

DANMARKS BRIDGEFORBUND

Conditions of Contest

Copenhagen Bridge Invitational

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1. Copenhagen Bridge Invitational

The Copenhagen Bridge Invitational (CBI) is conducted under the auspices of the DBf (Danish Bridge Federation). The events shall be played in accordance with the current edition of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. These Conditions of Contest supplement the Laws of Duplicate Bridge as required.

2. Invitational Event

The DBf wishes to remind the players of their special obligations when participating in the CBI, this being an invitational event.

A. Ethics and Deportment

Players are required to conform at all times to the highest standards of ethics and deportment, according to the Code of Discipline of the WBF.

Players must compete against all other contestants. Refusal to play against any other contestant as required by the Schedule of Play shall result in immediate disqualification of any contestant refusing to play.

Players are expected to play to win at all times and in all circumstances.

Players are expected to accept the decisions of the Tournament Director and the Tournament Appeals Committee in a sportsmanlike manner.

B. Media

Players agree that all or part of any event may be filmed, recorded, or otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the DBf.

Players are required to participate in any public presentation of matches, interviews, etc., arranged by the DBf, including video, internet, TV, radio, or any other media presentation.

Players directly authorize the DBf to take pictures and film of the participants during the course of the event. They further give their consent to the DBf using such material and information for the furtherance of bridge. Such material and information are exclusive property of the DBf and cannot be copied, reproduced or used without its written consent.

Players are required to play on on-line Vu-Graph (internet broadcasting) whenever assigned to do so.

C. Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Mobile phones and electronic devices brought into the playing area and toilets must be turned off at any time during a session. The Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing such devices into the playing area and toilets.

Any player bringing a mobile phone or electronic device into the playing area or toilet without it being turned off will result in a penalty of 6 imps for the partnership. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

D. Leaving the Table

After the bidding period of the first board of a round has commenced and until the score of the last board of the round has been entered and verified, players may not leave their table except for rest room breaks and then only after giving notice to the Tournament Director. Players are not allowed to kibitz at other tables.

E. Attendance in Playing Room

Spectators are allowed. A spectator may not watch more than one table during any one round.

3. Official Language

English is the official language of the CBI. After the bidding period of the first board of a round has commenced and until the score of the last board of the round has been entered and verified, players may converse only in English unless all four players at the table agree to use some other common language at their own risk.

The Laws printed in English will be used by the Tournament Directors to adjudicate irregularities. No appeal due to misunderstanding in a language other than English will be heard.

4. CBI Events

Two events are played during the CBI:

The Main Event is a round-robin pairs event with butler scoring, 8 boards per round.

The Pro/Am Event is a pairs event with match point scoring, 13 rounds, 2 boards per round.

5. Butler Scoring

For each board, a datum score is determined as the average total points of all scores obtained except weighted, unbalanced or artificial scores.

The result of a pair is calculated as the imp difference corresponding to the comparison against the datum score. Total point differences are rounded to the nearest 10 points; exact 5s are rounded away from average.

Artificial scores of A+/A- are converted to plus or minus 2 imps, respectively.

6. Scoring at the Table and Score Corrections

A. Scoring at the Table

BridgeMates will be used for the official scoring. North or South at each table is responsible for entering the score after each board is completed; then, East or West verifies the score entered.

B. Score Corrections

An appeal against a score or against the total score attributed to a pair must be made no later than 20 minutes after the publication of the scores at the end of each day. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

7. Awards and Tie-Breaking

No ties are resolved when two or more pairs have obtained identical final scores. In case of a tie, prize money is split between the relevant pairs. Other prizes are resolved by a random draw.

8. Playing Time

A. Main Event

Players are requested to be seated 2 minutes before the start of each round. Any pair not seated and ready to play at the start of a round will be subject to a warning on the first instance and a 3 imp penalty on subsequent instances.

The playing time is 60 minutes per round. Failure to complete the play within the time stipulated will result in a penalty for one or both pairs which is a warning on the first instance and a 3 imp penalty on subsequent instances. Exceeding the time limit by at least 5 minutes will result in a further 3 imp penalty for each 5 minutes.

9. Bidding Boxes and Alert Procedures

The WBF procedures for bidding boxes and alerts apply throughout the CBI. Screens are not in use.

The partner of a player who has made an alertable call must immediately alert his opponents. No explanation of the meaning of the alertable call should be made unless requested by an opponent.

Players are reminded that the following calls shall not be alerted:

1. All doubles.
2. Any no-trump bid which suggests a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or suggests a no-trump contract.
3. Any call at the four level or higher, with the exception of conventional calls on the first round of the auction.

The Stop card shall be used in accordance with the WBF procedure. A player “announces” a skip bid by placing the Stop card in front of him, then placing his bid card as usual, and eventually removing the Stop card. His LHO should not call until the Stop card has been removed. (If the Stop card has been removed hastily or has not been used, an opponent may pause as though the Stop card has been used correctly.)

10. Systems

The WBF Systems Policy (<http://www.eurobridge.org/departments/systems/policy.html>) applies.

Both members of a partnership must agree to adopt the same meanings for calls in the auction and also for defensive card play. This does not restrict exercise of style and judgement.

In the Main Event, brown sticker conventions are allowed but must be pre-alerted at the beginning of each round. HUMs are not allowed.

In the Pro/Am Event, neither brown sticker conventions nor HUMs are allowed.

Psyching conventional or artificial opening bids is forbidden.

11. Convention Cards

In the Main Event, the following shall apply:

A. Full Written Disclosure

Contestants are required to make full written disclosure of their System by the completion in due form of the WBF Official Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets as required.

1. The type of System and its appropriate colour must be duly indicated in the prescribed place on the Convention Card.
2. All sections of the Convention Card must be accurately and legibly completed, in English, in accordance with the WBF Guide to Completion.
3. The Convention Card may be supplemented by the addition of Supplementary Sheets. The function of the Supplementary Sheets is to facilitate the full disclosure of Systems. The relationship of material on a Supplementary Sheet to material on a Convention Card should be clearly indicated by corresponding numbers on both the Convention Card and the Supplementary Sheet.
4. The Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets must contain a clear and sufficient explanation of the System used, including, without limitation, all competitive agreements and understandings. It is accepted that the full particulars of some sequences (such as relays) which occur in later rounds of the auction may be omitted from the Convention Card.

B. Use of Convention Cards at the Table

1. Each member of a pair must hand to one of his opponents at the table at the start of each round his duly completed Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets. These are to be reclaimed at the end of the round.
2. After withdrawing his cards from the board and until they are restored at the conclusion of the play, a player may not consult his own Convention Card or Supplementary Sheets. However, he may consult written defences against Brown Sticker Conventions in his opponents' system.

C. Full Disclosure at the Table

1. Contestants are required to make a full disclosure of the meaning of any call or play in response to a proper question at the table from an opponent.
2. If a player makes use of any conventional call not sufficiently described on his Convention Card (including Supplementary Sheets), that player's partnership may be subject to a procedural penalty

(Law 90) of 3 imps for the infraction and/or to disciplinary penalty as well as to score adjustments to redress any damage.

3. The onus of disclosure is on the user. When there is a claim of damage through inadequate disclosure, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Appeals Committee will give the benefit of the doubt to the opponents.

In the Pro/Am Event an ordinary Danish Convention Card meant for pairs tournaments is sufficient written disclosure.

12. Appeals

Appeals will be heard and decided by an appointed Committee, whose decision shall be final.

A. Lodging of Appeals

All appeals must be lodged by one or both members of a pair.

Appeals against a Tournament Director's ruling must be made verbally to the Tournament Director within 20 minutes of the end of the session during which the ruling was made, or in the case of a ruling given after the end of the session, within 10 minutes of receiving the ruling or 20 minutes of the end of the session, whichever is the later. In this respect, a "session" is defined such that each day two sessions are played, one consisting of the rounds played before the lunch break, the other consisting of the remaining rounds of the day.

When the appeal is lodged, the appellant must pay a deposit of 50 Euro or 400 DKK. This deposit will be refunded if the appellant's case is judged to have merit, even if rejected.

B. Tournament Appeals Committee

All appeals of rulings of the Tournament Director shall be heard and decided by the Committee. For each appeal, the committee deciding the matter in question shall consist of 3-5 members, none of which should be a co-national of any player directly involved in the appeal.

On each occasion, the Tournament Director appoints the Committee members among players, officials, guests or any other deemed to be qualified by the Tournament Director.

The WBF Code of Practice (<http://worldbridge.org/departments/appeals/codeofpractice.asp>) applies.

13. Substitutes

The Tournament Director may make emergency substitutions whenever they are necessary to the smooth operation of the game.