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Conditions of Contest

1 Authority

- 1.1 These Conditions of Contest are established by the Selection Committee of The English Bridge Union Ltd. References in these Conditions to “the EBU” or “the Union” mean The English Bridge Union Ltd., and references to “the Committee” mean the Selection Committee of the Union. The Committee acts on behalf of, and is responsible to, the Board of Directors of the English Bridge Union Ltd.
- 1.2 The decision of the Committee in relation to the interpretation of these Conditions of Contest shall be final.
- 1.3 The Committee reserves the right to determine a course of action at its absolute discretion in the event of any matter arising which is not covered by these Conditions of Contest, or in the event of any unforeseen circumstances arising.
- 1.4 Subject to Condition 1.5, any decisions requiring to be made by the Committee under these Conditions of Contest may be made on the Committee’s behalf by the Chairman of the Committee, or in the absence of the Chairman, by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, if any. Alternatively, the Chairman may nominate another person or persons to make a decision on the Committee’s behalf. Such decisions shall have the full force of a decision by the Committee. Except as provided in Condition 1.5, a reference to a decision being made at the Committee’s absolute discretion does not prevent a decision being made on behalf of the Committee under this Condition.
- 1.5 Any decision to select, deselect or disqualify a player or official from representing England must be made by the Committee itself, not withstanding Condition 1.4.
- 1.6 In the event that a decision under these Conditions of Contest is required during the course of a weekend of these Trials, a decision may be made on the Committee’s behalf by the Tournament Director in Charge and/or by the On-site Referee.
- 1.7 These Trials are played under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, with such modifications as have been approved by the World Bridge Federation.
- 1.8 Any interpretations of Law and any regulations published or adopted by the EBU Laws & Ethics Committee or by the Union in general shall apply to these Trials unless they are in conflict with these Conditions of Contest, in which case these Conditions of Contest shall prevail.
- 1.9 The Committee reserves to itself the power, only to be exercised in exceptional circumstances, not to select a player who has qualified for selection or to withdraw an invitation already issued.
- 1.10 Selection for any event is conditional upon players demonstrating a satisfactory degree of commitment to whatever programme of training or preparation is put in place. Failure to do so may result in de-selection at the absolute discretion of the Committee.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 To select a team to represent England in the 2010 Seniors Camrose Trophy on 28th – 30th May 2010 in Scotland
- 2.2 To select a team to represent England in the 2010 European Seniors Team Championship on 26th June – 3rd July 2010 in Ostend.
- 2.3 Subject to the requirements and conditions set out in these Conditions of Contest, the winning team from these trials shall be entitled as of right to be selected for the Seniors Camrose Trophy and the European Seniors Championship. In the event that the full

team, i.e. all players on the winning team who have satisfied the board requirement (see 3.1), is unavailable for either event, the Selection Committee will select a team. If a team of four wins, a third pair or fifth player may be chosen from trials participants by the Selection Committee, in consultation with the winners. If a team of five wins, it will be permitted to continue with five players, or choose a sixth player from trials participants in consultation with the Selection Committee.

Non-playing captains may be selected by the Selection Committee, in consultation with the winners.

It should be noted that the team winning the trial will not receive any funding from the English Bridge Union for participation in the 2010 Seniors Camrose Trophy and European Seniors Championship save for payment of the entry fee for the European Seniors Championship and provision of such uniform as is considered appropriate for the events.

2.4 Entries have been invited from eligible teams of four to six players (see Condition 4).

3 Summary of format

3.1 Stage 1

A trial will be played on 18th – 20th December 2009 at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, London, with the following format:

A four team triple round-robin i.e. 16 boards against each of the three teams each day. All players must play at least one-third of the boards to qualify for automatic selection.

The movement is pre-determined, and a draw will take place on site. The starting times of the second and third stanzas may be amended slightly on site, should the speed of play so dictate.

Stage 2

The winners of the four-team Trial will qualify to play a 96-board match in 6 stanzas of 16-boards against the team exempted to Stage 2 as winners of the d'Orsi Bowl, i.e. Ross Harper & Paul Hackett, David Price & Colin Simpson, Gunnar Hallberg & John Holland. The match will be played over two days (3 stanzas per day). The match will be played at a location to be determined after the conclusion of the Round Robin, on January 23-24, or on a different date, if mutually agreed. The match must be completed by 28th February 2010.

All players must play at least one-third of the boards to qualify for automatic selection.

3.2 Regulations concerning seating rights are contained in Appendix B.

4 Eligibility – general

4.1 All players must be members of the Union in good standing.

4.2 All players must have been born during or before 1950.

4.3 All players must be eligible to represent England under Bridge Great Britain regulations in regard to the Seniors Camrose, and European Bridge League regulations in regard to the European Seniors Team Championship.

4.4 If a player loses either his good standing or eligibility during the course of the season, then that player will be disqualified from further participation in these Trials and from ultimate selection to represent England. Continued participation of the team to which such a player belongs is subject to Condition 6.2.

5 Further conditions of entry

- 5.1 It is a condition of entry that all players disclose to the Committee any limitation that would in any way restrict the freedom of the Committee to select a team to represent England.
- 5.2 It is a condition of entry that players entered in the Trials must not have a beneficial financial interest in the performance of any team in the Trials other than their own. This does not preclude relatives from playing in a different team.
- 5.3 Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute an offence under the EBU Disciplinary Rules and may jeopardise participation in trials or selection to represent England in future years, in addition to other possible sanctions.

6 Registered players

- 6.1 Teams comprise a maximum of six players.
- 6.2 If a team loses one or more members as a result of death, serious incapacity or other exceptional circumstance, including the loss of good standing or eligibility (see Condition 4.4), then that team may apply for a permanent replacement of the member in question. The Committee shall have absolute discretion with regard to such application, and may grant it subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

7 Substitutes

- 7.1 A team which is unable to field four players may apply to the Committee for authorisation of a substitute. The Committee shall have absolute discretion with regard to any such application, and in particular may attach such conditions as it thinks fit relating to the use of a substitute.
- 7.2 The Tournament Director in Charge may authorise an emergency substitution on the day itself, in which case a full report shall be made to the Committee. The Committee will have an absolute discretion to decide the extent (if any) to which the results of the match(es) affected should be allowed to stand and whether the team in question will be allowed to continue in the Trials.

8 Withdrawal

- 8.1 If a team withdraws during the course of the weekend, then a full report will be made to the Committee, whose arbitration of the result from the weekend will be final (which may include expunging the results of the withdrawn team, assigning adjusted scores for sessions not actually played, or ordering a play-off or a re-match with or without penalty for the offenders). A team that withdraws without reasonable excuse as determined by the Committee may constitute an offence under the EBU Disciplinary Rules and/or jeopardise participation in future Trials or selection to represent England in future years.

9 Entries

- 9.1 Entries were received by the Secretary of the Committee, Mrs AJ Claridge, 31 Elm Trees, Long Crendon, Aylesbury HP18 9DG (email: claridge31@tiscali.co.uk) by the published closing date.
- 9.2 The Committee reserves the right to accept late entries at its absolute discretion.

- 9.3 The identity of all players and of the partnerships within each team must be specified at the time of entry. Any change, prior to the commencement of play, to the composition of a team, or any change to the line-up of a team, will be treated as a fresh entry (and its acceptance will therefore be subject to the Committee's discretion if it occurs after the closing date for entries).
- 9.4 All entries must be accompanied by the full entry fee of £260 per team. Entries are not confirmed until the entry fee has been paid.
- 9.5 Entrants must provide such evidence as the Committee may require as to their eligibility under Conditions 4 and 5.

10 Scoring

- 10.1 Scoring will be by IMPs, aggregated over three 16-board stanzas, and converted to Victory Points on the EBL/WBF 48-board scale.
- 10.2 The "standard amount" as referred to in Appendix F, is $\frac{1}{2}$ VP during the round-robin phase or 2 IMPs against the match score during the knock-out (Final) phase.
- 10.3 In the event of a stanza being fouled (such as by being played by both teams in the same orientation), the same provisions for allocating a provisional score (except for the penalty element) shall be applied as if the match had been abandoned due to late arrival (see Appendix F).

11 Systems and conventions

- 11.1 Systems and conventions which are authorised at 'EBU Level 4' are permitted whether or not categorised by the WBF as 'Brown Sticker'. Please see Appendix C for details of WBF categories. HUM systems and other Brown Sticker methods are not permitted.
- 11.2 In addition, any system or convention which is not categorised by the WBF as a 'HUM' or 'Brown Sticker' is permitted.
- 11.3 Psychic bids protected by system or required by system are not permitted.

12 Miscellaneous conditions

- 12.1 Bidding boxes and screens will be in use throughout. See Appendix D for regulations regarding the use of screens.
- 12.2 Ties will be split in accordance with the regulations set out in Appendix E.
- 12.3 Penalties for late arrival will be assessed in accordance with the regulations set out in Appendix F.
- 12.4 Details of the time allowed and of the penalties which will be assessed for slow play are set out in Appendix G.
- 12.5 Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area during a stanza in order to smoke or consume alcohol. There is an automatic penalty of 1 VP for a breach of this regulation.
- 12.6 Mobile telephones, pagers or similar electronic equipment may not be brought into the playing area, but may be left with the Tournament Director in charge. There is an automatic penalty of 1 VP for a breach of this regulation.

13 Notices and communications

- 13.1 Any notices to be given to, or communications for the Committee should be in writing and sent to the Secretary to the Committee (Sandra Claridge) to 31 Elm Trees, Long Crendon, Aylesbury HP18 9DG (email: claridge31@tiscali.co.uk.)
- 13.2 Email is an acceptable means of communication, but communications and attachments (notably systems) sent by email will not be taken to have been received by the Committee until confirmation is available that they have been received and can be read and (if necessary) printed.
- 13.3 The Committee reserves the right to communicate with teams via the nominated team captain only. The exercise of any option available to a team under these Conditions, or the notification of any decision by a team in connection with the trials shall be binding on the team if duly communicated to the Committee (or, if appropriate, during the course of a weekend, to the Tournament Director or Referee) by the nominated team captain.

APPENDIX A Detailed timetable

The times of play each day (round-robin and knock-out final) will be as follows:

11.30 – 13.50 16 boards
14.50 – 17.10 “
17.20 – 19.40 “

APPENDIX B Seating rights

1 Seating rights (triple round-robin)

(a) The order of opponents and the choice of ‘home’ or ‘away’ will be pre-ordained by reference to team number. The team listed first are the ‘home’ team.

	Day 1:	Day 2:	Day 3:
Round 1	4 v 1 : 3 v 2	3 v 4 : 1 v 2	Order of play to be determined by ranking according to provisional VP scores at end of the second day, but home/away as per the day 1 schedule.
Round 2	2 v 4 : 1 v 3	4 v 2 : 3 v 1	
Round 3	4 v 3 : 2 v 1	1 v 4 : 3 v 2	

(b) The order of play on day 3 will be:

Round 1	1 st v 4 th : 2 nd v 3 rd
Round 2	1 st v 3 rd : 2 nd v 4 th
Round 3	1 st v 2 nd : 3 rd v 4 th

However, Rounds 2 & 3 will be switched if the team lying 2nd at the start of the day is overtaken by the team lying 3rd after the conclusion of the first round of the day.

The home/away situation will be as per the day 1 schedule. Therefore, all teams are at home in either the first and third portion, or in the second portion only of any given 48-board match.

Rankings are based on the provisional VP scores assigned to each match i.e. the VPs teams would score were the final portion of the match to be flat.

- (c) The home team has the right to seat its players after the away team has seated theirs. Thus, the home team has seating rights.

2 Seating rights (96-board Final)

The match will be played in 6 x 16-board stanzas. Teams will be at home in either the odd or even-numbered stanzas, to be determined by a toss of a coin (the winner of the toss selects either the odd or even-numbered stanzas).

APPENDIX C

System policy

1 Definitions

- Average hand: a hand containing 10 high card points (Milton Work) with no distributional values
- Weak: high card strength below that of an average hand
- Strong: high card strength a king or more greater than that of an average hand
- Natural: a call or play that is not a convention ["special partnership understanding" as defined in Law 40B1(a)].
- Length: three cards or more
- Shortage: two cards or less

2 Highly Unusual Methods (HUMs)

A Highly Unusual Method (HUM) means any system that exhibits one or more of the following features, as a matter of partnership agreement:

- (a) A Pass in the opening position shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities.
- (b) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
- (c) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values a king or more below average strength.
- (d) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit
- (e) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length in one suit or length in another.

EXCEPTION: one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system

3 Brown Sticker conventions and treatments

The following conventions or treatments are categorised as 'Brown Sticker':

- (a) Any opening bid of two clubs through three spades that:
 - (i) could be weak (may by agreement be made with values below average strength) AND
 - (ii) does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.

EXCEPTION: The bid always shows at least four cards in a known suit if it is weak. If the bid does not show a known four card suit it must show a hand a king or more over average strength. (*Explanation:* Where all the weak meanings show at least four cards in one known suit, and the strong meanings show a hand with a king or more above average strength, it is not a Brown Sticker convention.)

EXCEPTION: A two level opening bid in a minor showing a weak two in either major, whether with or without the option of strong hand types, as described in the WBF Conventions Booklet.

- (b) An overcall of a natural opening bid of one of a suit that does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.

EXCEPTION: A natural overcall in no trumps.

EXCEPTION: Any cue bid suit that shows a strong hand.

EXCEPTION: A jump cue bid in opponent's known suit that asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit.

- (c) Any 'weak' two-suited bids at the two or three level that may by agreement be made with three cards or fewer in one of the suits.
- (d) Psychic bids protected by system or required by system.
- (e) None of the foregoing restrictions pertain to conventional defences against strong, artificial opening bids or defences against 'Brown Sticker' or HUM conventions.

4 Encrypted signals

Additional to the restrictions on bidding methods and conventions above, players may not use signalling methods by which the message or messages conveyed by the signals are hidden from the declarer because of some key available only to the defenders (i.e. encrypted signals are not allowed).

5 Random openings

It is forbidden to open hands which, by agreement, may contain fewer than 8 high card points and for which no further definition is provided.

6 EBU Level 4 conventions

All methods permitted by EBU Level 4 may be used, whether categorised as Brown Sticker or not.

7 Convention cards

WBF style convention cards may be used. There is no requirement for advance submission of systems.

APPENDIX D

Screen regulations

1 Description of the Operation

The North and East players sit on the same side of the screen throughout. It is North's responsibility to place the board on, and to remove the board from, the bidding tray. It is West's responsibility to adjust the screen aperture. The sequence is this: North places the board on the bidding tray. The aperture is closed (and remains so during the whole of the auction period) so that the bidding tray can just pass under it.

The players remove the cards from the board. Calls are made with the cards from the bidding box. The player places the selected call in the bidding tray, which will be visible only on the player's side of the screen. A player's first call should touch the extreme left of his own segment of the bidding tray, with subsequent calls overlapping neatly and evenly to the right. Players should make every effort to perform these actions as quietly as possible. With screens in use a call is considered 'made' when placed on the tray and released.

After two players on the same side of the screen have made their calls, North or South (as the case may be) slides the bidding tray under the centre of the screen so as to be visible only to the players on the other side. They then make their calls in like manner and the bidding tray is slid back again. This procedure is continued until the auction is completed.

After all four players have had the opportunity to review the auction (equivalent to the right of having the auction restated) the players replace their bidding cards in their respective bidding boxes.

After a legal opening lead is faced, the screen aperture is opened the minimum necessary to permit all players to see the dummy cards and the cards played to each trick. If a defender exposes a card and, because of the screen, declarer does not see it, dummy may draw attention to the irregularity.

2 Changes to Bids Made

A call placed and released may be changed under the Director's supervision:

- (a) If it is illegal or inadmissible (in which case the change is obligatory), if screens are in use, as soon as either screen-mate is aware of this; or
- (b) If it is determined by the Director to be a call inadvertently selected or
- (c) Under the provisions of Law 25. Under the provisions of Law 25A it should be noted that if a player's attention is diverted as he makes an unintended call the 'pause for thought' should be assessed from the moment when he first recognises his error.

3 Alerts and Explanations

(a) A player who makes an alertable call must alert his screen-mate, and partner must alert on the other side of the screen when the bidding tray arrives there. The alert must be made by placing the Alert Card over the last call of the screen-mate, in his segment of the bidding tray; the alerted player must acknowledge by returning the Alert Card to his opponent. A player may, by written question, ask for an explanation of an opponent's call; the screen-mate then provides a written answer.

(b) At any time during the Auction a player may request of his screen-mate, in writing, a full explanation of an opponent's call. The reply is also in writing.

(c) At all times from the commencement of the Auction to the completion of play each player receives information only from his screen-mate about the meanings of calls and explanations given. Questions during the play period should be in writing with the aperture closed. The screen is raised after the response has been made

(d) Standard EBU regulations shall apply with regard to which calls require an alert, save that alerts shall be made instead of announcements, and alerting should continue beyond the level of 3NT.

4 Modification of Rectifications when screens are in use

a) An irregularity passed through the screen is subject to the normal laws, with the following provisions:

(i) an inadmissible call – see Law 35 – must be corrected.

(ii) if a player infringes the law, and inadvertently (otherwise Law 23 may apply), the irregularity is passed through the screen by his screen-mate the latter has accepted the action on behalf of his side in situations where the laws permit LHO to accept it.

(b) Before an irregularity is passed through the screen the offender or his screen-mate shall draw the Director's attention to it. Infringing calls shall not be accepted and shall be put right without other rectification (but see (a)(ii) above); any other irregularity shall be rectified and the Director ensures that only the legal auction is passed through the screen. No player on the other side of the screen shall be informed of the occurrence unless the application of a law requires it.

(c) The screen-mate should attempt to prevent an opening lead out of turn. Any opening lead out of turn shall be withdrawn without other rectification if the screen has not been opened. Otherwise:

(i) when the screen has been opened through no fault of the declaring side (and the other defender has not led face up) Law 54 applies.

(ii) when the declaring side has opened the screen the lead is accepted. The presumed declarer becomes the actual declarer. Law 23 may apply.

(iii) when two opening leads are faced by the defending side the incorrect lead is a major penalty card.

(iv) for a card faced by the declaring side see Law 48.

(d) When an alertable call is made see section 3 above.

(e) When a player takes more than a normal time to make his call, it is not an infraction if he draws attention to the break in tempo. His screen-mate, however, shall not do so.

(f) If a player on the side of the screen receiving the tray considers there has been a break in tempo and consequently there may be unauthorised information he should, under Law 16B2, call the Director. He may do so at any time before the opening lead is made and the screen opened.

(g) Failure to do as (f) provides may persuade the Director it was the partner who drew attention to the break in tempo. If so he may well rule there was no perceived delay and thus no unauthorised information. A delay in passing the tray of up to 20 seconds is not regarded as significant.

APPENDIX E

Split tie procedures

- 1 A tie will be split in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 inclusive of this Appendix.
- 2 Ties will be split where necessary in accordance with standard EBU procedures as described in the White Book 2004 (The EBU Tournament Directors Guide), save that neither paragraph 143.7.1 (e) ('point-a-board count back') nor paragraph 143.7.1 (f) ('random ballot') will apply. Full details are available on request and the full text of the White Book is available on the EBU web site (www.ebu.co.uk) in the 'Laws & Ethics' section.
- 3 A tie which cannot be resolved by these means will be deemed to be an unforeseen circumstance (in which case the Committee will determine a course of action).

APPENDIX F

Late arrival

- 1 A team is late if one or more playing members of that team is not seated and ready to play at the advertised starting time. Warnings and penalties apply to the team as a whole rather than to any individual or to any partnership within a team.
- 2 A team advised, warned or penalised for late arrival retains the full time in which to play that stanza, i.e. the starting time for that table is officially delayed.
- 3 Penalties/warnings apply to each weekend separately i.e. any warnings issued during the first weekend are not carried over to the second weekend.
- 4 For the purposes of paragraph 5 of this Appendix, a single offence is anything from 0+ to 5 minutes late. Thus, for example, a first offence of eight minutes late would constitute two offences, and would receive an official warning.
- 5 Penalties for late arrival are as follows:-

First offence	no penalty (but the TD shall advise the team that it is late)
Second offence	official warning
Third offence	penalty of the standard amount
Fourth and subsequent offences	a further penalty of the standard amount, and see also paragraphs 6 and 7 regarding the removal of boards
- 6 In the event of a fourth or subsequent offence, then in addition to the penalty provisions of paragraph 5, the tournament director will remove one board from the match after more than 15 minutes of lateness, and further boards at the rate of one board every five minutes thereafter. Each board so removed will be scored as +/- 3 IMPs.

Example: for a first offence of 22 minutes late, two boards would be removed from the match and scored as +/- 3 IMPs per board. There would also be an additional fixed penalty of the standard amount for the offending team. Note that a team which has already received an official warning during the round-robin, but which is no more than 15 minutes late, does not have boards removed but does receive a penalty of the standard amount for each delay of five minutes or part thereof.
- 7 However, there is a limitation on the number of boards which may be removed before the segment is abandoned. No segment will take place once half of the boards scheduled to be

played have been removed owing to late arrival. So, if a team is more than 50 minutes late for a 16-board stanza, then that stanza will be abandoned.

- 8 The provisional score to be allocated for an abandoned or fouled segment shall be +/- 24 IMPs as per section 7 above, in addition to any of the fixed penalty provisions of section 5. However, a full report will be made to the Committee. The Committee may take such action as it thinks fit. In particular it may adjust the provisional score of either or both teams, and may disqualify the offenders if it considers any impropriety to have taken place. The decision of the Committee under this paragraph shall be final.
- 9 The penalties and warnings contained in this Appendix may be expunged for cause either in part or in whole for late arrival for the start of the weekend. A team which feels that it can demonstrate good cause for late arrival for the start of the weekend may apply to the Chairman of Appeals for a waiver or relaxation of these penalties.

APPENDIX G

Slow play

- 1 The time allowed for each stanza is as follows:-

Number of boards in stanza	Time allowed
16	Two hours & twenty minutes

- 2 In the event of stanzas of some other length being required, the time allowed (calculated on the basis of eight and a half minutes per board plus a further five minutes) will be announced prior to the commencement of play in the stage concerned.
- 3 Automatic penalties will apply to any table which runs over the allotted time. The penalty on the table involved will be twice the standard amount per five-minute delay or part thereof.
- Note – the standard amount is ½ VP during the round-robin phase, or 2 IMPs during the knock-out (final) stage.*
- 4 The tournament director will apportion the responsibility for the slow play between the two pairs involved and will assess penalties separately to the teams involved on this basis. All penalties will be expressed in multiples of ½ VP, or a whole number of IMPs.
- Example: a table is six minutes late (2 VP or 8 IMP penalty). One pair is held to be approximately three-quarters responsible and the other approximately one-quarter responsible. The penalty is 1½ VPs to the one team and ½ VP to the other, or 6 IMPs to the one team and 2 IMPs to the other (thus making a difference of 4 IMPs to the knock-out match score).*
- 5 If a suitable person is available to act as a time monitor, the tournament director may appoint such person to monitor the speed of play at any table (either at the request of one of the teams or on his own initiative). Otherwise the responsibility for monitoring the speed of play lies with the tournament director.
- 6 A team may be penalised at both tables in the same stanza.
- 7 In the event that a team is penalised more than once during the course of a single weekend by reason of slow play by the same pair, the penalty against that team shall be twice that calculated in accordance with paragraph 4 for a second offence, and three times for a third offence. Each weekend is treated separately for the purposes of this Appendix.
- 8 In the event that a team is penalised more than three times during the course of a single weekend by reason of slow play by the same pair, or in the event of excessively slow play, a more severe penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the tournament director, who

shall in addition make a full report to the referee, who shall be empowered to impose further penalties at his discretion. The discretion of the tournament director and referee shall not extend to the compulsory withdrawal of an offending pair from any subsequent stanza.

- 9 In the event of penalties being imposed under paragraph 8, a full report shall be made to the Committee, which may take such further action (if any) as it thinks fit.
- 10 Approximately half way through each stanza and approximately ten minutes before the scheduled time for the completion of play, the tournament director shall notify each table of the time remaining. Although the tournament director will endeavour to warn a pair when they are in danger of a penalty being imposed, any failure to do so shall not preclude the imposition of a penalty.
- 11 The tournament directors have been instructed to apply the penalty provisions of this Appendix strictly.



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