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## **Supplementary Conditions of Contest**

**for**

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## 1. Preamble

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for APBF Championships and Congress, as issued by the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation and are specific for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Cup Bridge Championships to be played in Zhejiang Province, Jinhua City, Wuyi County, China from 13 - 22 June 2014.

These Supplementary Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2014 Open Team, Ladies Team, Senior Team, Junior Team, Youngster Team and Girls Team.

A list of contact names and addresses, together with the URLs of websites holding additional information about the Championships can be found in Section 24.

## 2. Definitions for the Supplementary Conditions of Contest

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 Organising 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.

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

### **2.1 *General Conditions of Contest***

means the General Conditions of Contest issued by the APBF for the APBF Championships and Congress.

### **2.2 *NPC***

means the non-playing captain of any team. Teams are not obliged to have non-playing captains: a team member may act as a playing captain if this is preferred. Non Playing Captains are considered to be members of the team and will receive any medals awarded. They are also permitted to play in the Asia Cup Open Pairs free of charge.

### **2.3 *Official Electronic Score Submission***

means the official electronic device referred to in Section 20.1.

### **2.4 *“Open” and “Closed” Rooms***

for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated.

### **2.5 *“these Championships”***

means the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Cup Bridge Championships.

## **2.6 “these Conditions of Contest”**

means the Supplementary Conditions of Contest for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Cup Bridge Championships.

## **3. Conditions of Entry**

See also Sections 3 & 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

### **3.1 Eligibility Requirements**

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied that each nominated contestant satisfies the birth and residency requirements of the NBO nominating him belongs and was either:

- i) nominated by the NBO of the country of his birth, or by the NBO of which such nominated contestant first became a member; or
- ii) was nominated by the NBO of the country of his citizenship or bona fide residence (see section 3.1.1 below).

No male shall be a playing member of or a substitute player in a team or pair competing in a women’s event.

#### **3.1.1 Residency qualification**

To be considered a bona-fide resident of an NBO, the following list of criteria must be satisfied, in whole or in substantial part.

The player must:

- a) reside in the country for at least one-half of the year prior to the event, or not have lived in any other country for a longer period than in the resident country during the previous two years
- b) Be a registered member of the NBOs organization
- c) Be a registered voter of no country other than the country for which he/she is seeking to play
- d) Maintain a valid driver’s license or identity card issued by a political subdivision of the country, such as a city or state
- e) Either own real estate or rent a residence in the country.

The APBF reserves the right to require documentary evidence that it considers to be satisfactory proof of any of the above if there are any concerns about the credentials of a player.

### **3.2 Submission of Entries**

#### **3.2.1 Open, Ladies, Senior, Junior, Youngster and Girls Teams**

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate 1 team each for the Open Team, Ladies Team, Junior Team, Youngster Team and Girls Team, and up to a maximum of 2 teams for the Senior Team. Confirmation of such nomination must be made by 31 March 2014. See Section 6.

#### **3.2.2 Registration (all events)**

The name, telephone number(s) and, wherever possible, email addresses of the non-playing captain, the coach, any other team officials and the names and (if applicable) the email addresses 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 submitted before 30 April 2014 on-line at the championship website:

[www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989](http://www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989)

(see Section 24).

### **3.3 Entry Fee**

The prescribed entry fees, as described in Section 23, for the Open, Ladies, Senior, Junior, Youngster and Girls Teams should be paid in cash on-site at the venue on or before 13 June 2014, preferably in RMB.

### **3.4 Team Members**

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. 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 (each must be from the NBO submitting the team) may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with permission of the Credentials Committee.

However, the Executive Committee reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

#### **3.4.1 Age Limitation for participants in the Senior Team**

Each player shall attain at least 60 years of age during the calendar year 2014 i.e. shall have been born in or before 1954.

#### **3.4.2 Age Limitation for participants in the Junior and Girls Teams**

Each player must have been born on or after 1 January 1989.

#### **3.4.3 Age Limitation for participants in the Youngster Team**

Each player must have been born on or after 1 January 1994.

### **3.5 Penalty for Non-Participation**

In the event that a previously entered team in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the APBF shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the APBF of non-participation shall result in the imposition of a US\$1,500 penalty, payable by the NBO, which nominated the team; an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the APBF deems appropriate.

## **4. Eligibility For Awards**

APBF Master Points will be awarded for the Open, Ladies, Senior, Junior, Youngster and Girls Teams in accordance with the APBF Master Points Plan.

## **5. Anti Doping Regulations**

The procedures provided by the Anti-doping Policy of the International Olympic Committee will be followed and enforced.

The WBF Anti-Doping Regulations, adopted by the APBF, are published as an appendix to the WBF General Regulations and can be found, together with the required Exemption Form at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) and [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com).

## **6. Participating Teams**

The number of teams from each NBO participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Cup Bridge Championships is on the championship website at:

[www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989](http://www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989).

## **7. Types Of Contest**

### ***7.1 Open Team***

The competing teams (expected to be 14) shall play 2 complete round robins, being 26 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Friday 13 June, and finish on Friday 20 June. The top 4 teams with the highest number of Victory Points will enter the 48-board semi-final. The highest finishing team can pick its opponent from the 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>-placed teams. The semi-finals will be 3 16-board segments. The winning semi-finalists will play in a 48-board final, in 3 16-board segments. The winner will be the Gold Medallist.

### ***7.2 Ladies Team***

The competing teams (expected to be 12) shall play 2 complete round robins, being 22 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Friday 13 June, and finish on Friday 20 June. The top 4 teams with the highest number of Victory Points will enter the 48-board semi-final. The highest finishing team can pick its opponent from the 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>-placed teams. The semi-finals will be 3 16-board segments. The winning semi-finalists will play in a 48-board final, in 3 16-board segments. The winner will be the Gold Medallist.

### ***7.3 Senior Team***

The competing teams (expected to be 14) shall play 2 complete round robins, being 26 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Friday 13 June, and finish on Friday 20 June. The top 4 teams with the highest number of Victory Points will enter the 48-board semi-final. The highest finishing team can pick its opponent from the 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>-placed teams. The semi-finals will be 3 16-board segments. The winning semi-finalists will play in a 48-board final, in 3 16-board segments. The winner will be the Gold Medallist.

### ***7.4 Junior Team***

The competing teams (expected to be 8) shall play 3 complete round robins, being 21 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Friday 13 June, and finish on Friday 20 June. The top 4 teams with the highest number of Victory Points will enter the 48-board semi-final. The highest finishing team can pick its opponent from the 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>-placed teams. The semi-finals will be 3 16-board segments. The winning semi-finalists will play in a 48-board final, in 3 16-board segments. The winner will be the Gold Medallist.



### **7.5 Youngster Team**

The competing teams (expected to be 6) shall play 2 complete round robins together with the Girls Team, being 18 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Friday 13 June, and finish on Thursday 19 June. The top 4 teams with the highest number of Victory Points will enter the 48-board semi-final. The highest finishing team can pick its opponent from the 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>-placed teams. The semi-finals will be 3 16-board segments. The winning semi-finalists will play in a 48-board final, in 3 16-board segments. The winner will be the Gold Medallist.

### **7.6 Girls Team**

The competing teams (expected to be 4) shall play 2 complete round robins together with the Youngster Team, being 18 rounds of 14-board matches each played in one session. The Round Robin will start on Friday 13 June, and finish on Thursday 19 June. The top 2 teams with the highest number of Victory Points will enter the 48-board final, in 3 16-board segments, to be played on Friday 20 June. The winner will be the Gold Medallist.

### **7.7 Asia Cup Open Pairs**

The Tournament will be a match point event with 2 sessions of qualifying round, of around 30 boards each, on Saturday 21 June. Around 32 pairs will qualify into the 2-session finals, on Sunday 22 June. There will be no carry over, and the pair earning the highest percentage in the finals will be declared the Gold Medallist.

### **7.8 Asia Cup Youth Pairs**

The Tournament will be a match point event with 2 sessions of qualifying round, of around 30 boards each, on Saturday 21 June. Around 32 pairs will qualify into the 2-session finals, on Sunday 22 June. There will be no carry over, and the pair earning the highest percentage in the finals will be declared the Gold Medallist.

## **8. The Draw**

The draw of team numbers will take place at the Delegates Meeting, to be held on Thursday 12 June at 18:00. It will also be published on the websites detailed in Section 24.

## **9. The Schedule of Play**

The schedule of play will be published on the websites (Section 24).

## **10. 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, adopted by the APBF (See General Conditions of Contest).

## **11. Time Schedule**

The final version of the Time Schedule will be published on the websites at [www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989](http://www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989) as soon as it is available.

The provisional schedule is as follows:

The APBF Delegates Meetings will be held at 18:00 on Thursday, 12 June 2014 and at 10:30 on Friday, 13 June 2014.

The Opening Ceremony will be held at 11:30 on Friday, 13 June 2014.

Play will generally start daily at 10:00 and finish at 18:30.

### ***Friday 13 June to Monday 16 June***

Open, Ladies, Senior, Youngster and Girls Teams (RR1), Junior Teams (RR1 + 2).

### ***Tuesday 17 June to Friday 20 June***

Open, Ladies, Senior and Youngster Teams (RR2), Junior Teams (RR2 + 3), Girls Team (RR2 + Final).

### ***Saturday 21 June***

Open, Ladies, Senior, Junior and Youngster Teams semi-finals.

Asia Cup Open/Youth Pairs Qualifying Rounds.

### ***Sunday 22 June***

Open, Ladies, Senior, Junior and Youngster Teams finals.

Asia Cup Open/Youth Pairs Finals and Asia Cup Swiss/Youth Swiss Pairs

The Victory Dinner and Prize Presentation will be on Sunday 22 June 2014 at 19:30.

## **12. Electronic Line-Ups**

The Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. 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 10 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions; the line-ups for Home Teams must be submitted 5 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions. Teams lining-up pairs playing two or more BS conventions must submit their line-ups 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session or match. When both captains submit the line-ups of their teams without having seating rights, this must be done at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time for the start of the match.

Line-ups are to be submitted in a dedicated area, with computers as designated by the Director of Operations. However, each team will have its own password protected page enabling team captains with their own laptops to use them.

## **13. Designation of Matches and Seeding**

### ***13.1 Seeding***

The teams competing in these Championships will not be seeded; draws will be made on a random basis, with the only restriction that

minor changes may be made in the designations for the Senior Team, in order to ensure that teams of the same NBO meet in the early rounds.

### ***13.2 Responsibility for the Draw***

The draw will be made at the Delegates Meeting on Thursday, 12 June 2014. The team numbers and, by consequence, the sequence of the matches will be published on the championship website at [www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989](http://www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989).

The Organising 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 draw has been announced.

The team numbers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round robin will remain the same, but the schedule of play will depend on the finishing position of the 1<sup>st</sup> round robin and relative to the schedule of the 1<sup>st</sup> round robin.

### ***13.3 Seating Rights***

The team with the seating rights sits NS in the open room.

## **14. Change of Players**

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session.

## **15. Disclosure of Systems and Conventions**

### ***15.1 Systems Policy***

The WBF Systems Policy, adopted by the APBF, forms part of these Conditions of Contest. HUM system and Brown Sticker conventions are prohibited for these Championships.

**Note that** psyches protected by system and classified as Brown Sticker Conventions, and psyche of conventional and artificial openings are prohibited.

If a pair is found to have used a convention not listed on its Convention Card, it will be given a disciplinary penalty of up to 2 VPs deducted from the team's score. In addition, the Tournament Director gives an adjusted score if he deems that the opponents are damaged by the use of such an unknown convention. The pair will not play again until it has corrected its card to the satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director.

If the pair re-offends in this way they will not be allowed to play in partnership for the rest of the event. In addition, such penalties will be applied should any pair in either of these events be found to have used a HUM system.

### ***15.2 Submission of Systems for All Team Events***

Each team captain is responsible for ensuring that the convention cards for his team are submitted **in PDF format**, at the championship website: [www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989](http://www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989) (see Section 24) as soon as possible, but in any event before 12 May 2014.

The Systems for every partnership that will play in these Championships must be described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, plus Supplementary Sheets, as necessary to describe conventional sequences in detail. Programs for the preparation of the Cards and Supplementary sheets are listed in Section 15.2.1. Penalties for failure to submit Convention Cards and Supplementary in time are (in addition to Section 15.2.2) specified in Section 19.1.

#### *15.2.1 Programs for the preparation of Convention Cards*

The Convention Cards may be prepared using any of the following programs:

- the WBF Convention Card Editor (Windows Version), which is available for free download from [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) or [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com)
- the Convention Card Editor written by Lee Edwards, available for free download from [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) or [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com)
- the DOS Convention Card Editor
- Microsoft Word (a blank template is available from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com))
- Microsoft Excel
- PageMaker or InDesign for the PC

NOTE : Pairs submitting Brown Sticker Systems **MUST** use the special forms provided which can be obtained from [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org) or [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com).

When cards are generated by the WBF CCE, pairs should ensure that if they have supplementary notes, the notes file, which is generated separately by the program, is also included. The Convention Card **MUST** be sent in Acrobat (PDF) Format, version 7 or above. Picture formats (.jpg, .bmp etc) will not be accepted.

If programs other than the WBF Convention Card Editor are used, players are responsible for ensuring that the formatting is such that all the information lies within the printable area of the page.

On receipt of the cards, the Organising Committee will ensure that the PDF files can be read and printed using Acrobat Reader 9 or above which is available as a free download from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). It is advised that the latest version should be obtained.

The registered systems will be displayed at the championship website:

<http://www.zgqpw.com.cn/Tour/TourIndex.aspx?tourid=3989>.

Pairs are responsible for checking their own convention cards on line, to ensure that the card displayed is complete, correct and has any supplementary notes that are required.

Following the event, the APBF reserves the right to display the Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets in a public area for interested parties to see them. If a full system is submitted, this will not be included on such pages of the site.

#### *15.2.2 Convention Cards not received in due time*

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not been submitted on-line by 12 May 2014 may, in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 19.1, be required by the Executive Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than the first two days of play. Furthermore, no Brown Sticker Conventions will be permitted for the duration of the Championship.

#### *15.2.3 Contact Information*

Should captains have any queries concerning the systems provided by other teams, they should email the Championship Organising Committee who will forward them to the appropriate person for response.

The fact that Cards and Supplementary Sheets are circulated by the APBF (see 15.2.1) does not mean that the APBF has considered such Cards as completely acceptable; systems although accepted as registered, may require amendments after being circulated.

### ***15.3 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 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.

### ***15.4 Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets***

- b) Any changes to the duly submitted (as per section 15.2) Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see (e) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event no later than 26 May 2014. These changes may only be clarifications, amendments of typing errors, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy. **NOTE THAT NO CHANGES** may be made to Brown Sticker conventions. If these are not correctly submitted in the first instance, they may not be played.
- c) On site changes to systems will be approved or required by the Chief Tournament Director.
- d) In order for a change to be implemented, it will be uploaded to the website and an email sent to all captains to inform them that the Convention Card has been altered. Any essential changes (for example caused by the necessary change to a partnership as a result of withdrawal of a player) made to Convention Cards after 26 May 2014 will be relayed to all Captains by email. If such change is made after 12 June 2014, the information will also be available to the Captains through mailboxes on site.
- e) Approval for a change requested once teams have reached the venue may be given or refused in whole or part by the Chief Tournament Director 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.

- f) 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.

### ***15.5 Special Responsibility for BROWN STICKER Conventions***

With regard to BROWN STICKER 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**. Explanations and continuations for Brown Sticker Conventions, together with a viable defence, must be presented using the Brown Sticker Convention Announcement forms, which form part of the WBF Systems Policy, and is available in Word Format for download from [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) or by email from [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk). If these submissions are inadequate, or a defence is not proposed, the pair may be barred from using those badly or inadequately described methods for the entire tournament.

They must be accompanied by a viable and thorough suggested defence, including advances over initial actions and thorough development of actions over multi-meaning continuations by the BSC user's side. Failure to comply with the above requirements concerning BS Conventions will result in the pair or pairs not being permitted to play these conventions/systems.

These penalties are quite severe, but with the duly executed distribution of these Conditions and all significant materials by the APBF, no pair will be permitted to claim ignorance of this special responsibility. The NBO, the Captains and the players are jointly responsible for contacting the APBF should there be any problems in obtaining the necessary tournament information in timely fashion. If these materials are received prejudicially late, it is the responsibility of the jointly responsible parties to so inform the APBF as soon as possible.

### ***15.6 Defences to Brown Sticker Conventions***

A pair may prepare written defences against the Brown Stickers elements of any system. These defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems

### ***15.7 Seating Rights for Pairs using Brown Sticker Conventions***

Teams will be awarded seating rights if they are playing against a pair or pairs using two or more Brown Sticker Conventions

## 16. Length of Matches

Each 14-board match or session of a match is to be completed within 2 hours, after that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see section 21.4). 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 so decides.

## 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) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- c) Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains then:
- d) Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains then:
- e) 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 with 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 with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- 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:

- i) 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:
- ii) 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:
- iii) 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 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- iv) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

### **17.3 Four or more 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.

## **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 Committee 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 Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007. All infringements of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007. 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 APBF Executive 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 Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 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 in any manner, but may determine a team's ranking.

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.

### ***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 15.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 15.2.2):

- a) be subject to a decision of the Executive 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 Chief Tournament Director may impose penalties at its discretion; and
- b) be fined US\$20 per pair per week and parts thereof, 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 12:

- 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\$100; 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 5 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:

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| 0+ – 5 minutes late | warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply) |
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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	minimum 5 VPs plus 1 VP every 5 minutes, but after 40 minutes the match is cancelled and considered a walk-over. At its discretion, the Executive Committee may impose more severe action.

For the above purposes, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Junior) Round Robin are considered to be separate events. Thus any late arrival warnings issued during the 1<sup>st</sup> Round Robin are not carried over into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Robin.

#### **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:

##### *Excess time apportioned to a pair*

0+ – 5 minutes late	1 VP
5+ – 10 minutes late	1.5 VPs
10+ – 15 minutes late	2 VPs
15+ – 20 minutes late	2.5 VPs
20+ – 25 minutes late	3 VPs
Over 25 minutes late	5 VPs plus 1 VP for each additional 5 minutes and the Tournament Appeals Committee will impose disciplinary penalties on the pair and/or on the team. After 40 minutes the match shall be truncated, reducing the number of 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.

##### **Example:**

If a 14-board match or session took 2 hours and 12 minutes (excess of 12 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 3 extra minutes, the total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.5 VPs penalty and pair B 0.5 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.

### **19.5 Fouled Boards**

See 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.

## **20. Recording of Matches and Verification of Scores**

### **20.1 Official Electronic Score Submission**

BridgeMate II will be used for the official recording of scores at these championships. The North or South player at each table will be responsible for entering the score of each board, for each match and session thereof. The East or West player at each table will be responsible for confirming the scores entered. Team captains will agree upon the scores produced by the championship's official scorer for each match and segment thereof. At the conclusion of each match, or session of a match, the Tournament Director shall post an official result.

**Players and Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores.**

The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in Section 20.2; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- a) awaiting decision of a requested review of a ruling;
- b) completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Chief Tournament Director.

### **20.2 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, may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

## **21. Duplicated Boards**

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

## **22. Eligibility for Master Point Awards**

According to the APBF Master Points Plan.

### **22.1 Special Conditions**

In order to qualify for the Master Points and Placing Points won by the team, a player, in any case, must have played at least one third of the boards in the Round Robin.

In all events, in order to qualify for the title of Asia Cup Champion, the same criteria regarding number of boards played shall apply, save that

under special circumstances the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, over-ride such qualification regulations.

## **23. Entry Fees**

### **23.1 Open Team**

US\$ 1,000.

### **23.2 Ladies Team**

US\$1,000.

### **23.3 Senior Team**

US\$600.

### **23.4 Junior Team**

US\$400

### **23.5 Youngster Team**

US\$200

### **23.6 Girls Team**

US\$400

### **23.7 Asia Cup Open Pairs**

RMB800 per pair (participants and NPCs of the team events are free)

### **23.8 Asia Cup Youth Pairs**

RMB400 per pair (participants and NPCs of the team events are free)

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