



**Supplemental Conditions of Contest
for the
4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships**

**4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship
Transnational Swiss Teams
and
Open Pairs**

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1. Preamble for the 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the [General Conditions of Contest](#) for World Bridge Series Championships, as issued by the World Bridge Federation and is specific for the 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships to be played in Glasgow, Scotland, from 8–14 September 2014.

These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the [General Conditions of Contest](#) together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships.

These Championships will be conducted by the Scottish Bridge Union (SBU), who is the Regulating Authority under the 2007 Laws. The Organizing Committee reserve the right to make any amendments to these Conditions at any time should it be deemed necessary to do so.

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 “4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships”

means the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship, the Transnational Swiss Teams, and Open Pairs to be conducted under the auspices and organization of the Scottish Bridge Union, from 8–14 September 2014, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland.

2.2 “these Championships”

means the 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships and “championship event” means any of the events referred to in section 2.1.

2.3 “General Conditions of Contest”

means the WBF [General Conditions of Contest](#).

2.4 “Organizing Committee”

means the Committee appointed by the SBU to organize these Championships.

2.5 “CNBC”

means the 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship referred to in Section 2.1.

2.6 “TNST”

means the Transnational Swiss Teams referred to in section 2.1.

2.7 “Commonwealth Nations team”

means the team designated by its National Bridge Organisation (NBO) as eligible to win medals in the CNBC.

3. Conditions of entry and national representation

See also section 2 of the [General Conditions of Contest](#).

3.1 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship – National teams

Each member of the Commonwealth of Nations, associated British overseas territories, Crown dependencies, and island states that compete under their own flag is invited to enter a team into the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship. Teams can consist of up to six members.

The Organizing Committee must be satisfied that each nominated contestant satisfies the birth and residence requirements of the country to which the NBO nominating him belongs and was either:

- a) Nominated by the NBO of the country of his birth, or by the NBO of which such nominated contestant first became a member; and that such nominated contestant has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years represented a different NBO (or different Zone, while representing a different NBO) in a World Bridge Championship or Zonal Championship.
- b) Nominated by the NBO (or the Zonal Conference of the Zone to which that NBO belongs) of the country of his citizenship or bona fide residence (see below); and that such nominated contestant has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years represented a different NBO (or different Zone, while representing a different NBO) in a World Bridge Championship or Zonal Championship.

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 event¹, or not have lived in any other country for a longer period than in the resident country during the previous two years².
- b) Be a registered member of the NBO's 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 licence 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 Organizing Committee 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.

1 This means the year from August 2013 to August 2014.

2 This means the period from August 2012 to August 2014.

3.2 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship – additional teams

Each member of the Commonwealth of Nations, associated British overseas territories, Crown dependencies, and island states that compete under their own flag is invited to enter a second team into the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship.

There will be a Chairman's Team.

The Organizing Committee may invite further teams to participate.

None of these additional teams will be eligible to win medals in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship. In addition, to qualify for the Knockout phase of the CNBC they will have to finish in the top eight qualifying teams from the Round Robin **and** be in the top four of those teams ineligible for medals.

3.3 Transnational Swiss Teams and Open Pairs

These events are transnational and open to players from any NBO: that is, it is **not** restricted to Commonwealth NBOs. Teams and pairs may comprise players from different NBOs.

The following procedures shall apply:

- For all events, teams and pairs may consist of players belonging to the same or different NBOs but each player must be approved by his/her NBO of origin and submitted to the Organizing Committee. The team or pair shall be submitted by any NBO that has at least one player in the team or pair.
- Participation in these events will not prejudice a player's entitlement to represent an NBO in future World Bridge Championships, if otherwise eligible to do so.
- Teams may consist of 4, 5, or 6 players.

4. Submission of entries

4.1 Registration

All entries to the Championships must be submitted by 31 August 2014. They must be sent by email to entries@commonwealthbridgescotland.com.

4.2 Entrance fee

The cost of these tournaments is as follows:

Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship	£1000
Transnational Swiss Teams (per team)	£400
Open Pairs (per pair)	£80

Entry fees must be paid by 31 August 2014, by bank transfer to the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships account below.

Payments should have a reference of "TNST – captain's name" or "Pairs – captain's name".

Clydesdale Bank
Head Office
40 St Vincent Street
Glasgow G1 2HL
United Kingdom

Account	SBU COMMONWEALTH NATIONS 2014
IBAN	GB 83 CLYD 8220 0030 2035 14
Account Number	30203514
Sort Code	82-20-00

4.3 Team members

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.

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 must be from the NBO submitting the team and may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with the permission of the Organizing Committee present at the site.

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

4.4 Late entries

The Organizing Committee may accept additional entries from teams and pairs on site if there is sufficient space at the venue; in this case, the registration and payment in cash can be made on site.

5. Schedule of events: general description

5.1 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship

To be played from 8–13 September 2014.

The entry fee guarantees the right of the teams eliminated in the Round Robin phase of the event to play in the Transnational Swiss Teams.

5.2 Transnational Swiss Teams

To be played from 12–14 September 2014.

Players failing to qualify for the Knockout phase may enter the Open Pairs free of charge.

5.3 Open Pairs

To be played on Sunday, 14 September 2014.

6. Schedule of play

The full schedule of play will be published in the Program on site and on the website for the event at commonwealthbridgescotland.com. Please check these regularly for updated information regarding exact times of play.

It is expected that play will normally start at 10.00am and finish by 7.30pm (except for Monday 8 September due to registration and the Opening Ceremony).

The provisional schedule is:

Sunday 7 September		Reception Event
Monday 8 September	8-11am	Registration
	11-5pm	CNBC Round Robin Matches
	7pm	Opening Ceremony and Civic Reception
Tuesday 9 September	10.30-8pm	CNBC Round Robin Matches
Wednesday 10 September	10.30-8pm	CNBC Round Robin Matches
Thursday 11 September	10.30-5pm	CNBC Round Robin Matches
Friday 12 September	10.30-2.30pm	CNBC Quarter Finals
	3.30-7.30pm	CNBC Semi Finals
	10.30-8pm	Transnational Teams – Swiss Matches
Saturday 13 September	10.30-7pm	CNBC Final
	10.30-6pm	Transnational Teams – Swiss Matches
Sunday 14 September	10-2pm	Transnational Teams – Semi Finals
	2.30-6.30pm	Transnational Teams – Final
	10-6.30pm	Open Pairs
		Closing Ceremony and Dinner

7. Types of contest

7.1 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship

- In the first phase (the Round Robin phase), the teams will be divided into groups in such a way that, in each group, teams play a complete Round Robin over four days. The objective is to qualify eight teams for the second phase (the Knockout phase). The number of groups as well as the number of teams in each group, the number of boards per match, and the number of qualified teams in each group will be decided and duly published after the number of entries is known.
- Each team is expected to play approximately 48 boards per day.
- In the Knockout phase, the eight remaining teams will play direct knockout matches: quarter-finals of 24 boards and semi-finals of 32 boards on Friday 12 September.
- The final will be over 48 boards played on Saturday 13 September.
- The play-off for third place will be over 32 boards played on Saturday 13 September.

7.1.1 Qualification criteria for the Knockout phase

The qualification criteria will be as follows:

- There will be a minimum of four Commonwealth Nations teams that will go through to the Knockout phase, independent of their ranking in the Round Robin.
- If fewer than four Commonwealth Nations teams qualify by right, then those Commonwealth Nations teams with the next best rankings will qualify for the Knockout phase, replacing the teams in their group with the worst qualification record. If two teams from different groups are tied with the same ranking, then IMP quotient (see section 15) will be used to break the tie.
- The quarter-final draw will be made such that at least two Commonwealth Nations teams will go through to the semi-finals.
- The semi-final draw will be made such that at least one Commonwealth Nations team will go through to the final.
- In case of only two Commonwealth Nations teams qualifying for the semi-finals:
 - The winner of the semi-final match will get the Gold Medal and the loser will get the Silver Medal.
 - The Commonwealth Nations team having the next best performance will automatically get the Bronze Medal.
- When at least three Commonwealth Nations teams qualify for the semi-final:
 - Where there are two teams from the same country, they will meet in one of the semi-finals.
 - Otherwise the team with the best record in the Round Robin phase will select its opponent.

7.2 Transnational Swiss Teams

The format will be Swiss teams played over two days, Friday 12 September and Saturday 13 September. It is expected that 48–56 boards will be played per day.

The leading four teams will qualify for the Knockout phase.

The semi-finals, final, and 3rd place play-off will each be over 24 boards played on Sunday 14 September.

7.2.1 Semi-final draw

The leading team shall select its opponent from the third- or fourth-placed team.

7.3 Open Pairs

The format will be matchpointed pairs with two sessions, each of 24–26 boards, played on Sunday 14 September.

8. Prizes and eligibility for awards

8.1 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship

The three leading Commonwealth Nations teams shall receive Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

In order to qualify for the Medal and Title won by the team, a player must have played a certain percentage of the total number of hands played by his team.

- a) Tournaments consisting of a Round Robin followed by semi-finals and final: the player must have played at least one-third of the hands played by the team in the Round Robin. In addition:
 - For first place: at least one-third of the total number of hands in the final and one third of the total number of hands semi-final.
 - For second place: at least one third of the hands in the semi-final.
 - For third place: at least one-third of the hands in the play-off.
- b) Tournaments consisting of a Round Robin followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final: a player must have played at least one-third of the hands played by the team in the Round Robin. In addition:
 - For the first place: at least one-third of the total number of hands in the final, semi-finals, and quarter-finals combined. At least one-third of the hands in the final.
 - For second place: at least one-third of the hands played in the semi-final and the quarter-final combined. At least one-third of the hands in the semi-final.
 - For third place (in the case of a play-off): at least one-third of the total number of hands in the play-off and quarter-final combined.
 - For fourth place: at least one-third of the hands in the quarter-final.

8.2 Prize fund

There will be a prize fund, but there is no guarantee of cash prizes.

9. Disclosure of systems

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

9.1 Disclosure requirements

Contestants in all Championship Events are required to make full written and oral disclosure of their Systems – see sections 11–13 of 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 being imposed.

For the purposes of these Conditions of Contest, unless illogical to the context, Supplementary Sheets are deemed to be part of the System Card of a partnership.

All pairs will be responsible for ensuring that they have two properly completed System Cards at the table at the start of each session. The maximum number of Supplementary Sheets is six. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in penalties being applied.

Players are advised that no photocopying facilities will be provided on site by the SBU.

Players are encouraged to call the Tournament Director if they consider that their opponents are playing an unauthorised system. Players discovered playing unauthorised systems will be subject to penalty and required to stop playing such systems with immediate effect. Repeated offences may result in their expulsion from the event.

Only contestants playing Brown Sticker conventions need to pre-submit their System Card.

9.2 Event categories

The Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship is designated as Category 2 event. Consequently, **HUM Systems are not permitted at any time or in these events**. In addition, Brown Sticker conventions are **not permitted in the Round Robin phase** of the event.

Brown Sticker conventions will be authorized for use in the Knockout phase in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship provided additional, separate system cards, including separate forms for each Brown Sticker Convention to be played, together with viable proposed defences are submitted in full accordance with the regulations below.

Each pair is permitted to register and play a maximum of three Brown Sticker conventions.

The Transnational Swiss Teams and Open Pairs at these Championships are designated as Category 3 events. Consequently, **neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker conventions are permitted at any time in these events**.

9.2.1 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 Chief Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all contestants.

9.3 Special responsibility for Brown Sticker conventions

Pairs wishing to play Brown Sticker conventions (maximum of three per pair) in the Knockout phase of the CNBC must register a separate card together with the relevant forms with the SBU Secretary by 31 August 2014.

Explanations and continuations for Brown Sticker conventions, together with a viable defence, must be presented using the Brown Sticker Convention Announcement form or the Brown Sticker Convention Overall forms which are available for download from worldbridge.org. If these submissions are inadequate, or a defence is not proposed, the pair may be barred from using those methods for the entire tournament.

These penalties are quite severe, but with the duly executed distribution of these Conditions, 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 SBU should there be any problems in obtaining the necessary tournament information in timely fashion.

9.4 Defences to Brown Sticker conventions

A pair may prepare written defences against the Brown Stickers elements of any system (see the WBF System Policy). These defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems Card.

9.5 Seating rights for pairs using Brown Sticker conventions

Teams will be awarded seating rights if they are playing against a team using two or more Brown Sticker conventions but not if both teams are using two or more.

9.6 Alerting policy

The [WBF Alerting Policy](#) will be used.

10. Line-ups and seating rights

In a match divided into portions the team with the seating rights in the first session of a portion sits N/S in the open room during that portion.

In a match divided into an odd number of several sessions the team with the seating rights in a session sits N/S in the open room in that session.

Subject always to the over-riding provisions of section 9.5 (relating to the use of Brown Sticker conventions), the procedures for determining the N/S team in each match or session of play shall be as follows:

10.1 Round Robin and TNST

For all Round Robin and, if directed TNST, matches each captain gives his "blind line-up" at the line-up desk at least 5 minutes before the commencement of the round.

In each match of the Round Robin and TNST, in order to determine the players' position at the table, the first mentioned team in the published draw sits N/S in the Open Room.

10.2 Quarter-finals, semi-finals, final, and play-off

There shall be a coin toss to determine the seating rights in all quarter-final, semi-final, final, and play-off matches.

The winner of the toss elects in which session (of which portion) it wants to have the seating rights; the opponents then automatically have seating rights in the other session (of that portion). The right to choose a session first within any given portion alternates for the remaining choices during any one of the 32-board (or 12-/16-board sessions where applicable) portions of the match.

10.3 Tie-breaks

If there is a tie at the end of the quarter-finals, semi-finals, or the finals, requiring that an extra session of boards be played, there shall be a draw by the captains to determine the seating rights. If, after the first series of additional boards, a tie still exists, the seating rights pass to the opposing team for the next series of boards. Line-up changes may be made before play begins for either the first or second (if needed) group of tie-break boards.

10.4 Change of players

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

11. Carry-over

There will be a carry-over in all matches of the Knockout phase in the CNBC and TNST. The carry-over will be one-half or one-third of the IMPs difference in the meeting of the teams in the qualification phase. It will be one-half if the highest ranked team in the qualification phase won the match against their opponents and one-third if the highest ranked team in the round lost the match to its knockout opponent.

However, if one or more quarter-final matches does not have a carry-over then no carry-over will be applied to any quarter-final matches. Likewise, if one semi-final has a carry-over, but the other does not, then no carry-over will be applied to either match.

The maximum carry-over used in any event will be:

- 6 IMP for a 24-board match.
- 8 IMP for a 32-board match.
- 12 IMP for a 48-board match.

12. 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 according to the official WBF 'continuous' conversion scale.

13. Length of matches and/or sessions

The time allowed to complete any session played without screens will be on the basis of approximately 7½ minutes per board.

The time allowed to complete any session played with screens will be on the basis of approximately 8½ minutes per board.

14. Reviews and Appeals

This championship is following the current WBF procedure of reviews ([WBF General Conditions of Contest](#), para 29-33) and will not use an Appeals Committee.

The Tournament Director shall be summoned to a table as soon as attention is drawn to an irregularity. After the Director has given the ruling, a request for a review may be made.

A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling.

All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events.

14.1 Deposit

When requesting a review, the appellant must deposit the sum of £50 with the Tournament Director. This deposit will be refunded unless the Reviewer determines that the appeal was substantially without merit, in which case the deposit will be forfeited.

14.2 Review procedure

The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the Tournament Director has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other Tournament Directors were consulted where appropriate.

In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorised information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgemental view to be obtained.

Finally the Reviewer will check that ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the Tournament Directors was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Chief Tournament Director to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

More information about Reviews and the procedure can be found on the WBF website.

15. Tie breaking procedures

15.1 Round Robin and Swiss

This applies to the CNBC and the TNST for qualification for the Knockout phases.

15.1.1 Two teams

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

- a) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- b) 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:
- 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 teams in that particular event. If the tie remains then:
- e) One board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

15.1.2 Three teams

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points, 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 subsection 15.1.1. 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 subsection 15.1.1. 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 subsection 15.1.1. 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 subsection 15.1.1.

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

- a) 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 subsection 15.1.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

- b) 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 subsection 15.1.1. If the three team remain tied, then:
- c) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with subsection 15.1.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- d) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

15.1.3 Four teams or more

If four or more teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points, 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 subsections 15.1.1 and 15.1.2 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 subsection 15.1.2, 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 subsections 15.1.1 or 15.1.2 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.

15.2 Knockout phases

15.2.1 All matches except the finals

If a tie exists at the end of a knockout match, it will be resolved by playing four additional boards (boards 1–4); if the tie remains, another four boards (5–8) will be played; if the tie remains, one board (“sudden-death”) matches will determine the winner.

15.2.2 Finals

As in section 15.2.1, except that eight additional boards, instead of four, will be played in the first tie-breaker.

16. Penalties

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

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

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

16.1 Failure to submit line-up on time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in time:

- 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 £25.
- c) For the third offence there shall be a fine of £50 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of £100. Penalties are cumulative.

Failure in payment will result in disqualification of the team.

When failure to provide the line-up in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, penalties under this Section shall be imposed only on the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. The captain of the other team shall have five minutes after the filing by the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the extra five minutes allocated in the foregoing, whichever is later, this captain too is deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to penalty under this Section.

16.2 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:

16.2.1 During the Round Robin and Swiss phases

Up to 5 minutes late:	warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for more than 5 minutes late shall apply)
From 5 to 10 minutes late:	1 VP
From 10 to 15 minutes late:	2 VP
From 15 to 20 minutes late:	3 VP
From 20 to 25 minutes late:	4 VP

More than 25 minutes late: minimum 5 VP plus 1 VP every 5 minutes but after 40 minutes the match is cancelled and considered a walk-over. At its discretion, the Tournament Appeals Committee may recommend more severe action by the Organizing Committee.

16.2.2 During the Knockout Phase

Up to 5 minutes late: warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for more than 5 minutes late shall apply)

From 5 to 25 minutes late: 1 IMP plus an additional 1 IMP for each full minute or part thereof beyond 5 minutes

More than 25 minutes late: minimum 30 IMP plus 2 IMP for each minute thereafter, but after 40 minutes the round is cancelled. At its Discretion, the Tournament Appeals Committee may recommend more severe action by the Organizing Committee.

For the above purposes, the Round Robin phase and the Knockout phase are considered to be separate events. Thus any late arrival warnings issued during the Round Robin are not carried over into the Knockout phase.

16.3 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 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:

16.3.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Round Robin

Up to 5 minutes late: 1 VP

From 5 to 10 minutes late: 1½ VP

From 10 to 15 minutes late: 2 VP

From 15 to 20 minutes late: 2½ VP

From 20 to 25 minutes late: 3 VP

More than 25 minutes late: 5 VP 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.

16.3.2 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Knockout phase

Up to 25 minutes late: 1 IMP for each minute or part thereof

More than 25 minutes late: minimum 30 IMP plus 2 IMP for each minute thereafter 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.

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

16.4 Starting time and lateness fines in the Open 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 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 Tournament Appeals Committee, which may include disqualification from the event.

These penalties are in addition to any boards that are removed and scored as 40%.

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 Chief Tournament Director may, in his discretion, seat a provisional substitute in case of emergency, subject to subsequent approval by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

In extenuating circumstances and upon the written request of the offending pair, the Tournament Appeals Committee may in its discretion vary any of the penalties referred to in this Section.

16.5 Failure to play a board (Open Pairs)

If a pair present at the table cannot play a board through no fault of its own, because of the late arrival of the opposing pair, the innocent pair shall receive the greater of:

- 60% of the match points available on the board.
- The percentage of match points earned by the innocent pair on all other boards it played in that session.

If a pair is guilty of an offence that precludes it from playing a board, it shall (in accordance with Law 12C1) receive 40% of the available match points or their percentage in that session if it is less. However, the Tournament Director is not precluded from also imposing a procedural or disciplinary penalty (Laws 90 and 91).

In all other cases, when the Director awards artificial scores to pairs in no way at fault the Director shall award the pairs overall average score on boards actually played in the session. If a pair is at fault because of their slow play, the non-offenders have the right to receive 60% of the match points available on the board.

In consultation with the Tournament Organizer the Director may decide on an ad hoc arrangement if a pair misses a whole session for whatever reason.

16.6 Fouled boards (Open Pairs)

Each individual player is responsible for seeing that his own cards are returned to the appropriate pocket of the board. The pair (which includes either player) responsible for fouling a board will be assessed a penalty of 50% of the match points available on a board during the session.

At all times, before looking at his cards, each player should count them. Pairs failing to notice an incorrect number may be penalised 10% of the match points available. If a board arrives at a table with the wrong number of cards in a pocket, the Tournament Director must be called before play commences. He will adjust the cards.

When a board has been fouled, the Tournament Director shall determine where the foul occurred. If guilt can be determined, penalties in accordance with the foregoing should be assessed. Law 87 applies.

It is anticipated that all boards will be dealt in advance but in the event of players being required to duplicate a hand or hands in accordance with records provided by the Tournament Director, each player is responsible for seeing that all hands are properly duplicated and placed in the correct pocket of the board. If hands are improperly duplicated, the responsible pairs at the table shall be penalised 50% of the match points available on the board. If players are required to duplicate boards at the table in this manner, an extra two minutes will be added to the first round of play.

16.7 Smoking (including the use of electronic cigarettes) and alcohol

Smoking in the playing area is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area before completion of play in a session in order to smoke.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area before completion of play in a session in order to consume alcohol.

Any player, captain, or coach breaching this regulation will cause his team to be fined 2 VP (or 6 IMP in a knockout match) or, in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session.

16.8 Mobile phones and electronic devices

Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to completion of the session must leave his mobile phone and electronic devices at the table.

Any player, captain, or coach breaching this regulation will cause his team to be fined 2 VP (or 6 IMP in a knockout match) or, in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session.

17. Recording of matches and verification of scores

Bridgemates will be used for the official recording of scores throughout the Championships. This recording is the responsibility of the team sitting North/South at each table. The N/S pair at each table will be responsible for the keying of the scores into the Bridgemates, whether this is undertaken by a member of the partnership or by the Captain, Coach or other designated person. The E/W pair (or their Captain, Coach or other designated person) will be responsible for agreeing the score by keying in their confirmation.

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

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 17.1; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- a) Awaiting decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal.
- b) Completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

17.1 Score corrections

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69, 71, 63, and 64.

An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director and the Tournament Appeals Committee, may be corrected up to thirty 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.

Obvious errors by the organization will be corrected within a reasonable time frame.

18. Language

English is the official language of these Championships. During a session players may converse only in English unless both captains (CNBC and TNST) or all four players (Open Pairs) at the table agree to use some other common language at their own risk. If necessary, interpretation into English is the responsibility of the (team) captain. Appeals based on misunderstanding in a language other than English will not be entertained.

19. Contact information and resources

The Scottish Bridge Union is responsible for the organization and all contact should be with its secretary.

19.1 Secretary, Scottish Bridge Union

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19.2 Entries

Entries should be emailed to entries@commonwealthbridgescotland.com.

19.3 Websites

The official website for the Championships: commonwealthbridgescotland.com

The SBU website: sbu.org.uk

The WBF website: worldbridge.org

Radisson Blu Hotel: radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-glasgow

19.4 Resources

WBF General Conditions of Contest: worldbridge.org/conditions-of-contest.aspx

WBF VP scales: worldbridge.org/victory-point-scales.aspx

WBF Systems Policy: worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/official-documents/Policies/WBFSystemsPolicy.pdf

WBF Alerting Policy: worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/official-documents/Policies/WBFalertingpolicy.pdf

WBF Screen Regulations: worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/regulations/ScreenRegulations.pdf

WBF Brown Sticker Forms: worldbridge.org/brown-sticker-forms.aspx

SBU Appeal Procedures: sbu.org.uk/index.php/council/laws-ethics