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1. Preamble for the 2022 World Bridge Series Championships

The Conditions of Contest herein are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for World Bridge Series, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and are specific for the 2022 World Bridge Series Championships to be played in Wroclaw, Poland, from Friday the 19th of August – Saturday the 3rd of September 2022.

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2022 World Bridge Series.

The Rules and Regulations Committee of the WBF and the WBF Executive Council reserve the right to amend these Conditions at any time should it be deemed necessary. This specifically includes changes made due to the current Covid situation.

2. Definitions

Expressions defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning where used in these Conditions of Contest. In addition, unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

2.1 “2022 World Bridge Series”

means the World Knockout Mixed Teams Championship, the World Mixed Pairs Championship, the World Knockout Open Teams Championship for the Rosenblum Cup (also known as the “Rosenblum Teams”), the World Knockout Women’s Teams Championship for the McConnell Cup (also known as the “McConnell Teams”), the World Senior Teams Championship for the Rand Cup (also known as the “Rand Senior Teams”), the World Open and Women’s Pairs Championships and the World Senior Pairs Championship for the Hiron Trophy (also known as the “Hiron Senior Pairs”) to be conducted under the auspices and organisation of the World Bridge Federation, from the 19th of August – the 3rd of September 2022, in the Centennial Hall or at such other time or place as the WBF may determine.

2.2 “these Championships”

mean the 2022 World Bridge Series and “championship event” means any of the events referred to in Section 2.1.

2.3 “General Conditions of Contest” (GCoC)

means the WBF General Conditions of Contest.

2.4 “these Conditions of Contest”

means the Supplemental Conditions of Contest herein contained.

2.5 “Organizing Committee”

means the Committee appointed by the WBF to organise these Championships.

2.6 “Credentials Committee”

Before the start of the tournament, this means the WBF Credentials Committee. During the Championships it means the Credentials Committee of three persons appointed by the President.

2.7 “the Knockout Teams”

means the Transnational World Knockout Open, Women’s, Senior and Mixed Teams Championships for the Rosenblum Trophy, the McConnell Cup, the Rand Cup, and the Mixed Trophy, respectively referred to in Section 2.1.

2.8 “the Open, Women’s, Senior and Mixed Pairs”

means the Transnational World Open, Women’s, Senior (Hiron Cup), and Mixed Pairs Championships referred to in Section 2.1.

2.9 “direct Knockout”

means the knockout segments of the Knockout Teams.

2.10 “Official Coach”

The Official Coach is the person registered with the WBF through the website as the Coach for the team. Only one official coach per team is permitted.

2.11 “Transnational Event(s)”

means an event in which players in partnerships or teams may be from different NBOs.

2.12 “Senior”

for eligibility for Senior events at these Championships (see Section 2.1), a bridge player must comply with the age criteria detailed on the WBF Website at:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/eligibility-regulations/>

For the current Championships Senior players must attain the age of 63 during the year of the Championships.

3. Conditions of Entry

See also the section relating to these conditions in the General Conditions of Contest.

3.1 General

Since all events are Transnational, and Teams and Pairs may comprise players from different NBOs, the following procedures shall apply:

For all events, Pairs and Teams may consist of players belonging to the same or different NBOs, but each player must be in good standing with his or her NBO of origin and will also be subject to the approval of the WBF Credentials Committee.

Teams may consist of 4, 5, or 6 players.

3.2 Commitment Forms

All participants (players, NPCs, Coaches and other team officials) must download, print, complete, sign and preferably scan or, if necessary, photograph all four pages of the document and send it by email to anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com.

Participants who have registered Commitment Forms since the 2017 World Championships need not do so again. Others will need to download the new form for completion.

No player will be permitted to play, nor any Non-Playing Captain or Coach participate, in any of the Championship events without having first registered a Commitment Form

in advance as required. Instructions for completing and sending the form together with the form to be downloaded can be found by [clicking here](#).

3.3 Anti-Doping Regulations

All participants are expected to comply fully with the WBF Anti-Doping Regulations detailed at:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/anti-doping-regulations/>.

Anti-Doping tests will be held during the Championships for players in the Open, Women's and Mixed tournaments. Players required to take any prohibited medication must apply for a Therapeutic Exemption Certificate no later than 30 days before the play begins in the event they plan to take part in. Forms can be obtained by [clicking here](#).

3.4 Submission of Entries

Entries should be made through the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org.

Players are requested to enter in advance, and entries should be received by the 12th of August, 2022. However, late entries will be accepted if there is sufficient space at the venue.

3.5 Entry Fees

Rosenblum Teams	€ 1.600
Mixed Teams	€ 1.400
McConnell & Rand Teams	€ 1.000
Open Pairs	€ 600
Mixed Pairs	€ 500
Women's & Senior Pairs	€ 400

Entry fees for the other WBF Tournaments will be detailed on the WBF website.

Players are strongly encouraged to pay the entry fees for the main Championship events at the same time as they register [by clicking here](#) in order to facilitate processing on arrival at the Championship site. Payment should be made by bank transfer to:

Crédit Suisse SA, Rue du Lion d'Or 5-7
P.O. Box 5722, 1002 Lausanne, Switzerland

€ account

IBAN CH58 0483 5154 6496 9200 0

Account n° 0425-1546496-92

SWIFT CRESCHZZ80A

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(To be indicated)

If the bank requires the name and address of the recipient, this is:

World Bridge Federation

Maison du Sport International

54 av. de Rhodanie

1007 Lausanne

Switzerland

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section, the Championship Committee reserves the right to add additional Pairs or Teams to any Championship Event for the technical convenience of the movement.

4. Schedule of Events

The schedule of events for the World Bridge Series can be [downloaded by clicking here](#).

Due to the uncertainty of entry numbers, all schedules of play and drop-in regulations etc., are subject to revision. Any such revisions will be published in the Daily Bulletin and on-site Bulletin boards.

5. Eligibility for Master Point Awards

WBF Master Points will be awarded for all Championship Events per the WBF Master Point Plan. [Click here](#) to go to the WBF Master Points Site.

6. Disclosure of Systems - WBF Systems Policy

The [WBF Systems Policy](#) forms part of these Conditions of Contest and further regulates the use of Systems at these Championships.

6.1 Disclosure Requirements

Contestants in all Championship Events must make full written and oral disclosure of their systems - see additional regulations in the General Conditions of Contest, the [WBF Systems Policy](#) and the [WBF Guide to Completion](#) (of the WBF System card and Supplementary sheets). Failure to comply with this obligation will result in penalties.

Unless repugnant to the context, Supplementary sheets are deemed to be part of the System card of a partnership.

All players will be responsible for ensuring that their partnership has two properly completed System cards in English at the table at the start of each session and each round. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in penalties.

The World Bridge Federation will provide no printing or photocopying facilities.

Players are encouraged to call the TD if they consider that their opponents are playing an unauthorised system. Players discovered to be playing systems not authorised will be subject to penalty and must stop playing such systems immediately. Repeated offences may result in expulsion from the event.

6.2 Event Categories

Per Section 3 of the WBF Systems Policy, all events at these Championships are Category 3 events. Consequently, neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker Conventions are permitted during any event. Players are responsible for ensuring that they have correctly categorised their system.

6.3 Interpretation of the Systems Policy

Should any question arise during these Championships as to the correct interpretation of the WBF Systems Policy, the decision of the Chairman of the WBF Systems Committee or his designee shall be final and binding on all contestants.

6.4 Supplementary Sheets

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

6.5 Additional Systems Regulations

6.5.1 Registration of systems

There is no requirement to register systems in advance.

6.5.2 System Card Programs

The System cards may be prepared using either Microsoft Word or Excel. Blank templates can be **downloaded by clicking here**

Players using Macintosh computers are advised not to use the "Pages" application as it seems impossible for these to print accurately.

Players should note that their card should print on two pages ONLY, plus supplemental sheets, if any.

6.6 Penalties for a breach of the Systems Regulations

The Head TD and the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his designee are empowered to determine whether a partnership has breached any provision of the Systems Regulations. A decision on such a matter is final. Would there be a difference of opinion, the Chairman of the System Committee shall prevail.

7. Teams Competitions

7.1 All Teams Events

7.1.1 Rosenblum Teams

The qualifying phase of the Rosenblum Teams will be played over two days with ten Swiss sessions of 10 boards each. The Knockout phase will commence with a round of 32, followed by rounds of 16, quarter-final, and semi-final, each played over one day with four 14-board sessions (56 in total) and a final played over two days, each having three 16-board sessions (in total 96 boards).

There will be no play-off. Both semi-final losers will be classified third ex aequo and the players awarded the Bronze Medal, receiving the Masterpoints and Placing Points for third place.

7.1.2 McConnell Teams

In the McConnell the Teams will play a three-day qualification phase, either Swiss or Round Robin depending on entries (number of rounds and boards per round to be determined), followed by a quarter-final, semi-final and final, each played over one day as four 14-board sessions (56 in total).

There will be no play-off. Both semi-final losers will be classified third ex aequo and the players awarded the Bronze Medal, receiving the Masterpoints and Placing Points for third place.

7.1.3 Rand Cup Teams

In the Rand Cup the Teams will play a two-day qualification phase, either Swiss or Round Robin depending on entries (number of rounds and boards per round to be determined), followed by rounds of 16 and quarter-final to be played over the same day as two 14-boards session, semi-final and final, each played over one day as four 14-board sessions (56 in total).

There will be no play-off. Both semi-final losers will be classified third ex aequo and the players awarded the Bronze Medal, receiving the Masterpoints and Placing Points for third place.

7.1.4 Mixed Teams

The Mixed Teams will play a two-day qualification phase with ten Swiss sessions of 10 boards each followed by rounds of 32 and 16 to be played over the same day as two 14-boards sessions, quarter-final and semi-final each played over one day with four 14-board sessions (56 in total) and a final played over two days each having three 16-board sessions (in total 96 boards).

There will be no play-off. Both semi-final losers will be classified third ex aequo and the players awarded the Bronze Medal, receiving the Masterpoints and Placing Points for third place.

7.2 Carryover and Ties in the KO stages

There will be no carryover in any of the Team events. Ties will be resolved in favour of the team that won the head-to-head match (if any) in the qualification stage or, otherwise, the higher-ranked team in the qualification stage.

7.3 Brackets for the KO stage

At the end of the qualification stage, the top 25% of qualifiers will each, in turn, choose their opponent from among the bottom 50%. The rest of the bracket will be assigned using the remaining teams' original seeding, based on the average WBF Master Points of the team's members for the respective category, e.g., Senior Master Points for the Senior teams. Seeding ties will be broken based on qualification rank.

In events with exactly eight qualifiers, the winner of the qualification stage will have one further option. Once the bracket is formed, it will choose the QF match whose winner will face the winner of its QF match in the semi-final.

7.4 Changes

According to the regulations in the General Conditions of Contest and to the number of entries, the Championship Committee reserves the authority to modify the rules above indicated at 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6. before the beginning of the championships. The changes will be immediately communicated and published.

7.5 Swiss Teams

In each match of the Swiss Teams, the first named team will be the Home Team. Line-ups will not be submitted in advance.

7.6 The Knockout Phase

The scoring system will automatically assign seating rights for each stanza (set of 16 boards) using a random draw. The following restrictions will apply:

7.6.1 Two stanzas

Each team will have seating rights in one of the two.

7.6.2 Three stanzas

- a) One team will have seating rights in two stanzas and the other in one.
- b) If a team gets seating rights in stanza one, the other will get seating rights in stanza three.

7.6.3 Four stanzas

- a) Each team will have seating rights in two stanzas.
- b) The four stanzas are divided into portions of two each: 1-2, 3-4; when a team is assigned seating rights in one stanza, the other team automatically gets seating rights in the other stanza of that portion.
- c) If a team gets seating rights in stanza four, the other will get seating rights in stanza one.

7.6.4 Six stanzas

- a) Each team will have seating rights in three of the stanzas.
- b) The six stanzas are divided into portions of two each: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; when a team is assigned seating rights in one stanza of the portion, the other team automatically gets the other remaining stanza of that portion.
- c) If a team gets seating rights in stanza six, the other will get seating rights in stanza one.

8. Adding Players to a Team

Each team is entitled to have six members plus a non-playing captain and a coach. The non-playing captain and coach must be officially registered before the start of the first match of the competition and are subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee.

If only four or five members are registered at the time of the original entry, additional member(s) may be registered before the commencement of play, but no later than the 19 August in the case of the Open and Women's Teams or 27th August in the case of the Mixed or Senior Teams, and with the approval of the Credentials Committee.

After play has begun, additional member(s) may be added to the four or five originally registered only by permission of the Championship Committee, subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee.

In the case of force majeure the Operations Director or the Head TD may seat a substitute player, specifically if the team has only four players and, if he considers it necessary, he may approve a substitution for other reasons, subject to the ratification by the Championship Committee.

Additional and exceptional regulations in the event of Covid infection will be considered on site and detailed in the Daily Bulletins and Live News

9. Pairs Competitions

9.1 Seeding

The Chairman of the Championship Committee will appoint a Seeding Committee to assign starting positions for pairs in the first Session of play-through events and every phase of the Mixed, Open, Women's and Senior Pairs Championships. The committee will include the tournament's Operations Director.

Seeding decisions of this Committee will be final.

The Committee shall attempt, where feasible, to spread players from the same NBO equally among the groups (when there are groups) and to assign positions so that pairs from the same NBO, if seeded in the same group, play against each other in the early rounds of each phase.

9.2 Substitutes and Alternates

After the announced number of qualifying contestants is selected, all other contestants rank as alternates. Alternates rank in order of their qualifying score.

The Championship Committee may authorise the Operations Director or Head TD to make emergency substitutions necessary for the smooth running of the event. If this results in the disqualification of any contestant, that contestant will be ineligible to win Masterpoints from the time the substitution is made.

10. Format & Drop in Regulations

10.1 Format

All the Pairs Competitions will consist of qualification rounds followed by semi-finals and finals. The Open, Women's, Senior and Mixed Pairs are play-through with no elimination. Players not qualifying for the A semi-final will play in the B semi-final.

In the Open Pairs, there will be two days of qualification, two of Semi-final and two of Final.

In the Women's and Senior Pairs there will be two days of qualification, one of Semi-final, and one of Final.

In the Mixed Pairs there will be two days of qualification, one of Semi-final, and two of Final.

In all categories, the number of qualified pairs in the semi-final A & B will depend on the number of original entries, communicated via the Live News and Daily Bulletins on-site after the first qualifying session has commenced.

The total number of pairs in the Open and the Mixed Final will be a minimum of 52, 47 from semi-final A and 5 from semi-final B. In addition, a maximum of 6 pairs coming from the corresponding team semi-finals will be added.

In the Women's and Senior Pairs events, the number of participating pairs in each Final will depend on the number of original entries, communicated via the Live News and Daily Bulletins on-site after the first qualifying session has commenced.

Changes to these principles will be clearly announced on-site via Live News and in the Daily Bulletin, together with other relevant information about the Pairs competitions.

10.2 Drop-ins

Players eliminated from the four team events may drop into the corresponding Pairs event, playing with a teammate, with someone having participated in another category in a team event, or with someone not having participated in any team event, assuming both players are age and gender eligible.

These “duly entered pairs” must meet the following criteria:

- a) Any pair wishing to drop in MUST register and pay before the start of the qualification stage of the Pairs event they intend to drop in to. The expiration time for registering will be announced on-site, but will certainly be no later than 10 pm on the day prior to the start of the qualification stage.
- b) A team that has been knocked out can drop in a maximum of three pairs, regardless of their composition, but each pair dropping in must include at least one player from that team. Neither NPCs nor Coaches are considered players. Each player must have fulfilled the minimum play requirements for Masterpoints in the applicable team event.
- c) If a team has registered more than three pairs, it must elect the three who will drop in no later than 10 pm on the day prior to the commencement of the corresponding pairs stage. If this doesn't happen, the system will automatically pick the three pairs, and no change will be allowed thereafter.
- d) If a duly entered pair is composed of two players from the same team, or if only one was a player in the team event, they will drop into the applicable stage of the corresponding Pair event upon elimination from the team event. If both members of the pair are from different teams in the same event, they will drop into the applicable Pair event upon the later elimination of the two players. If the pair is composed of players from different Team events they may only drop into the applicable stage of the applicable Pair event of that later eliminated player. For these purposes, “later” means dropping into a different stage of the Pair event. (Eg: if one member of the Pair is eliminated in the Swiss qualifying stage of any category and the other member of the Pair is eliminated from the Open Teams in the Round of 16, that Pair would be eligible to drop into the Semi-final of the Open Pairs. This applies similarly to a participant in the Women's and Senior Teams who is otherwise eligible).
- e) In the Rosenblum, players eliminated in the Round of 32 may drop into the Open Pairs Qualification. Players eliminated in the Round of 16 or the Quarterfinals may drop into the Open Pairs Semi-final. Players eliminated in the KO Semi-finals may drop into the Open Pairs Final.
- f) In the McConnell, players eliminated in the Quarter-finals or the Semifinals may drop into the Women's Pairs Qualification. Players playing the Final may drop into the Women's Pairs Semi-final.
- g) In the Rand, players eliminated in the Round of 16, the Quarter-finals or the Semifinals may drop into the Senior Pairs Qualification. Players playing the Final may drop into the Senior Pairs Semi-final.
- h) In the Mixed, players eliminated in the Round of 32 or the Round of 16 may drop into the Mixed Pairs Qualification. Players eliminated in the Quarterfinals may drop into the Mixed Pairs Semifinals. Players eliminated in the Semi-finals may drop into the Mixed Pairs Final.

10.3 Starting Time.

All participants must be in their proper seating position five minutes before the announced start time for each play session.

11. Score Penalties

11.1 Victory Point Penalties

Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the relevant Swiss match. These Victory Point penalties shall not affect individual matches for the purpose of tie-breaking procedures but may determine a team's ranking.

11.2 IMP Penalties

In the knockout phase a penalty fully affects the match score at that time (e.g., if the score between teams A and B is 32 to 29 before calculating any penalty, and team A has been penalised 3 IMPs, the final score will be 29-29, and the tie-breaking rules would apply).

11.3 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

A Captain who fails to submit line-ups for KO matches in accordance with the Regulations will be subject to:

- a) for the first such offence - a warning from the TD;
- b) for the second offence - a penalty of 1 IMP.
- c) for the third offence - a penalty of 2 IMPs
- d) for each subsequent offence - a penalty of 3 IMPs.

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 a line-up first. The Captain of the other team will have five minutes to file his own after the offending team's line-up is filed. If, following the 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.

11.4 Late Arrival

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

11.4.1 During a Swiss or a Round Robin

- 0+ – 5 minutes late - 0.2 VP per minute of part thereof
- 5+ – 10 minutes late - 0.4 VP per minute or part thereof
- Over 10 minutes late - The match is cancelled and is considered a walkover. The Head TD may include, at his discretion, a recommendation for More severe action by the Championship Committee.

11.4.2 During the Knockout 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 for each minute or part thereof beyond 5 minutes.
Over 25 minutes late - 30 IMPs plus 2 IMPs for each minute thereafter, but after 40 minutes the round is cancelled. The Head TD may include, at his discretion, a recommendation to forfeit the match or more severe action by the Championship Committee.

The Qualification and Knockout phases are considered separate events for the above purposes. Thus, any late arrival warnings issued during the Qualification phase are not carried over into the Knockout phase.

11.5 Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed starting when the TD announces the commencement of play. If play continues beyond the time allowed, either one or both of the pairs will be subject to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

11.5.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Swiss

0+ – 5 minutes after time - 0.2 VP per minute of part thereof
5+ – 10 minutes after time - 0.4 VP per minute or part thereof

Beyond 10 minutes following the scheduled finish time, the Head TD will terminate the match forthwith and the result will be scored using the VP table for the number of comparable boards, including those whose result is to be determined through the application of Law 86B, irrespective of how many boards were actually played.

11.5.2 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Knockout Phase

0+ – 15 minutes late 1 IMP for each minute or part thereof
More than 15 minutes late
The Head TD will shorten the match.

A TD or an official appointed by the Head TD shall determine responsibility for slow play. A partnership that considers its opponents are playing slowly shall inform the TD, who may appoint a monitor; the partnership is only protected from the time at which the TD is informed. A Director may install a monitor without request by the players.

In case of forfeiture of a match, the Head TD may recommend more severe action by the Championship Committee.

11.6 Starting time and lateness fines in Pairs

All participants are required to be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time for each session of play. Should either member of a partnership not be seated in his starting position at the announced starting time, the pair will receive an official warning for a first offence during that phase of the event for being up to 5 minutes late, then 10% of a top for each period of 5 minutes or part thereof up to 20 minutes, after which penalties shall be at the discretion of the Championship Committee. These may include disqualification from the event. These penalties are in addition to any boards that are removed and scored as 40% or less (Law 12C2a).

If a player fails to arrive within 20 minutes of the announced starting time of the session, that pair shall be withdrawn from that Championship Event. The Head TD may seat a substitute in case of emergency.

In extenuating circumstances and upon the written request of the offending pair, the Head TD may vary any of the penalties referred to in this section.

A pair delaying the tournament will be penalised at the discretion of the TD.

If the TD has reason to suppose that the delay in any round is caused by one pair rather than the other, they may assess the penalty against the delinquent pair only.

12. Carryover

There might be a carryover in some of the Pairs events. The decision will be taken on-site and announced before the start of each event.

13. Contact Information

13.1 The President's Office:

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13.2 For Anti-Doping information

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13.3 To register Commitment forms

Anna Gudge - email: anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com

14. Official Websites:

The official WBF Website

The WBF Championships Website for the event through which registration can be made in advance, all the regulations & policies pertaining to the Championships downloaded and which will carry full details of the Championships, including the results and bulletins.

The WBF Master Point website, with details of the Master Point Regulations together with Master Point Ranking lists.

The World Anti-Doping Organisation (WADA)

The WADA Prohibited List

15. Links to Specific Information

Links to details about various aspects of the Championships and its regulations can be found on the pages listed below

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