



**ENGLAND**  
**SENIOR EUROPEAN TRIAL**  
**2022**  
**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

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## **1. Definitions**

- 1.1. The Conditions of Contest for the England Senior European Trial 2022 comprise the General Conditions of Contest and these Specific Conditions of Contest. This document should be read in conjunction with the General Conditions of Contest.

## **2. Scope of the Trial**

- 2.1. The England Senior European Trial is a trial, played under international championship conditions, to select three pairs to form the team to represent England in the 55<sup>th</sup> European Team Championships, to be held in Madeira on 12<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.
- 2.2. The top three pairs in the Trial shall each be offered a place in the England Senior European team.

## **3. Entry Fee**

- 3.1. The entry fee is £135.00 per player.

## **4. Eligibility**

- 4.1. All players must be members of the Union in good standing, and must be aged 63 or older in the year of 2022.
- 4.2. All players must be eligible to represent England in the Senior European Trophy under the regulations of The European Bridge League.
- 4.3. Any player unsure of their eligibility should contact Gordon Rainsford – [gordon@ebu.co.uk](mailto:gordon@ebu.co.uk)  
If a player loses either their good standing or their eligibility during the course of the season, then that player will be disqualified from further participation in the event and from ultimate selection to represent England.

## **5. Registered players and substitutes**

Sections 7 and 8 of the General Conditions of Contest shall apply to this event in their entirety.

## **6. Timetable and format**

- 6.1. The trial will be an all play all Pairs trial played at Coventry Bridge Club on 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- 6.2. The playing schedule will be as follows:

Friday:	12:30 – 15:05 & 15:30 – 19:25	Five matches of nine boards
Saturday:	11:00 – 14:55 & 15:20 – 19:15	Six matches of nine boards
Sunday:	11:00 – 14:55 & 15:20 – 19:15	Six matches of nine boards
Monday:	10:30 – 13:05 & 13:30 – 17:25	Five matches of nine boards

This schedule is based on 75 minutes for each eight-board round with five minutes between rounds. Special circumstances may dictate that minor changes be made to the timings, at the discretion of the Tournament Director in Charge.

There are 11 pairs: each pair will sit out for two rounds over the weekend.

- 6.3. Scoring will be by 'cross-IMPs' divided by the number of comparisons. All results will be displayed correct to 2 decimal places.

In each match, the winning pair's score will be capped at a number of IMPs determined by the length of the match, 36 IMPs for nine-board matches - with 11 pairs: 5 results per board. The losing pair's score will not be affected by this procedure.

- 6.4. The movement will be determined in advance and arranged so that each pair meets each other pair twice.
- 6.5. In the event of the withdrawal of pairs, the format may be varied at the discretion of the Committee.

## **7. Systems and partnership understandings**

- 7.1. Systems and conventions which are authorised at 'EBU Level 5' are permitted throughout, whether or not categorised by the WBF as 'Brown Sticker' or 'HUM'. Other Brown Sticker methods and HUM systems are not permitted.
- 7.2. WBF system cards must be used and copies lodged with the secretary to the Committee, Charlie Bucknell ([charlie@ebu.co.uk](mailto:charlie@ebu.co.uk)) before the start of play. Two copies to the system card must be provided to each pair of opponents and there are automatic procedural penalties for failure to do this. EBU system cards are not permitted.

## **8. Late arrival**

- 8.1. A pair is late if one or more playing members of that pair is not at the venue ready to play at the advertised starting time. Warnings and penalties apply to the pair as a whole rather than to any individual.
- 8.2. The provisions of sections 9 and 10 of the General Conditions of Contest apply in their entirety to this trial.

## **9. Slow Play**

- 9.1. The provisions of Section 11 of the General Conditions of Contest apply in their entirety to this trial.

## **10. Selection**

- 10.1. Subject to the requirements and conditions set out in these Conditions of Contest, the leading three pairs in the Trial will be guaranteed selection for the England team in the Senior European Trophy, 2022.
- 10.2. If one or more of the leading three pairs is unable to play in the Senior European Trophy, then a place will be offered to the fourth placed pair, and if unable to play to the fifth placed pair, and so on. Only in the event that there are places remaining in the Senior European Trophy team after all pairs that have played in the trial have been invited will the Committee have discretion to selection any other pair(s).
- 10.3. Entrants are reminded of the provisions of paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 of the General Conditions of Contest concerning availability to play in the event if selected, and that a wilful breach of those paragraphs may lead to sanctions under paragraph 2.11 of the General Conditions of Contest.
- 10.4. Selection for this event is on a partially-funded basis.



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