

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST
FOR
15TH HCL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP - 2017
Under the auspices of Bridge Federation of India

A. 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 **15th HCL International Bridge Championship - 2017** to be played at New Delhi, from 12th to 17th Sep 2017.

The Championship will be conducted under the technical management of Bridge Federation of India. The schedule of events will be as published in the 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 and Bridge Federation of India.

All participants are to play as per the schedule drawn up by the Chief Tournament Director or his representative. Refusal to play against any player(s) or any team or withdrawal without the consent of the Tournament Committee or Chief Tournament Director shall result in disqualification for further participation in that event. CTD and the Tournament Committee may also take other disciplinary actions against the offending player(s)

B. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

B.1 OPEN TEAM FOR NARESH TANDAN GOLD TROPHY

The Open Team event for Naresh Tandan Gold Trophy will be played over Six days as given in the prospectus. The first two days will consist of the qualifying Swiss, in which all contestants will play a total of 10 rounds (10-boards per round). 5 rounds each on day-1 (12th Sep 2017) and day-2 (13th Sep 2017) will be played.

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).

PRE-QUARTER FINALS

The Top 16 teams will qualify for the knock out Pre-QF stage to be played on day-3 (14th Sep 2017). The top seven teams in the Swiss League, in order of preference, will have the right to choose its Pre-QF opponent from amongst the teams placed 9th to 16th in the Swiss League. This choice will be given as per the rank of the team (1 to 7) in the Swiss league.

Each pre-quarterfinal match shall be played as a direct knockout match of 56 boards in four sessions (14 boards per session). IMPs would score each pre-quarterfinal; with the team having the greater IMP-score (after deducting penalties, if any) at the end of the match being winner of the match. The eight pre-quarterfinal losers would be ranked joint 9th to 16th for the Gold event prizes. The teams ranked 17th to 20th in the Swiss league will be eligible for 17th to 20th prizes of Gold event.

If the lower ranked team defeats a higher ranked team then it will assume the position of the higher rank team for the quarter-final. The KO Quarter-finals will be played between #1 Vs #8, #2 Vs #7, #3 Vs #6 and #4 Vs #5.

QUARTER FINALS

Each quarterfinal match shall be played as a direct knockout match of 56 boards in four sessions (14 boards per session) on day-4 (15th Sep 2017). IMPs would score each quarterfinal; with the team having the greater IMP-score (after deducting penalties, if any) at the end of the match being winner of the match. The four quarterfinal losers would be ranked joint 5th to 8th for the Gold event prizes. If the lower ranked team defeats a higher ranked team then it will assume the position of the higher rank team for the semi-final. The KO Semi-finals will be played between Winner of table 1 Vs winner of table 4 and winner of table 2 Vs winner of table 3.

SEMI FINALS, FINAL & PLAY-OFF

The Semifinal and Final KO matches will be played in 4-sessions of 14-boards each on day-5 (16th Sep 2017) & day-6 (17th Sep 2017) respectively. The losing semi-finalists will also play the play-off matches on day-6 (17th Sep 2017) constituting of 3-sessions of 14-boards each to ascertain the 3rd & 4th prize of the Gold event. IMPs would score each Semi final / Final / Play-off; with the team having the greater IMP-score (after deducting penalties, if any) at the end of the match being winner of the match.

B.2 OPEN TEAM FOR MOHINI TANDAN SILVER TROPHY

A team for Mohini Tandan Silver trophy event can consist of four, five or six players. Maximum two players of the team can be of the rank of National Masters or above. However, those two players are not allowed to play as partners in any match.

All the foreign team by default should be playing in Team of Four GOLD event. However, a foreign team interested to participate in SILVER event will be screened by a "Technical Committee", comprising of Organizing Secretary, Technical Management committee members and the CTD. In case, the committee decides that the team can be allowed to participate in the SILVER category, then only it can participate in SILVER event else they will have to play in GOLD event only.

The Open Team event for Mohini Tandan Silver Trophy will be played over Six days as given in the prospectus. The first two days will consist of the qualifying Swiss, in which all contestants will play a total of 10 rounds (10-boards per round). 5 rounds each on day-1 (12th Sep 2017) and day-2 (13th Sep 2017) will be played.

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).

PRE-QUARTER FINALS

The Top 16 teams will qualify for the knock out Pre-QF stage to be played on day-3 (14th Sep 2017). The top seven teams in the Swiss League, in order of preference, will have the right to choose its Pre-Quarter final opponent from amongst the teams placed 9th to 16th in the Swiss League. This choice will be given as per the rank of the team (1 to 7) in the Swiss league.

Each pre-quarterfinal match shall be played as a direct knockout match of 56 boards in four sessions (14 boards per session). IMPs would score each pre-quarterfinal; with the team having the greater IMP-score (after deducting penalties, if any) at the end of the match being winner of the match. The eight pre-quarterfinal losers would be ranked joint 9th to 16th for the Silver event prizes. The teams ranked 17th to 20th in the Swiss league will be eligible for 17th to 20th prizes of Silver event.

If the lower ranked team defeats a higher ranked team then it will assume the position of the higher rank team for the quarter-final. The KO Quarter-finals will be played between #1 Vs #8, #2 Vs #7, #3 Vs #6 and #4 Vs #5.

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Each quarterfinal match shall be played as a direct knockout match of 56 boards in four sessions (14 boards per session) on day-4 (15th Sep 2017). IMPs would score each quarterfinal; with the team having the greater IMP-score (after deducting penalties, if any) at the end of the match being winner of the match. The four quarterfinal losers would be ranked joint 5th to 8th for the Silver event prizes. If the lower ranked team defeats a higher ranked team then it will assume the position of the higher rank team for the semi-final. The KO Semi-finals will be played between Winner of table 1 Vs winner of table 4 and winner of table 2 Vs winner of table 3.

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The Semifinal and Final KO matches will be played in 4-sessions of 14-boards each on day-5 (16th Sep 2017) & day-6 (17th Sep 2017) respectively. The losing semi-finalists will also play the play-off matches on day-6 (17th Sep 2017) constituting of 3-sessions of 14-boards each to ascertain the 3rd & 4th prize of the Silver event. IMPs would score each Semi final / Final / Play-off; with the team having the greater IMP-score (after deducting penalties, if any) at the end of the match being winner of the match.

B.3 OPEN MP PAIRS EVENT

This will be an open Match Point Pairs event played over 4 days from 14th to 17th Sep 2017. Except for the Team Semi-finalists of both GOLD & SILVER event, all the other team players plus any new partnership who wants to play in the championship can participate after giving the required entry fee.

The Elimination-1 round of the event will be played in 3 sessions of 18 Boards each on Day-3 (14th Sep 2017) as per the details given in the prospectus. Approximately 45% pairs will qualify to the next stage of Elimination-2 round.

The pre-quarter finalist losers of both Gold & Silver team event can join the event at this stage, provided they have given the entry fee for the MP Pairs event by 13th Sep 2017. The Elimination-2 round will be played in 3 sessions of 18 Boards each on Day-4 (15th Sep 2017) and approximately 33 - 35% pairs will qualify to the next stage of Elimination-3 round.

The quarter finalist losers of both Gold & Silver team event can join the event at this stage, provided they have given the entry fee for the MP Pairs event by 13th Sep 2017. The Elimination-3 round will be played in 3 sessions of 18 Boards each on Day-5 (16th Sep 2017) and 26 Top pairs will qualify to the finals of the open MP Pairs event to be played on day-6 (17th Sep 2017). The finalists will be joined by 2 sponsored pairs to play the 2 session final of 54 boards with barometer scoring. Pairs eliminated from Elimination-3 round, can join IMP Pairs Final on Day-6 (17th Sept 2017) provided they have given their entry by 2100 Hrs on 16th Sep 2017.

B.4 SWISS PAIRS EVENT

Those pairs who do not qualify for the Elimination-2 of MP Pairs, are eligible to participate in this event, without paying any fee. A new pair, who has not participated in the MP pairs and wants to play this event, can also participate after paying the required entry fee.

The event will be played on day-4 of the championship (14th Sep 2017) from 1045 Hrs. It will be played in 8 rounds of 6-board matches.

B.5 IMP PAIRS EVENT

The IMP Pairs event will be played over 2 days on 16th & 17th Sep 2017. All those, who failed to qualify for the Elimination-3 round of MP Pairs or any new entrant can participate in this event after paying the prescribed fee as per the tournament prospectus.

On the 1st day of the event there will be an elimination round of 3 sessions of 18 boards each, after which around 35 to 40% pairs will qualify for the IMP Pairs final (along with pairs from MP Pairs Elimination-3) to be played in 2 sessions of 24 boards each on 17th Sep 2017. The non-qualifiers can participate in IMP Pairs Strata-II event after paying the requisite fee. This event will be played in 2 sessions of 22 boards each on 17th Sep 2017 from 1030 Hrs.

B.6 GENERAL

In the event of a tie for the last qualifying / Prize position in a Swiss league, determinations of rank (i.e. 1st to 20th position) will be broken on VP product of all rounds as per BFI handbook, page No. 66.

In case of odd number of teams in Swiss League, one team will get a bye. 12 VPs shall be awarded to all such teams in Team of Four Gold and Silver event.

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.

B.7 SEATING PRIVILEGES IN SWISS LEAGUE

In Swiss League, the HOME Team (team shown first in the draw) will sit NS in the OPEN room and the AWAY Team (team shown second in the draw) 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 EW. In case of any dispute regarding seating rights, arising during any match in Swiss League, both the teams will submit blind line-up for the match.

B.8 LINE UP FORMS (KO STAGE)

There shall be a coin toss to determine the seating rights in all pre QF, quarter-final, semi-final and final / play off matches. 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. There is no change in the status of the teams with only the seating privileges to be decided before the start of the match. The home team will have the right to exercise the seating rights for any 2 of 4 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. Home team plays NS in the open room and EW in the closed room. 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.

Captains will fill up the line-up form for each session of a match.

C. ENTRY FEE AND SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Entries must be submitted in the prescribed form or given on the HCL Bridge Tournament Web site (hcl-bridge.com) with the requisite entry fees, giving details of participating players and their Master Point numbers, within the specified time as mentioned in the tournament brochure. Entries not accompanied by the entry fee or not giving the names of the players of the team (at least four players) or pairs with their M.P. Registration number, of any of the events may be rejected. CTD may accept late entries at his sole discretion, where such acceptance does not disturb the tournament schedule.

D. SYSTEM POLICY AND CLASSIFICATION OF SYSTEMS

D.1 General

Average Hand - a hand containing 10 high card points 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

Length - three cards or more

Shortage - two cards or less

D.2 Classification of Systems

- **Green (Natural) System**

This category includes systems that satisfy all the following criteria.

- 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 (3+ 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 10 HCP with no distributional values.

- **Blue (Strong Club /Strong Diamond) Systems**

This category includes systems that satisfy all the following criteria.

- a) One Club /one Diamond are 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 10 HCP with no distributional values.

- **Red (Artificial) Systems**

This category includes:

- a) All systems employing artificial one level openings that do not fall under the definition of Yellow (HUM) systems [see below], other than strong Club /strong Diamond (Blue) systems e.g. Polish Club or a natural system where one minor opening can contain 5-card major in a balanced hand.
- b) Any system in which the basic structure (other than length of natural suit bids, or the point range of openings) varies according to position and vulnerability.

- **Yellow (HUM) Systems**

For the purpose of these regulations, a Highly Unusual Method means any system that has, as a matter of partnership agreement, one or more of the following features:

- a) A Pass in the opening position that shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities.

- b) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
- c) An opening bid at the one level that may be made on high card strength a king or more below that of an average hand (i.e. 0-7 HCP).
- d) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit.
- e) 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

D.3 Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments

Certain types of conventional calls or treatments are considered to place upon the opponents' defensive preparations. The conventions /treatments in question are categorized as **Brown Stickers**.

Any one of the following characteristics qualifies a convention /treatment as Brown Sticker if it is a matter of partnership agreement:

- a) Any opening bid of two clubs through three spades that: - could be weak and does not promise at least four card in the known suit.

Exceptions:

(1) 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 strong hand.

(2) **Multi 2 Diamond opening:** Weak in either Major, whether with or without the option of a strong hand types containing 16 high card points or more, or with equivalent values. Defensive measures are permitted for opponents. (**A written defense has to be given to the opponents before the start of the match.** This will be part of the opponents' system card).

- 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.

Exceptions

(1) A natural overcall in No Trumps.

(2) Any cue bid that shows a strong hand.

(3) A jump cue bid in an opponent's known suit that asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit.

- c) Any weak two-suited bid (whether it is an over call or an opening bid or a response) at the two or three level that may by agreement be made with three cards or fewer in one of the two 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.

- 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.

Any partnership that uses one or more 'Brown Sticker' conventions, must indicate this alongside its system classification.

- The use *of HUM system is not allowed at any stage of any event. The use of Brown Sticker conventions is not allowed in the Swiss League stage of “Team of Four” event and in elimination stage of “Pairs” events.* Its use in the direct Knock Out matches of Team events is subject to filling up of such systems and submitting them **to CTD at least 3 hours before the start of the match and receiving CTD’s approval before the start of the match.** Moreover there is a special responsibility for pairs using such system to explain their methods in sufficient detail on their convention card.
- Players using “Brown Sticker Convention” shall file their system material after last round of Swiss league in anticipation of qualifying to the knock out stage concerned.

D.4 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.

D.5 ENCRYPTED SIGNALS

Additional to restrictions on bidding methods and conventions above, players may not use signaling methods by which 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).

E. Convention Cards and Submission of Systems

1. 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.
2. 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
3. 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 Appeals Committee will give the benefit of any doubt to the opponents.
4. **Use of two Brown Sticker conventions per partnership are allowed ONLY** in direct knock out matches in Team of Four event subject to filling up such system card and submitting two copies to the Director at the end of last round of Swiss league. 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 subject to the approval of CTD.

5. It is mandatory for all the pairs to carry a duly filled convention card at the table. If a pair forgets a convention or resort 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 & the most unfavorable to the offending side [Law12C(e)]. In addition to this the offending pair will 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.
6. During auction and play, a player should not refer to his own convention card. Violation subject to procedural penalty as well as score adjustment for the resulting damage.

System Card “MUST BE DISPLAYED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TABLE” from Swiss league round no 1

F. 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 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 in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization) See Law 40(b).
3. Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an unpassed 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 Opener or responder’s second round of bids above 3 No-trump. (Delayed alert)
- 4 Any call at the four level or higher, with the exception of conventional calls on the first round of the auction. Nevertheless, players must respect the spirit of the Policy as well as the letter.

G. CARRY-OVER

In case of a Direct Knock-out matches (Pre QF, QF, SF, Final & Play off), the Teams will carry forward part of their difference of the Swiss league match, 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 a 56 board KO match, the maximum carryover will be 14 IMPs.

There will be carryover from the qualifying sessions to the final of the Open Match Point Pairs & IMP Pair event.

In case of IMP Pair event, the carryover from qualifying session to the Finals will be one-fifth of the difference between the TOP & the last qualifying pair (Rounded to the next integer), subject to a maximum of one-fifth of the total number of boards to be played in the final.

For giving Carryovers for those pairs, who get eliminated from Elimination-3 round of match point pair and will join IMP Pairs Final on last day, the following rule will be followed:

The carryover of the nearest integer of (The Number of Pairs who get qualified for the final / 2)th position pair will be given. So, for example, let us say 112 pairs from elimination round of IMP get qualified to the IMP final and 52 pairs from the 3rd elimination round of MP Pairs join them, then all the 52 pairs will be given the carryover of the $(112/2) = 56^{\text{th}}$ ranked pair from the original 112 pair qualifying list.

In case of Match Point Pairs event, the carryover to the next elimination round or from the qualifying round to the final will be calculated as follows:

Carryovers will be based on the following formula:

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

C = carryover

M = matchpoints of a given pair

m = matchpoints of lowest qualifying pair

Q = pairs to be qualified

E = number of pairs who played in the round from which carryover is calculated

A = average on each board in the round for which carryover is calculated

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

S = sum of the scores of all qualifiers

The maximum carryover cannot be greater than equivalent to four 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.

For giving Carryovers for those, who are entering at any stage of the MP pair event after losing in the KO stage of team event, the following rule will be followed:

Let us say, 112 pairs out of 280 participating pairs of Elimination-1 round qualify to the 2nd elimination round of MP pairs, and 40 pairs of losing pre-QFs join them in the 2nd elimination round, then each one of them will be given the carryover score of the "Nth" ranked pair, where "N" is the total number of pairs, which are going to qualify from 2nd to 3rd elimination round. If we are going to qualify 58 pairs to Elation-3 from Elimination-2 round, then each will be given the score of 58th ranked player. Similarly, those 20 losing QFs pairs who will join the 3rd elimination round of Pair will be given the carryover of the 26th ranked pair, as we are going to qualify 26 pairs to the Pairs final.

H. PENALTIES

1. Smoking & consumption of Alcoholic beverages of any nature in the designated playing area is prohibited. Once the play starts no player shall leave his playing table in order to smoke or consume alcohol before the end of the match (session). Violation subject to 1VP penalty for first offence and 2 VP for second offence, 3 VP for third offence.
2. The electronic device policy for the tournament allows players to bring electronic devices such as cell phones into the playing area provided that such devices are turned off. Further, any such equipment must not be visible during the session. A violation of the policy will result in an automatic disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of

scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event. There may be surprise checks whether the cell phone is switched off or not. Anyone found with switched on cell phone will again result in an automatic disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event.

3. "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.
4. Constant slow play by any player depriving his/her opponents their legitimate duration of time is subject to disciplinary penalty.
5. Any team not seated and not ready to play at the announced starting time of the session will be assessed penalties according to the following scale. 0+/5 minutes late warning. 5+/10- 1VP. 10+/15- 2VP. Over 20 minutes Tournament Committee will decide.

I. GENERAL

1. ***Psyche of a conventional bid is not permitted at any stage of any event.***
2. ***Psyches are not permitted during Swiss League of Team of Four Silver Event, Elimination 1 and Elimination-2 round of Open Pairs event and IMP Pairs Elimination.***
3. CTD may consider any psyche with little or negligible risk as a Brown Sticker convention (clause D.3d) and may adjust the score and impose penalty.
4. 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.
5. Pre dealt Computer deals will be used in this tournament for all events.
6. Bridgemates will be used for the official recording of the scores throughout the championships (as far as possible). The N/S pair at each table will be responsible for keying of the scores into the Bridgemate. The E/W pair will be responsible for agreeing the score by keying in their acceptance.

The official score will be that keyed in by N/S and agreed by E/W.

The players must compare their scores with official scores displayed on the screen. Any discrepancy must be brought to the notice of the Directors immediately. **The scores received from Bridgemates are the official scores.**

7. 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.
8. English is the official language of the Championship. During a match the players may converse only in English unless both captains (in team events) or all four players at the table (in pairs events) agree to use some other common language at their own risk. If necessary, each captain is responsible for the provision of an interpreter for translation into English. The Laws printed in English will be used by the Tournament Directors to adjudicate irregularities. No request for review due to misunderstanding in a language other than English will be entertained.

J. REVIEW OF DIRECTOR'S RULING

There will be **NO APPEAL COMMITTEE** in this Championship. 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 withheld 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 judgement 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.

K. SPONSOR QUOTA

SPONSOR WILL HAVE A **QUOTA OF 2 PAIRS**, DIRECTLY SEEDED TO THE MP PAIRS FINAL.

L. 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 or from its being in conflict with the law.

M. MINIMUM PLAY OF BOARDS/SESSIONS

Each player of the participating team shall play at least 25% of the played deals in every stage to become eligible to play the following next stage of the event. If not, such player will disqualify himself from contesting in the event further.

N. IMP to VP SCALE

Scale for 10 board matches for Team of Four Gold and Silver Events is given below:

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