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Supplemental Conditions of Contest (SCoC) for the
2024 World Bridge Games (WBG}

National Teams & Pairs Championships
in Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed Categories

Transnational BAM Teams

Pablo Lambardi Transnational Open Teams

See also the [General Conditions of Contest and the Ancillary Regulations](#)
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1. Preamble

The Supplemental Conditions of Contest (hereinafter “SCoC”) herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest (hereinafter “GCoC”), as issued by the World Bridge Federation (hereinafter “WBF”) and are specific for the World Bridge Games (hereinafter “WBG”) tournament comprising the following events:

- a) Vanderbilt National Open Teams, Torlontano National Women's Teams, National Seniors’ Teams, National Mixed Teams Championships. Each WBF National Bridge Organisation (hereinafter “NBO”) in good standing is entitled to enter one team in each championship. See Section C
- b) National Open Pairs, National Women's Pairs, National Seniors’ Pairs, National Mixed Pairs Championships. Each WBF NBO in good standing is invited to send any number of pairs, in good standing. See Section D
- c) Transnational Open BAM Teams. Open to all players who are members in good standing of a WBF NBO. See Section E
- d) Pablo Lambardi Transnational Open Teams. Open to all players who are members in good standing of a WBF NBO. See Section F

NBOs and Players are reminded that by registering for and entering any WBF event, they agree to play against all other NBOs/Players. No special arrangements will be made to avoid certain encounters. Registering/Entering and not respecting this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the rest of the tournament and further severe consequences for the NBO and the Players involved players.

The tournament will be played in the Centro de Convenciones de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, from Monday, October 21st, when the Opening Ceremony will be staged, to Sunday, November 3rd. Play will start on Tuesday, October 22nd, and end Sunday, November 3rd when the Closing Ceremony will also be held.

These SCoC and the GCoC together with the Ancillary Documents (see Section G), all of which are [published here](#) and form the Rules and Regulations governing the 2024 World Bridge Games.

SECTION A: Definitions

2. Definitions

Expressions used in these SCoC and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in duplicate bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Championships Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa; reference to one gender shall include the other.

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the GCoC shall have the same meaning for these SCoC and, in addition, the following expressions where used shall have the following meanings:

2.1. *Open and Closed Rooms*

for any match or segment of a match shall be those rooms so designated by the Operations Director (hereinafter "OD").

2.2. *NPC*

means the non-playing captain of any team. The NPC must be a member in good standing of the NBO he represents. Teams are not obliged to have non-playing captains: a team member may act as a playing captain if preferred. Non-playing captains are considered team members and will receive any medals awarded. Provided other conditions are complied with they are also permitted to enter or drop into the corresponding category National Pairs event, as well as the Open team events during the second week, free of charge.

2.3. *Coach*

Teams may elect to have a Coach or other official attending the WBG. Coaches do not receive medals and do not have to be members of the NBO they are acting for. Provided other conditions are complied with they may enter the Open team events during the second week, free of charge.

SECTION B: Applicable to all events

3. Eligibility

3.1. *All events*

Every player, NPC, Coach, and any other team official must have a WBF Commitment form signed and registered. Such forms already registered for a WBF event held after 2017 remain valid for this tournament. See section 3.11 of the GCoC.

3.2. *Senior Events*

Players in the Seniors Championships must reach the age of at least 64 during the calendar year 2024.

3.3. *Mixed Events*

Partnerships must comprise one player of each gender at all times. There are no other seating restrictions.

3.4. *Credentials Committee Approval*

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied that each contestant has been nominated by his or her NBO and satisfies the [WBF Eligibility Code](#) requirements.

If an NBO is in arrears of any payment due to the WBF, nominated contestants submitted for invitation may be refused until such dues and entry fees have been settled satisfactorily.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees together with the payment information for all events are detailed on the [Championship Website](#).

5. Penalty for Non-Participation

If a previously entered team in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the WBF shall be notified at least 48 hours before the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the WBF of non-participation shall result in the imposition of a €500 penalty, payable by the

NBO that nominated the team; an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the WBF deems it appropriate. The entry fee will be refunded only if the NBO notifies the WBF at least two weeks before the start of the Championship that its team or teams will not participate.

6. Correction of Scores

6.1. The Correction Period

The Correction Period normally expires thirty minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day or, for the final session of a day that is not the final day of the event, until the start of play the following day.

Thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- a) Awaiting a decision of the Reviewer on a requested review.
- b) Completion of play or replay boards where the Championship Committee or the Operations Director (hereinafter "OD") has directed such replay.

Upon a proposal of the Head Tournament Director (hereinafter "HTD") or the OD, the Championship Committee may modify the Correction Periods prior to any event. Any changes will be posted prominently in the playing area and listed on the event's website.

6.2. Incorrect Scores

Requests to correct manifestly incorrect scores (e.g. four spades scored as played by West, but in fact played by North) entered at any time during a stage of an event may be requested until 30 minutes after the end of that stage.

Otherwise, a request to change a score that was agreed upon at the table may be submitted only until the end of the Correction Period, and the score will be changed only once it is proven erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the HTD.

However, no correction may be requested more than 30 minutes after the scores are posted for the final session of a qualification stage. This includes the Knock-Out (hereinafter "KO") stages, where every round is a stage.

7. System Categories

The KO stages in the National Team events teams are Category 1.

The Qualifying stages in the National Team events, as well as all other events at the tournament, are Category 3. See the Ancillary document "[The WBF Systems Policy](#)"

8. Psyching of Conventional or Artificial Opening Bids

The psyching of conventional or artificial opening bids is prohibited in any Category 3 event. See also the Ancillary document "[Psychic Bidding](#)"

9. Eligibility for Master Points

Master Points will be awarded according to the Master Points Regulations.

SECTION C: NATIONAL TEAMS EVENTS

Series: Open, Women, Seniors, Mixed.

10. Participation

Each NBO is entitled to nominate one team for each Series.

The submission of entries and participants' names must be done only electronically via the [Championship Registration page](#).

The entries for all Series must be made latest by July 31st, 2024. Website registration will be available from June 10th, 2024. The submission of entries for the teams means the confirmation by the NBO that it will be participating in events for which entry is made. Later entries may be accepted in exceptional cases and only by approval of the Championship Committee, based on its consequences for the format, playing schedule and integrity of the event.

The names of the NPC, the Players and Coach of each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in Section 3 of the GCoC, must be made latest by August 15th, 2024.

11. Team Members

Each team may have four, five or six Players and, in addition, an NPC and a Coach. If an NBO wishes to replace a team member or members, or if fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement or increase must be from the NBO submitting the team and may be added before the start of the first session of play with the permission of the Credentials Committee present at the site. However, the Championship Committee reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee, to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

12. Schedule and Format – Qualifications

12.1. Schedule

Teams will compete in accordance with schedules drawn up independently for all Series.

12.2. Seeded Groups

If the number of teams in a Series is too large for allowing a complete Round Robin (hereinafter "RR") it may be divided into seeded groups, formed according to the criteria and procedures established by the WBF Championship Committee. The seeding will be done after the team rosters are known and will be followed by a public draw of the groups, if possible not later than August 30th, 2024. The Championship Committee has the authority to make changes in the groups (and, consequently, in the sequence of play) if required by occurrences (e.g. the withdrawal of a team) after the seeding and draw has been announced.

12.3. Round Robin

Teams will play a complete RR (within each group, if applicable) from Tuesday, October 22nd, to Sunday, October 27th. If a Series has 22 teams or fewer this stage will continue until Monday October 28th, and its KO stage will start with the Quarterfinal rather than the Round of 16 (hereinafter "R16").

12.4. Number of Boards

The number of boards per match will be 16 as the default. However, adjustments up or down may be necessary in order to correlate the number of matches needed for a complete RR to the number of playing days. The final decision will be taken and published as soon as the final participation numbers per Series are known.

12.5. *Series with more than one Group*

If a Series consists of more than one group, an equal number of the top teams from each group will qualify for the KO stage. In case of three groups the top five in each group, plus the “best” sixth placed team, will qualify. To determine that sixth placed team see 12.6 below.

12.6. *Tie Breaking*

For general tie-breaking rules refer to section 1 in the Ancillary document “[Procedures for Tie Breaking](#)”. To determine the “best” sixth placed team among the three groups the following will apply:

The three sixth placed teams will be ranked according to their VP total achieved against the top five teams in their group, and the one with the highest total qualifies. If a tie still remains it is resolved in accordance with the general tie-breaking rules.

12.7. *Seating Rights*

For Seating Rights see Ancillary document “[WBF Regulations Governing Seating Rights](#)”.

13. **Schedule and Format - Knock Out Stage**

13.1. *The KO stage*

The Knockout stage will start on Monday October 28th for Series starting with the R16, and on Tuesday October 29th for any Series starting with the Quarterfinals. The R16 will be played on one day, followed by two days each of Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, and Final/Play-off.

13.2. *Number of boards*

The number of boards in the R16 will be 60, played in 3 segments of 20 boards each.

The number of boards in each of the Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Final will be 96, played in 6 segments of 16 boards each.

13.3. *Tie Breaking*

For general Tie-breaking rules refer to section 2 in Ancillary document “[Procedures for Tie Breaking](#)”.

13.4. *Match-up Procedure*

To determine the match-ups in the **first** KO stage, the R16 or Quarterfinal as applicable to the Series, the following procedure will apply:

13.4.1. For One Group

- a) If starting from the R16; the top four qualifiers (becoming seeds 1-4), in order, picks their Quarterfinal opponent from the bottom eight qualifiers. Their chosen opponents become seeds 16-13 respectively. The remaining teams are automatically matched, whereby the 5th qualifier faces the lowest ranked remaining qualifier (which becomes seed 12), the 6th faces the second lowest remaining (which becomes seed 11), and so on.
- b) If starting from the Quarterfinals; the top two qualifiers (becoming seeds 1-2), in order, picks their Semi-Final opponent from the bottom four qualifiers. Their chosen opponents become seeds 8-7 respectively. The remaining teams are matched and numbered analogous with (a) above.

13.4.2. For Two or More Groups

- c) In this case the KO stage always starts from the R16.
- d) To determine the seed order **between teams with the same rank** in their respective groups after the qualification, their VP total achieved against all other qualifiers from their group is calculated and they become seeded accordingly. The procedure is analogous with that in section 12.6 above, to determine the “best” sixth placed team in case of three groups.
- e) Teams in the R16 cannot be matched against another team from the same group.

13.4.3. For Two Groups

- f) The “best” top qualifier (seed 1) picks their Quarterfinal opponent from the bottom four qualifiers **from the other group** (which becomes seed 16). The other top qualifier (seed 2) picks their Quarterfinal opponent from the bottom four qualifiers **from the other group** (which becomes seed 15). The procedure is repeated for the second ranked qualifiers (seeds 3-4); their opponents becoming seeds 14-13 respectively. The remaining teams are matched analogous with (a) above, whereby the “best” third qualifier (seed 5) faces the lowest ranked remaining qualifier **from the other group** (becoming seed 12), and so on.

13.4.4. For Three Groups

- g) The top qualifiers from each group (seeds 1-3), in order as per (d) above, pick their Quarterfinal opponents from the bottom three (or four if the “best sixth” is from another group) qualifiers **from one of the other two groups** (which become seeds 16-14 respectively). The “best” of the second placed qualifiers (seed 4) picks its Quarterfinal opponent from the remaining bottom three (or four) qualifiers **from one of the other groups** (which becomes seed 13). The remaining teams are matched and seed numbered analogous with (a) and (f) above,

13.4.5. For Four Groups (named A, B, C and D)

- h) The four groups are divided into two Pairs for the purpose of determining the match-ups in the R16. Groups A and C form one Pair (AC) and groups B and D the other (BD). In this round, teams only face teams from the other group in the Pair, i.e. A vs C and B vs D.
- i) The top qualifiers from each group (seeds 1-4), in order as per (d) above, pick their Quarterfinal opponents from the bottom two qualifiers in their complementary group (which become seeds 16-13 respectively). The remaining teams are matched and seed numbered analogous with (f) above.

13.4.6. For All Groups

- j) After the initial choices as per above, the teams are automatically placed in a classical “bracket tree” based on their seed numbers, i.e. 1 vs 16 resp. 8, 2 vs 15 resp. 7, and so on.

14. Disclosure of Systems and Conventions

14.1. WBF Systems Policy

For the latest version of the WBF Systems Policy, which forms part of these SCoC, see Ancillary document "[The WBF Systems Policy](#)".

14.2. Registration and Use of Systems

Each team captain in a Championship event is responsible for sending the System Cards for every partnership on the team by email to systems@worldbridgefed.com as soon as possible, but in any event latest by August 31st 2024. See Ancillary document "[Regulations for the Registration and Use of Systems](#)".

14.3. Changes to System Cards/Supplementary Sheets

Changes to registered cards are regulated in section 6.1 of "[Regulations for the Registration and Use of Systems](#)".

14.4. Number of System Cards

Notwithstanding section 7 of the WBF Systems Policy, each team is allowed a maximum of 3 System Cards except that, for the KO stage, a pair may, at the same time as submitting their system for the RR, additionally register a system containing HUM and/or BS elements, provided the conditions for using these systems are met.

SECTION D: NATIONAL PAIRS EVENTS

Series: Open, Women, Seniors, Mixed.

15. Participation:

An unlimited number of pairs from each NBO may enter for the National Open, Women's, Seniors', and Mixed Pairs Championships. NBOs will be informed automatically by the registration system of entries made by their members and are reminded of their responsibility to ensure compliance with eligibility and representation rules regarding all participants.

15.1. Submission of Entries for the National Pairs

The submission of entries and participants' names, **including participants from the National Teams event**, must be done only electronically via [the Championship Registration page](#).

Entries from pairs not participating in the National Teams Championships must be made latest by September 30th 2024. They pay an entry fee (see "ENTRY FEES" on the Championship website). Later entries will only be accepted if not negatively impacting the format of the event.

Entries from players eliminated from the National Teams Championship events may be made until latest 20:00 local time the evening before the start of the event and, in any case, no entries will be accepted on the day of the event unless to fill a "bye", at the discretion of the OD. Such players enter free of charge.

16. Schedule and Format

All Series will start on Tuesday, October 29th. There will be two days of qualification, followed by two-day Semi-Finals (A & B if number of participants necessitates it), two-day Finals A and one-day Finals B. All entrants will be eligible for either the Final A or B.

16.1. Qualification

The Qualification will be played in seeded “lines”, if the participation numbers do not allow for a full round robin. If there is only one Semi-Final, all pairs qualify for it. If there is also a Semi-Final B it is anticipated that, very approximately, half of the pairs, including drop-ins from the National Team events, will qualify for Semi-Finals A. The final number will be determined (to optimize the format) when the number of original participants and drop-ins are known. This will be published before the start of the event.

Depending on the size of the field it is anticipated that between one and three pairs from Semi-Final B will qualify for Final A. The final numbers will be published before the start of the event.

17. Drop-In Rules:

Registered Participants eliminated in the Quarterfinals of the National Team events may drop into Semi-finals A of the corresponding Series’ Pairs event, i.e., Open to Open, Mixed to Mixed, etc.

There is no possibility to move from the Pairs event to the Transnational Open Teams.

18. Carry-over

There will be a “linear” carry-over from the Qualification to the Semi-finals A. The carry-over amount will be announced before the event.

The carry-over from the Semi-Finals to Finals A will be announced before the start of the first Semi-final round, when the number of drop-ins is known.

The carry-over amounts will depend on the relative duration, and number of boards played, of the stages.

19. Systems for the Pairs Events

There is no requirement to pre-register systems for the Pairs Championships.
All Pairs events are Category 3.

SECTION E: TRANSNATIONAL OPEN BAM TEAMS

20. Participation

A “stand-alone” OPEN BAM Teams event (one category only) will take place on Monday, October 28th. It is open to non-qualifiers from the National Teams Round Robin, free of charge, as well as to new teams paying an entry fee (see “ENTRY FEES” on the Championship website).

21. Registration

Entries, **including participants from the National Teams event**, must be made only electronically [via the Championship Registration page](#) latest by 20:00 local time on October 27th 2024. No entries will be accepted on the day of the event unless approved by the OD to fill a “bye”.

22. Format

The exact format will be determined and published as soon as the number of participating teams is known.

23. Systems

There is no requirement to register systems in advance for this event.
This is a Category 3 event.

SECTION F: PABLO LAMBARDI TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

The Open Transnational Teams (one category only) will be played from Tuesday, October 29th to Sunday November 3rd, 2024.

24. Participation

This “stand-alone” event is open to: (a) participants not having played in the National Team events, (b) non-qualifiers from the Round Robin of the National Team events, and (c) drop-ins from the Quarterfinals of the National Team events.

Participants (a) pay an entry fee (see “[ENTRY FEES](#)” on the Championship website) whereas participants (b) and (c) play free of charge.

There is no possibility to move from this event to the National Pairs event.

25. Registration

All entries, **including participants from the National Team events**, must be made electronically only [via the Championship Registration page](#).

Teams not participating in the National Team events (see 24 a above) must register, including player names, latest by August 30th, 2024. Later entries may be accepted by the Championship Committee only if not negatively impacting the format or playing schedule

Teams with participants from the National Team events (see 24 b and c above) **MUST** register latest by 20:00 local time Monday October 28th 2024 for non-qualifiers from the Round Robin and by 20:00 local time Wednesday October 30th for drop-ins from the Quarterfinals. Later entries may be accepted by the Championship Committee only if not negatively impacting the format or playing schedule, and no entries will be accepted on the day of the start of the event/stage.

26. Format

There will be two Qualification stages and a two-day Final stage.

26.1. Qualification stages

Two days of Swiss qualification (“Swiss One”). Depending on the number of participants it is likely to be played in either six 8-board matches, five 10-board matches or four 12-board matches per day.

This is followed by another two days of Swiss qualification (“Swiss Two”), for all teams from Swiss One plus drop-ins from the Quarterfinals of all Series in the National Teams event.

For the first round of Swiss Two the teams will be seeded according to their ranking in Swiss One. By random draw teams in the top quartile will face teams in the third quartile and teams in the second quartile will face teams in the fourth quartile. Teams from the National Teams event will be “woven” into the ranking so that they do not face each other in the first round.

26.2. Final stage

A continuous ranking will be made based on the results of the Swiss Two. The field will be split into groups of 12 teams each (1-12 group A, 13-24 group B, etc.), eventually ending with an “overflow” group if the total number of teams is not divisible by 12.

Each group plays a full Round Robin of eleven matches, six on November 2nd and five on November 3rd, 2024.

A final continuous ranking is established whereby, irrespective of a team's ranking in the Qualification, the winner of group A becomes the winner of the event, the winner of group B ranks 13th, etc.

27. Systems

There is no requirement to register systems in advance for this event.
This is a Category 3 event.

28. Carry-over

There will be a linear carry-over from Swiss One to Swiss Two, as well as from Swiss Two to the Finals

SECTION G: ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS AND REGULATIONS:

All the WBF Regulations pertaining to these Championships can be found at:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/conditions-of-contest/>

Participants are reminded to check all of these beforehand.