



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**SUPPLEMENTAL
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

FOR THE

2000 ORBIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**The Orbis Bermuda Bowl
The Orbis Venice Cup
The Orbis World Transnational Open Teams
and
The Orbis Seniors' Exhibition Match**

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1. Preamble To Bermuda Bowl And Venice Cup

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Championships, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup to be played in Hamilton, Bermuda, from 08 - 21 January 2000..

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2000 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

2. Definitions

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning for purpose of these Supplemental Conditions of Contest and, in addition, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

2.1 *“Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup”*

means the 2000 World Bridge Championships, respectively for Open Teams and Women's Teams, conducted under the auspices of the WBF from 08 - 21 January 2000 in Hamilton, Bermuda, or at such other time and place as the WBF determines.

2.2 *“Bermuda Bowl”*

means the 2000 World Bridge Championship for the Open Teams

2.3 *“General Conditions of Contest”*

mean the General Conditions of Contest issued by the World Bridge Federation for the World Bridge Championships.

2.4 *“Open” and “Closed” Rooms*

for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated by the Tournament Director..

2.5 *Seniors Exhibition Match*

Means an exhibition match played between invited Senior Teams to be played simultaneously with the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup starting on Saturday 08 January 2000 in Hamilton, Bermuda

“these Championships”

means the 2000 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and “championship event” means any of the events referred to in Section 2.1.

2.7 *“these Conditions of Contest”*

mean the within Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 2000 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

2.8 “Table Result Card”

means the card referred to in Section 20.1

2.9 “Venice Cup”

means the 2000 World Bridge Championship for Women's Teams.

2.10 “World Transnational Open Teams Championship (WTOTC)”

means an open teams championship to be played simultaneously with the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup starting on Sunday 16 January 2000 in Hamilton, Bermuda

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in the contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to one gender shall include the other gender

3. Conditions Of Entry

See also Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest

3.1 Submission of Entries.

Each NCBO, duly qualified in its Zone, shall be entitled to nominate one team for the Bermuda Bowl and/or one team for the Venice Cup. The name and address of the non-playing captain and the names of the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in the Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest, should be sent, before 15 October 1999 to the

WBF President
c/o Mrs Christine Francin
40, Rue François 1er.
75008 - Paris, France
Fax: 33 - 1 - 40 70 14 51
Email: cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com

3.2 Entrance Fees.

The prescribed entrance fees for the Orbis Bermuda Bowl and Orbis Venice Cup, namely US\$ 2,500 per team, should be paid by cheque to the order of the WBF in the appropriate amount, for each of the Open Series and Women's Series, sent to the WBF's Financial Director:

Mrs. Christine Francin
40, Rue François 1er.
75008 - Paris, France
Fax: 33 - 1 - 40 70 14 51
Email: cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com

The cheque should be mailed in ample time to insure its receipt before 15 October 1999. Payments received after 15 November 1999 are subject to an automatic arrearage penalty of US\$ 250 per team.

3.3 Team Members.

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. If an NCBO wishes to replace a team member, or members, or if fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement or increase (each must be from the NCBO submitting the team) may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with permission of a majority of the members of the Credentials Committee present at the site. However, the Executive Council reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

3.4 Penalty for Non-Participation

In the event that a previously entered team in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the WBF shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the WBF of non-participation shall result in the imposition of a U\$500 penalty, payable by the NCBO and/or Zone which nominated the team; an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the WBF deems appropriate.

4. Eligibility For Awards

WBF Master Points will be awarded for the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup and the WTOTC, in accordance with the WBF Master Points Plan, particulars of which are set out in APPENDIX A to these Conditions of Contest.

5. Types Of Contest

5.1 Bermuda Bowl

The teams eligible for WBF invitation to compete in the Bermuda Bowl, shall be 6 teams from Zone 1; 4 teams from Zones 2; 3 teams from Zone 6; 2 teams from Zones 3, 4 and 7 ; and 1 team from Zone 5.

The competing teams (expected to number 20) shall play one complete round-robin, being 19 rounds of 20-board matches each played in one session. The eight teams with the highest Victory Points totals after the round-robin will qualify for the quarter-finals.

The quarter-finals shall be played as knockout matches of 96 boards, (three portions, each portion comprising two 16-board sessions), with IMP scoring. To determine the quarter-final matches, the procedure is the following: the first placed team freely chooses its quarter-final opponent from among the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th placed teams; after the choice has been made, the second placed team chooses its quarter-final opponent among the remaining three teams (not chosen by the first); the same process is repeated for the third placed team and the fourth placed team will play against the team not chosen by any of the other three teams.

The semi-finals shall be played as knockout matches of 96 boards, (3 portions, each portion comprising two 16-board sessions), with IMP scoring. Subject to the requirement of two teams from the same Country (if qualified) shall meet in the semi-finals, the first placed team shall also choose among the matches involving the second, third and fourth placed teams, which one will produce the semi-final

opponent of the winner of its own quarter-final match. This choice has to be made before the third placed team chooses its quarter-final opponent.

The winners of the semi-finals play the final in a 160-board match (5 portions, each portion comprising two 16-board sessions), with IMP scoring and the losers will play a play-off of 48-board match (three 16-board sessions) IMP scoring for the third place.

If one team resigns the right to play off for third place, it will automatically be placed in fourth place, their opponents being declared bronze medallists.

If both teams decide, by mutual agreement, not to play off for the third place, there will be no bronze medal awarded in the competition, both teams being placed fourth and receiving zero Master Points.

The defeated quarter-finalists will be ranked 5th to 8th according to the VP total in the round-robin; if a tie exists, the tied teams will share the placements and the respective Master Points.

5.2 Venice Cup

As for the Bermuda Bowl, except that the final shall be played over 128 boards, (4 portions, each portion comprising two 16-board sessions), with IMP scoring.

6. Carry Over

There will be a carry over in all matches of the knockout phase in both Championships.

The carry over will be $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the IMP difference in the meeting of the teams in the round robin. It will be $\frac{1}{2}$ if the highest ranked team in the round robin won the match against their opponents and $\frac{1}{3}$ if the highest ranked team in the round lost the match to its knock out opponent.

The maximum carryover will be:

16 IMP	Quarter and Semi Final
20 IMP	Women's Final
24 IMP	Open Final

7. The Draw

Team Number	Bermuda Bowl	Venice Cup
1	Bulgaria	Australia
2	Chinese Taipei	Great Britain
3	Bermuda	Hong Kong
4	Norway	France
5	Argentina	Bermuda
6	China	USA 2
7	Australia	Egypt
8	USA 2	Colombia
9	Canada	India
10	Guadeloupe	Germany
11	Indonesia	Denmark
12	France	Brazil
13	USA 1	Austria
14	Sweden	Indonesia
15	South Africa	USA 1
16	Poland	Argentina
17	Brazil	The Netherlands
18	Italy	Canada
19	New Zealand	China
20	Pakistan	New Zealand

8. Schedule of Play

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 v 20	1 v 19	1 v 2	1 v 17	1 v 16
2 v 19	2 v 18	3 v 19	2 v 16	2 v 15
3 v 18	3 v 17	4 v 18	3 v 15	3 v 14
4 v 17	4 v 16	5 v 17	4 v 14	4 v 13
5 v 16	5 v 15	6 v 16	5 v 13	5 v 12
6 v 15	6 v 14	7 v 15	6 v 12	6 v 11
7 v 14	7 v 13	8 v 14	7 v 11	7 v 10
8 v 13	8 v 12	9 v 13	8 v 10	8 v 9
9 v 12	9 v 11	10 v 12	9 v 20	17 v 19
10 v 11	10 v 20	11 v 20	18 v 19	18 v 20

Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10
1 v 15	1 v 14	1 v 13	1 v 12	1 v 11
2 v 14	2 v 13	2 v 12	2 v 11	2 v 10
3 v 13	3 v 12	3 v 11	3 v 10	3 v 9
4 v 12	4 v 11	4 v 10	4 v 9	4 v 8
5 v 11	5 v 10	5 v 9	5 v 8	5 v 7
6 v 10	6 v 9	6 v 8	6 v 7	6 v 20
7 v 9	7 v 8	7 v 20	13 v 19	13 v 18
8 v 20	15 v 19	14 v 19	14 v 18	14 v 17
16 v 19	16 v 18	15 v 18	15 v 17	15 v 16
17 v 18	17 v 20	16 v 17	16 v 20	12 v 19

Round 11	Round 12	Round 13	Round 14	Round 15
1 v 10	1 v 9	1 v 8	1 v 7	1 v 6
2 v 9	2 v 8	2 v 7	2 v 6	2 v 5
3 v 8	3 v 7	3 v 6	3 v 5	3 v 4
4 v 7	4 v 6	4 v 5	4 v 20	7 v 19
5 v 6	5 v 20	9 v 19	8 v 19	8 v 18
11 v 19	10 v 19	10 v 18	9 v 18	9 v 17
12 v 18	11 v 18	11 v 17	10 v 17	10 v 16
13 v 17	12 v 17	12 v 16	11 v 16	11 v 15
14 v 16	13 v 16	13 v 15	12 v 15	12 v 14
15 v 20	14 v 15	14 v 20	13 v 14	13 v 20

Round 16	Round 17	Round 18	Round 19
1 v 5	1 v 4	1 v 3	1 v 18
2 v 4	2 v 3	2 v 20	2 v 17
3 v 20	5 v 19	4 v 19	3 v 16
6 v 19	6 v 18	5 v 18	4 v 15
7 v 18	7 v 17	6 v 17	5 v 14
8 v 17	8 v 16	7 v 16	6 v 13
9 v 16	9 v 15	8 v 15	7 v 12
10 v 15	10 v 14	9 v 14	8 v 11
11 v 14	11 v 13	10 v 13	9 v 10
12 v 13	12 v 20	11 v 12	19 v 20

9. Conversion Scales

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams at the end of each of the matches scored in Victory Points (VP) shall be converted into VP, according to the official WBF conversion scales (See General Conditions of Contest).

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10. Time Schedule

Friday 07 January

13:30	Tournament Directors' Meeting with Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee
15:00	Tournament Appeals Committee meeting
16:00	Captains' Meeting
19:00	Opening Ceremony

Saturday 08 January, Sunday 09 January, Monday 10 January

Round Robin Matches		Sat	Sun	Mon
10.00 – 12.50	Matches:	1	4	7
14.00 – 16.50	Matches:	2	5	8
17.20 – 20.10	Matches:	3	6	9

Saturday 08 January

Seniors Exhibition Matches	
16.00	Captains' Meeting
17.20 - 20.10	Round 1

Sunday 09 January, Monday 10 January

Seniors Exhibition Matches		Sun	Mon
10.00 - 12.50	Rounds	2	4
14.00 - 16.50	Rounds	3	5

Tuesday 11 January

Round Robin Matches	
12.00 – 14.00	Match 10
15.30 – 18.20	Match 11

Seniors Exhibition Matches	
12.00 – 14.00	Round 6
15.30 – 18.20	Round 7

Wednesday 12 January, Thursday 13 January

Round Robin Matches		Wed	Thur
10.00 – 12.50	Matches	12	15
14.00 – 16.50	Matches	13	16
17.20 – 20.10	Matches	14	17

Seniors Exhibition Matches		Wed	Thur
10.00 – 12.50	Rounds	8	10
14.00 – 16.50	Round	9	Final / Play off Session 1

Friday 14 January

Round Robin Matches

10.00 – 12.50 Match 18
14.00 – 16.50 Match 19

18:00 Captains' Meeting*
20:30 Players' Party

Seniors Exhibition Matches

10.00 – 12.50 Final / Play off, Second Session
14.00 – 16.50 Final, Third Session

Saturday 15 January

Quarter Finals

10.30 – 12.50 Session 1
13.20 – 15.40 Session 2
16.10 – 18.30 Session 3
21.00 – 23.20 Session 4

Sunday 16 January

Quarter Finals

10.30 – 12.50 Session 5
13.20 – 15.40 Session 6

16:30 Captains' Meeting*

WTOTC

20:00 Rounds 1 & 2

Monday 17 January

Semi Finals

10.30 – 12.50 Session 1
13.20 – 15.40 Session 2
16.10 – 18.30 Session 3
21.00 – 23.20 Session 4

WTOTC

11:00 Rounds 3 - 6

Tuesday 18 January

Semi Finals

10.30 – 12.50 Session 5
13.20 – 15.40 Session 6

16:30 Captains' Meeting*

WTOTC

14:00 Rounds 7 - 10

Wednesday 19 January

Finals

10.30 – 12.50	Session 1
13.20 – 15.40	Session 2
16.10 – 18.30	Session 3
21.00 – 23.20	Session 4

Play off for Bronze Medal

10.30 – 12.50	Session 1
13.20 – 15.40	Session 2
16.10 – 18.30	Session 3

WTOTC

11:00	Rounds 11 - 14
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Thursday 20 January

Finals

10.30 – 12.50	Session 5
13.20 – 15.40	Session 6
16.10 – 18.30	Session 7
21.00 – 23.20	Session 8

Women's Final ends

WTOTC – Semi Final & 1st session Final

10.30 – 12.50	Session 1
13.20 – 15.40	Session 2
16.10 – 18.30	Final Session 1

WTOTC – Swiss

14:00	Rounds 15 & 16
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Friday 21 January

Open Final

10.30 – 12.50	Session 9
13.20 – 15.40	Session 10

WTOTC Final

10.30 – 12.50	Session 2
13.20 – 15.40	Session 3

20:30

Victory Banquet

*The time schedule for the captains' meetings at the end of the Round-robin, Quarter-finals and Semi-finals are only indicative; the meetings should start immediately after the end of the matches, as soon as the results are posted, the rankings of the Round-robin made, the time for score corrections expired and all captains involved are present.

All time schedules in this Section are subject to change, before or during these Championships - at the direction of the President and the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee.

11. Line-Ups

The Line-ups must be given to the Tournament Director in accordance with the following time schedule. Failure of a captain to submit his line-up in a timely fashion shall result in fines according to Section 19.2

The line-ups for Visiting Teams must be submitted 15 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions; the line-ups for Home Teams must be submitted 10 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions thereafter. Line-ups are to be submitted at the place designated by the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee. Teams lining-up HUM pairs must submit their line-ups 25 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session or match.

12. Designation Of Matches And Seeding

12.1 Seeding

The teams competing in the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup will be seeded by draw; draws will be made on a random basis with the only restriction that minor changes can be made in the designations, in order to make teams of the same Country meet in the first round.

12.2 Responsibility for the Draw

The draw will be made by the WBF Management Committee. The team numbers and, by consequence, the sequence of the matches are included within these Conditions of Contest. The Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee has the authority to make some changes in the numbers of the teams (and as a consequence in the sequence of play) if required by occurrences after the seeding has been announced.

12.3 Home and Visiting Teams

In each single-session match or in each **portion** (two sessions) of a match, or in each session of a match divided in sessions, one team shall be "Home Team" (the team with the seating rights) and the other team shall be "Visiting Team".

The "Home Team" is the team that sits North-South in the designated Open Room through all the single-session match, or in the two sessions of a **portion** of a match. In a single-session match, or in the first of the two sessions of a **portion** of a match, the Home Team sits its players after its opponents (the "Visiting Team"); in the second session of a portion of a match, the Home Team sits its players before its opponents. If the match is divided in sessions (case of the play-off for third place) each session, for the purpose of this article, is considered a single-session match.

Subject always to the over-riding provisions of Section 15.4, the procedures for determining Home Team and Visiting Team in each match or session of play shall be as follows:

12.3.1 Round-robin

In each match of the round-robin, the lower numbered team is the Home Team in the odd numbered rounds, and the higher numbered team is the Home Team in the even numbered rounds.

12.3.2 Quarter-finals and Semi-finals

There shall be a coin toss to determine the “Home Team” rights in all quarter-final and semi-final matches. The winner of the toss may elect to be “Home Team” or “Visiting Team” during any one of the three 32-board **portions** of the match, or it may pass it to the opposing team. After selection of the “Home Team” has been made the other team selects in which one of the remaining two 32-board portions it will be “Home or Visiting Team”. For the remaining 32-board portion, the winner of the toss (or the opposing team if the winner gave up its rights) will select if it will be “Home” or “Visiting”.

12.3.3 Finals

There shall be a coin toss to determine the “Home Team” rights in the final matches. In the Bermuda Bowl, the winner of the toss may elect to be “Home Team” or “Visiting Team” during any two of the five 32-board portions of the match, or it may pass it to the opposing team. After the selection of the “Home Team” has been made, the other team selects in which two of the remaining three 32-board portions it will be the “Home or Visiting Team”. For the remaining 32-board portion, the winner of the toss (or the opposing team, if the winner gave up its rights), will select if it will be “Home” or “Visiting”. In the Venice Cup, the winner of the toss may either select to be “Home Team” during any two of the four 32-board portions of the match or pass the right of the choice to the opposing team; after the selection has been made, the opposing team shall be designated “Home Team” for the remaining two 32-board portions of the match.

12.4 Tie-breaks

Subject to the over-riding provisions of Section 15.4, if there is a tie at the end of the quarter-finals, semi-finals, or the finals, requiring that an extra session of boards be played, there shall be a draw by the captains to determine the “Home Team”. If, after the first series of additional boards, a tie still exists, the “Visiting Team” during the first extra eight boards shall be the “Home Team” for the next eight boards. Line-up changes may be made before play begins for either the first or second (if needed) group of eight tie-break boards. In each case, the captain of the “Visiting Team” shall submit its line-up at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director, the “Home Team” captain within five minutes thereafter. Each group of eight “extra” boards shall be considered as a separate session. At the discretion of the captain of the “Home Team” for the second group of eight boards, a pair or pairs may play against a pair or pairs it played against during the first eight extra boards. If a tie still exists, requiring that single board “sudden death” matches be played, the line-ups and seating positions for both teams will be the same as for the second eight boards of the tie-break.

Important

In all cases, teams that include partnerships using HUM Systems are subject to the rules and regulations of the WBF System Policy as contained in the General Conditions of Contest (see also Section 15.4).

13. Seating Of Players

13.1 Home Team:

Teams play according to the schedule as explained in Section 5. The "Home Team" sits throughout any single-session match and any 32-board portion of longer matches, in the N-S direction in the Open Room and in the E-W direction in the Closed Room. (see Section 12)

13.2 Change of Players

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session (but see exception in Section 17 when extra tie-break boards are played.)

13.3 Line Ups

In accordance with Section 12, the "Home Team" has the right to designate its line-up for any single-session match or for the first 16-board session of any 32-board portion of a longer match, after the "Visiting Team" has turned in its line-up to the Tournament Director. For the second 16 boards of the 32-board portion, the "Visiting Team" has the right to designate its line-up after the "Home Team" has turned in its line-up to the Tournament Director.

14. Disclosure Of Systems And Conventions

14.1 WBF Systems Policy

The WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest and is an Appendix to the General Conditions of Contest. The Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup (including the respective Play-offs) are Category 1 events. In Category 1 events all Systems are allowed.

14.2 Submission of Systems

Each team captain is responsible for mailing to

The WBF Systems Administrator
The Old Railway Station
Long Melford
Sudbury, Suffolk C010 9HN
England
Tel: 44 1787 881920
Fax: 44 1787 881339
Email: anna@ecats.co.uk

as soon as possible, but in any event to arrive before 01 November 1999, for every partnership that will play in these Championships (maximum four, of which only three may be "Yellow" will be permitted for each participating team) their Systems described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, preferably using the Windows Convention Card Editor (which is available free of charge to all NCBOs and players), plus Supplementary Sheets as necessary to describe conventional sequences in detail. The Convention Card Editor, Windows version, can be obtained from the Internet by following the link to Documents on the following website: <http://bridge.ecats.co.uk>.

Penalties for failure to submit Conventions Cards and Supplementary Sheets in time are (in addition to Section 14.2.1) specified in Section 19.

The Card and Supplementary Sheets must be supplied on a 1.44M PC diskette or be sent by email to anna@ecats.co.uk. A single printed copy of each Convention Card and Supplementary sheet is to be supplied at the same time. A web site will be created, and the address (URL) sent to the Captain (and if requested also to the team members) of each team competing in the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup after all pairs within that team have submitted their systems.

If it is impossible for a team to supply its convention cards using the CCE as required, then 50 copies of each card and supplementary sheet, accurately and legibly typed, collated and stapled, shall be supplied to Mrs Gudge at the above address to arrive no later than 01 November and a copy of each card and supplementary sheet received in due time will be distributed together with the diskette containing the CCE versions of the other cards as detailed above. If insufficient copies are sent and/or are of insufficient quality, the WBF will provide enough copies but will charge the NCBO US \$0.50 per single-sided page; the amount due shall be paid by the NCBO prior to the commencement of the Championships.

14.2.1 Convention Cards not received in due time

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not reached the WBF Systems Administrator in accordance with these Conditions of Contest shall (in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 19.1) be required by the Tournament Appeals Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card as defined in and displayed as an Appendix within the General Conditions of Contest for not less than the first two days of play.

14.2.2 Contact Information

Captains are encouraged to contact other captains before travelling to these Championships, if they reasonably require explanations about Systems. Wherever possible an email address for the Team Captain or one or more of the players will be included on the Web Site where the Cards are held for download. The fact that Cards and Supplementary Sheets are circulated by the WBF (see 14.2) does not mean that the WBF has considered such Cards as perfect; systems although acceptable, may require amendments after being circulated.

14.2.3 Addresses required

In order to facilitate the communications between the WBF and the teams regarding systems, each team's system submission shall include at least three different contact addresses each one containing phone, fax and mailing address and email address if available.

14.3 Supplementary Sheets

Where a conventional sequence cannot be described adequately in the space provided on the WBF Convention Card, a reference number should be placed prominently at the appropriate place on the Card; a Supplementary Sheet bearing that reference number, and containing the complete explanation must be submitted along with the Card.

14.4 Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets

- a) Any changes to the duly submitted (as per section 14.2) Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see (d) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event no later than 07 December 1999. These changes (which may be clarifications, amendments, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions) must be first approved by the WBF. (See address in section 14.2).
- b) On site, changes to systems will be approved or required by the Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee or his nominee(s).
- c) In order for a change to be implemented, it must be duly approved, signed, and dated by the Systems Administrator, and then circulated to all relevant teams in timely fashion. Such circulation may be done by mailing by the WBF, by manual distribution on site at the Captains' Meeting, or through Captain's mailboxes on site.
- d) Approval for a change may be given or refused in whole or part by the WBF and may be given subject to conditions. One such condition will usually be that any such change cannot be implemented in the course of a particular round robin or in the course of a particular stage of the event, with possible prejudice to unprepared opponents being a particularly important negative factor. Clarifications and improvements to presentation will not be considered as substantives changes.
- e) Official format for changes:
 - (i) A new page of the Convention Card/ Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change.
 - (ii) A separate text document describing completely the proposed change and referring to the place(s) on the new pages where they can be found and any cross-references to Supplementary Sheet notes.
 - (iii) Two fax numbers for communication should this be necessary; (phone numbers only for emergencies), together with an email address if available.

14.5 Special Responsibility for HUM, RED and BROWN STICKER

With regard to HUM, RED and BROWN STICKER systems / conventions, there is a special responsibility for users to explain their methods in sufficient detail (as per the Guide to Completion and the CCE), the **first time** that Cards are submitted for the 2000 World Championships. If these submissions are inadequate, the pair may be barred from using those inadequately described methods for at least the first six matches. These penalties are quite severe, but with the duly executed distribution of these Conditions and all significant materials by the WBF, no pair will be permitted to claim ignorance of this special responsibility. The Zonal Organisation, the NCBO, the Captains and the players are jointly responsible for contacting the WBF should there be any problems in obtaining the necessary tournament information in timely fashion. If these materials are received late, it is the responsibility of both parties concerned to so inform the WBF Systems Administrator as soon as possible.

15. Special Regulations For Teams Using Hum Systems

15.1 Highly Unusual Methods

Highly Unusual Methods are utilised in any System which exhibits one or more of the following features as a matter of partnership agreement:

- A pass in the opening position promises the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, and the player who passes may hold a queen or more above average hand strength (i.e. an average hand contains 10 high card points).
- By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
- By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values of a king or more below average strength.
- By Partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit; or either length in a specified suit or length elsewhere.

15.2 Submission of HUM Systems

The team captain of any team containing one or more pairs intending to use a HUM System shall send a full copy of any HUM System in English, together with the Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets, to the WBF Systems Administrator by 01 November 1999. Failure to comply with this regulation or poor presentation of the System may result in such pair or pairs not being permitted to use HUM System, as the Tournament Appeals Committee shall in its discretion determine. In making any such determination, the Tournament Appeals Committee may apply Section 15.2. It is obligatory that a full copy of a HUM System, in English, also be filed at the Convention Card Desk, at the Championship site, by the time of the Captains' meeting on 07 January 2000.

15.3 Regulations for Pairs using Brown Sticker Conventions

Brown Sticker Conventions must be listed on a separate sheet, with continuations.

15.4 Regulations for Pairs using HUM Systems

If a team includes any pair using a HUM System, it will be subject to the following regulations:

- The pairs using HUM Systems should be available at least 15 minutes before the scheduled beginning of matches or sessions, to supply any information and clarification that may be requested by the opponents.
- When a team that includes a pair using a HUM System (whether or not such pair will play) is opposing a team that has no such pair, the HUM System team will always be the Visiting Team. No special seating rights or line-up restrictions shall apply when two teams containing pairs using HUM Systems (regardless of line-up) oppose one another.
- The team opposing a team which includes one or more pairs using a HUM System will submit three copies (clearly legible) of their defences (if any) to the HUM System in writing, at least 30 minutes before the scheduled line-up time for the match; these defences shall be filed at the Convention Card Desk and supplied by the captain to the captain of the opposing team. In preparing these defences pairs using Green, Blue or Red Systems are allowed to change their systems including opening calls. Pairs using HUM Systems are not allowed to change their opening calls.
- The pair using a HUM System must inform the opponents in writing (hand-written, 2 clearly legible copies) about their counter-defence at the table, prior to the start of the session. In preparing their counter-defence, the pair using the

HUM System is not permitted to change any of the highly artificial aspects of its system.

15.5 Written Defences

Notes on the defence against HUM Systems and on defence against the defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems (See Law 40 footnote) and may be used by both pairs at the table, during the period when the aperture of the screen is closed and, also, for the purpose only of responding to a question, when the screen is open. See also Section 10 of the General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Championships.

A pair may prepare written defences against the artificial elements of a Red System or the Brown Sticker elements of any system (See the WBF System Policy attached to the General Conditions of Contest). Also these defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems.

16. Length Of Matches

Each 20-board match is to be completed within two hours and fifty minutes; each 16-board match or session of a match is to be completed within two hours and twenty minutes; after that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see section 19.4). Additional time will not be allowed for teams playing on Vu-Graph; neither will extra time be granted because of the use of bidding boxes, screens, discussions of systems or for other similar reasons. Vu-Graph presentation for any match or session will not start until The Tournament Director notifies the Chief Commentator or his designee.

17. Tie-Breaking Procedures

17.1 Two Teams

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken as follows (in the sequence shown):

- a) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:
- b) Victory Points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other, in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:
- c) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- d) Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains then:
- e) Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains then:
- f) One board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

17.2 Three Teams

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance to Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- c) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance to Sub-section 17.1
- d) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1;

In all other cases, ties shall be broken in accordance with the following:

- g) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- h) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three team remain tied, then:
- i) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - a) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

17.3 Four Teams

If four or more teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 17.1. and 17.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.2, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:
- c) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 17.1 or 17.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:
- d) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

17.4 Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals

In the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals, if a tie exists at the end of the match, it will be resolved by playing eight additional boards. (For line-ups see section 13.3). Should a tie still exists, eight more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, one-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

18. Disqualification

In the case of a team being disqualified, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may in the discretion of the Executive Council be declared void and the scores earned by its opponents in those matches may be cancelled or varied.

19. Penalties

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the International Code. All infringements of the International Code will be dealt with in accordance with the International Code. Monetary fines shall be paid in US Dollars, or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee. Upon publication of these Conditions of Contest no further warning is required (whether from the Director or otherwise) prior to the application of any penalty under the provision of the International Code or of these Conditions of Contest.

Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the Round-Robin. The VP penalties shall not affect individual matches for purposes of tie-breaking procedures in any manner, but may determine a team's ranking and affect carry-over.

Penalties assessed in IMPs. shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the match during which the penalty was imposed, before its VP score is calculated. However the score of the non offending team shall not be affected, except in the knockout phase.

19.1 Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion

Any team containing a partnership that, for any reason, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 14.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 14.2.1):

- a) not be provided with a copy of the Systems of opposing teams unless and until either the President or the Chairman of the Tournament Rules and Regulations Committee has been provided with the required number of copies of the System used by that team's own pairs; and
- b) be subject to a decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee who may forbid the team to use specific conventional understandings not submitted in accordance with these Conditions of Contest. If a disallowed convention is used, the Tournament Appeals Committee may impose penalties at its discretion; and
- c) be fined US\$ 100.00 to be paid prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

19.2 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with Section 9:

- a) for the first such offence a warning shall be issued by the Tournament Director;
- b) for the second offence there shall be a fine of US\$ 20;
- c) for the third offence there shall be a fine of US\$ 40 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of US\$ 50;

penalties are cumulative.

When failure to provide the line-up in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, penalties under this Section shall be imposed only on the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. The captain of the

other team shall have five minutes after the filing by the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the extra five minutes allocated in the foregoing, whichever is later, this captain too is deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to penalty under this Section.

19.3 Lateness

Any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of a match or a session of a match will be assessed a penalty according to the following scale:

During the Round-Robin

0+ - 5 minutes late -	warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
5+ - 10 minutes late -	1 VP
10+ - 15 minutes late -	2 VPs
15+ - 20 minutes late -	3 VPs
20+ - 25 minutes late -	4 VPs
Over 25 minutes late -	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

During the Knock-out Phase

0+ - 5 minutes late -	warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
5+ - 25 minutes late -	1 IMP plus an additional 1 IMP for each full minute or part thereof beyond 5 minutes.
Over 25 minutes late -	at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

19.4 Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the time play in such match or session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the time allowed by Section 16 of these Conditions then either or both of the pairs shall be subject to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

19.4.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Round-Robin

0+- 5 minutes late -	1 VP
5+- 10 minutes late -	1½ VPs
10+ - 15 minutes late -	2 VPs
15+ - 20 minutes late -	2½ VPs
20+ - 25 minutes late -	3 VPs
Over 25 minutes late -	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

Example:

If a 16-board match or session took 2 hours and 35 minutes (excess of 15 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 6 extra

minutes total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2 VPs penalty and pair B 0.8 VP penalty. In any case if the Tournament Director judges that one match will be so delayed that it would disturb the starting time of the next round, he may truncate it, reducing the number of the boards played: if this happens the match will be scored only with the boards played at both tables, but the same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

19.4.2 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals:

0+ - 25 minutes late - 1 IMP for each minute or part thereof

Over 25 minutes late - at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Council.

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the President shall determine responsibility for slow play. A partnership which considers its opponents are playing slowly shall inform the Tournament Director who may appoint a monitor if he thinks it is necessary; the partnership is only protected from the time at which the Tournament Director is informed. A Director may install a monitor without request of the players.

19.5 Fouled Boards

See Section 15 of the General Conditions of Contest for explanation. If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to procedural penalty.

19.6 Frivolous Appeal

Forfeiture of the deposit of US\$ 50 if the Tournament Appeals Committee determine the appeal to be without merit ("frivolous"). See Section 24 of the General Conditions of Contest.

20. Recording of Matches and Verification Of Scores

20.1 Table Result Card

An official Table Result Card must be filled in by the North or South player at each table, for each match and sessions thereof. Team captains will determine and agree upon the scores for each match and segments thereof. At the conclusion of each match, or session of a match the Tournament Director shall post an official result on the official score-board. The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in Section 25 of the General Conditions of Contest; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- (i) awaiting decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;
- (ii) completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

20.2 Table Recorders

During the play of each hand of the round-robin and quarter-final matches, when there is not an official record (as in Vu-Graph matches for instance), an Approved Recorder (see General Conditions, Section 19) shall record the bidding, the lead

for the first three tricks, and the result, on the Recording Form provided at the table. The Team playing North/South is responsible for the provision of such Recorders. Score Corrections

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71.

An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director and the Appeals Committee, may be corrected until the beginning of the next phase of the event. (For this purpose, the meaning of "phase of event" is the round-robin and each knockout match).

21. Duplicated Boards

Duplicated boards will be used throughout these Championships, whenever possible.

22. World Transnational Open Teams Championships (WTOTC)

22.1 Conditions of Entry

Teams will consist of 4, 5 or 6 players, belonging to the same or different NCBOs, but each player must be approved by its NCBO of origin and submitted to the WBF Credentials Committee. The entry fee will be US\$600 per team, but players that participated in the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup are exempt of payment (teams consisting of participants and non participants in the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup will have the entry fee reduced proportionally to the number of such participants in the team).

The teams must be registered and the players names must be submitted to the WBF before 01 November 1999. All details should be sent to:

Mrs Christine Francin
40, Rue François 1er.
75008 - Paris, France
Fax: 33 - 1 - 40 70 14 51
Email: cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com

22.2 Payment of Entry Fees

Entry fees (US\$ 600 per team) must be paid to the WBF Financial Director before 01 December 1999 in the case of teams registered in advance of the Championship

Cheques should made payable to the World Bridge Federation and be sent to:

Mrs Christine Francin
40, Rue François 1er.
75008 - Paris, France
Fax: 33 - 1 - 40 70 14 51
Email: cfrancin@worldbridgefed.com

Alternatively, teams or NCBOs may contact Mrs Francin who will supply details of the WBF account so that payment may be made by bank transfer.

22.3 Late Entries

The WBF may accept additional entries from teams on site if there is sufficient space at the venue; in this case, the registration and payment in cash can be made on site. The deadline for such additional entries will be announced in the Daily Bulletin.

22.4 Classifications

There will be separate classifications for mixed teams, women's teams, seniors teams and juniors' teams. Type of Contest

The Tournament will be Swiss type, but with semi-finals and a final being played in order to determine the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medallists. The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the losing semi-finalist which finishes with a higher placing in the Swiss.

Fourteen 10-board matches of Swiss will be played to qualify for the semi-finals and two more matches will be played to determine the final standings from the 5th

place on. The semi-finals will be played in 32-board matches and the final will be a 48 board match; the knock-out stage - if possible - will be played simultaneously with, and will use the same hands being played at that time in the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup. The winner of the Swiss will have a free choice of opponents for the semi-final match from amongst the other three qualifying teams.

If any team has clearly won the Swiss before the end of the qualifying stage, that team will not be required to play any further matches in the Swiss. Likewise, if any team has clearly qualified for the semi-finals before the end of the qualifying stage, but cannot be the winners of the qualifying stage, that team will not be required to play any further matches in the Swiss.

22.5 Systems

The WTOTC is a Category 3 Tournament which means, according to the WBF System Policy, that use of HUM systems and “Brown Sticker” conventions are prohibited. The systems do not have to be pre-registered but each pair is required to present to the opponents, at the table, two copies of the WBF Convention Card together with all the Supplementary Sheets.

22.6 Tie-breaking

In case of ties, the tie-breaking procedures for the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup will apply with the following differences. In the Swiss, in order to determine a position at any time the first two criteria (a) and (b) are reversed, (b) becoming (a) and vice-versa (see points 17.1, 17.2 and 17.3 for the tie-breaking procedures). In the semi-finals and final, there will be 4 additional boards instead of 8 and only one series of 4 boards will be played (see 17.4).

22.7 Schedule of Play

The schedule of play is contained in Section 10 of these Supplemental Conditions of Contest

23. Seniors Exhibition Tournament

There will be an exhibition tournament for 6 invited Senior Teams.

23.1 Conditions of Entry

Teams will consist of 4, 5 or 6 players, by invitation of the WBF but each player must be approved by its NCBO of origin and submitted to the WBF Credentials Committee.

23.1.1 Age Limitation:

Each player must be over the age of 55 at the start of the Tournament

23.1.2 Registration

The teams must be registered and the players names must be submitted to the WBF before 01 November 1999. Registration details should be sent to:

Mrs Anna Gudge
The Old Railway Station
Long Melford
Sudbury, Suffolk C0010 9HN
England
Fax: +44 1787 81339
Email: anna@ecats.co.uk

23.2 Type of Contest

Teams will play a complete double round robin of 20 board matches followed by a 60 board Final between the two leading teams at the end of the Round Robin and a 40 board play off for third place between the third and fourth ranking teams at the end of the Round Robin.

23.3 Carry Over

Both knock-out matches will have a carry over applying the same rules as for the Bermuda Bowl (see Section 6) the maximum being 12 IMPs for the Final and 8 IMPs for the play off for third place.

23.4 Tie Break Procedures

These will be the same as for the Bermuda Bowl (see Section 17)

23.5 Time Schedule

The time schedule for all Senior Exhibition Matches is contained in Section 10 of these Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

23.6 Systems

The Seniors Exhibition Tournament is a Category 3 Tournament which means, according to the WBF System Policy, that use of HUM systems and "Brown Sticker" conventions are prohibited. The systems do not have to be pre-registered but each pair is required to present to the opponents, at the table, two copies of the WBF Convention Card together with all the Supplementary Sheets.

23.7 Master Point Awards

As this is an invitation Exhibition Match it is not eligible for Master Point Awards

APPENDIX A

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS

According to the WBF Master Points Plan, the following scale of Master Points will be awarded to the Championship events.

PLACEMENT	BERMUDA BOWL		VENICE CUP	
	MASTER POINTS	PLACEMENT POINTS	MASTER POINTS	PLACEMENT POINTS
1	800	5	800	5
2	500	3	500	3
3	300	2	300	2
4	200	1	200	1
5	150		150	
6	120		120	
7	90		90	
8	60		60	

Additionally, in both events (Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup), in the round-robin, 6 or 3 match points will be awarded to the team for each match won or tied, respectively

Special Conditions

In order to qualify for the MPs and PPs won by the team, a player, in any case, must have played at least 100 hands of the hands played by the team in the round-robin.

In addition:

- For first place: at least 112 hands of the total number of hands in the final, semi-final and quarter-final combined and at least 48 (Venice Cup) or 64 (Bermuda Bowl) hands of the total number of hands in the final.
- For second place: at least 64 hands the total number of hands in the semi-final and quarter-final combined and at least 32 hands of the total number of hands in the semi-final.
- For third and fourth place: at least 48 hands of the total number of the hands in the semi-final and play-off combined and at least 16 hands in the playoff

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The WTOTC will award Master Points in accordance with the following scale:

Placement	Master Points	Placement Points
1	300	2
2	240	1
3	180	½
4	150	
5	100	
6	50	
7 thru 10	25	

In order to qualify for the Master Points and Placement Points won by the team a player must have played at least 16 boards of the semi-final and 16 boards of the final.

If the Women's, Senior's, Mixed and Junior's team best placed are not among the 10 first overall, they will be awarded with 25 MP, otherwise they will get the points corresponding to its overall placement.

If there would be a separate tournament for Senior's teams the Master points and Placement Points will be 50% of the above table and will be awarded up to the 5th place only.