

Copenhagen Bridge Invitational IV

Conditions of Contest

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1. Copenhagen Bridge Invitational

The Copenhagen Bridge Invitational (CBI) is conducted under the auspices of the Danish Bridge Federation (DBf). 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. Promotion of bridge

The DBf wishes to remind the players of their special obligations when participating in the CBI, this being an event used to stimulate interest in bridge in Denmark.

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 incur a penalty of 6 imps per comparison for the partnership. Repeated 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

Three events are played during the CBI:

The Main Event is an invitational round-robin imp pairs event scored across the field, 8 boards per round.

The Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs Event is an open imp pairs tournament scored across the field, 3 boards per round. 24 pairs qualify for the A-final, 24 for the B-final, both round-robin; the rest of the pairs play the C-final. This tournament format is based on the expectation that the field consists of 72-94 pairs; the organizers reserve the right to change the tournament format in case the number of participants is outside the expected range.

The Pro/Am Event is a matchpoint pairs event, 14 rounds, 2 boards per round.

All events are played without screens.

A. Carry-Over

There will be a carry-over in the Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs Event from the qualifying stage to both finals.

The carry-over for each pair is calculated as $F*(S-S_0)$, where S is the score of the particular pair, S_0 is the score of the bottom pair in the particular final, and F is a factor applying to all pairs in the particular final. The value of F is determined as $20*(N-1)/(S_1-S_0)$, where N is the number of tables in the particular final, and S_1 is the score of the topmost pair in the particular final (i.e., the topmost pair receives a carry-over of 20 imps times the number of other tables in the final).

All carry-over scores are rounded to the nearest integer before the final starts.

5. Imps across the Field Scoring

When the scoring form is imps across the field, artificial scores of A+/A- are converted to plus or minus 2 imps per comparison, respectively.

6. Scoring at the Table and Score Corrections

A. Scoring at the Table

Official scores are entered electronically by the players at the table. 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 of a particular board or against the total score attributed to a pair must be made no later than the following day. However, note the following:



1. If an appeal against the score of the qualification stage of the Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs is made later than 20 minutes after the publication of the final ranking, the lineup of the final will not be changed if it is considered impractical to do so.
2. Except for the winner's trophy, prizes already given to presumed prizewinners are not reallocated as a consequence of later score corrections.

7. Awards and Tie-Breaking

In case of a tie, prize money is split between the relevant pairs.

For other prizes, ties must be resolved. If applicable, the result of a head-to-head meeting decides the outcome; otherwise the tie is resolved by drawing the lots.

When more than two pairs are tied, head-to-head results are only used when available for all combinations of the pairs involved.

8. Playing Time

A. Main Event

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 penalty of 2imps per comparison on subsequent instances. Exceeding the time limit by at least 5 minutes will result in a further penalty of the same amount for each 5 minutes.

B. Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs

Assuming rounds of 3 boards, the playing time is 22 minutes per round plus time for moving to the next table.

9. Bidding Boxes and Alert Procedures

The WBF procedures for bidding boxes and alerts apply throughout the CBI.

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 EBL Systems Policy applies.

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 Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs and in the Pro/Am Event, neither brown sticker conventions nor HUMs are allowed.

Psyching conventional or artificial opening bids is forbidden.

11. Convention Cards

Each pair must provide the opponents with two identically completed convention cards at the start of each round.

A. Main Event

The WBF Official Convention Card, completed in English, is mandatory. Supplementary Sheets can be added if relevant.

Written defences against Brown Sticker Conventions may be consulted at the player’s own turn, but not written defences against Multi.

B. Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs and Pro/Am

The WBF Official Convention Card can be used. Alternatively, a standard Danish, Norwegian, or Swedish convention card is sufficient.

Consulting a written defence against Multi is not allowed.

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 before the start of the next session. For rulings given during the last session, the appeal must be made within 20 minutes of the end of the session; this also applies to the last session of the qualification stage of the Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs. 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. In the Main Event, none of the committee members 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 applies.

13. Substitutes

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

