prize money:

TEAM EVENTS			PAIR EVENTS						SPECIAL EVENT
Rank	Gold	Silver	Rank	Open Pairs Gold	Open Pairs Silver	IMP Pairs	MP Pairs STRATA-II	IMP Pairs STRATA-II	ProAm IMP Pairs Event
1st	44,00,000	16,00,000	1st	12,80,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	80,000	80,000	6,00,000
2nd	24,00,000	9,60,000	2nd	8,40,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	50,000	50,000	4,00,000
3rd	12,50,000	4,80,000	3rd	6,40,000	1,20,000	1,20,000	36,000	36,000	3,00,000
4th	9,00,000	3,60,000	4th	4,80,000	80,000	80,000	24,000	24,000	1,80,000
5th to 8th	4,50,000	1,80,000	5th	3,20,000	60,000	60,000	18,000	18,000	1,40,000
9th to 16th	1,80,000	72,000	6th	2,50,000	40,000	40,000	12,000	12,000	1,00,000
17th to 20th	60,000	25,000	7th	2,00,000	30,000	30,000	10,000	10,000	80,000
			8th	1,50,000	20,000	20,000	8,000	8,000	60,000
			9th	1,00,000	15,000	15,000	7,000	7,000	50,000
			10th	90,000	10,000	10,000	6,000	6,000	40,000
			11th	75,000					30,000
			12th	60,000					20,000
			13th to 16th	50,000					
			Pairs Elim-1 & 2 (1st)	20,000					
			Pairs Elim-1 & 2 (2nd)	13,500					
			Best Mixed & Best Ladies Pair - 1st	20,000					
			Best Mixed & Best Ladies Pair - 2nd	15,000					
Total	1,24,30,000	47,96,000		48,22,000	7,25,000	7,25,000	2,51,000	2,51,000	20,00,000
Grand Total							2,60,00,000		

All figures are in Indian Rupees.

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 Pair 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 for a Team / Pair consisting of all under-30 players.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

- In 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 **15th Oct 2023**.
- 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 TC Pant through WhatsApp (Mob: 9811094407) or personally at the venue.
- Registration for all events will only be done online. The Registration will be completed only once the payment of entry fee is made online through the payment gateway on the registration page.
- No entry for team event will be accepted after the stipulated closing time of **2000 hrs on Sunday, October 29, 2023**.

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 entries of MP Pairs is 1430 hrs on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.**
- **Closing time for entries of IMP Pairs is 2030 hrs on Friday, November 3, 2023.**
- 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. Details will be updated around 1st August 2023.
- The applicable Supplementary Conditions of Contest (SCoC) will be published on the tournament web site **www.hcl-bridge.com** by 15th August 2023.
- 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 Committee

ORGANIZING MEMBERS

Chairperson - Mrs. Kiran Nadar

Co-Chairman - Dr. Sutanu Behuria (President, BFI)

Organizing Secretary - Sandeep Thakral

Head of Operations - T C Pant

Marketing, Admin & Finance - Rajat Chandolia, Rakesh Kalra, S.S. Mishra & their teams

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT

In-charge - T.C. Pant

Bulletin - Dr. Prakash Paranjape & Bhola Nath Das

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

TDs: - VK Sharma, Sanjay Chakraborty, Gora Roy Choudhary, Narasinga Rao, K.S. Swaminathan, Daxindas, Sathish Kumar



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