



ENGLAND 2023 TRIAL FOR TELTSCHER TROPHY 2024

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

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1. Definitions

- 1.1. The Conditions of Contest for the England Teltscher Trial 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 Teltscher Trial is a trial, played under international championship conditions, to select three pairs to form the teams to represent England in the 2024 Teltscher Trophy, to be held in Scotland over the weekend of Friday 17th May to Sunday 19th May, 2024.
- 2.2. The England Teltscher Trial is not a trial for European or World Championships.
- 2.3. The top three pairs in the Trial shall each be offered a place in the England team.

3. Entry Fee

- 3.1. The entry fee is £100.00 per player.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. All players must be members of the Union in good standing, and must have been born in 1960 or earlier.
- 4.2. All players must be eligible to represent England in the Teltscher Trophy under the regulations of Bridge Great Britain.
- 4.3. Any player unsure of their eligibility should contact Gordon Rainsford – gordon@ebu.co.uk
- 4.4. If a player loses either their good standing or their eligibility during the course of the season, then that player will be disqualified from the trial and from ultimate selection to represent England.

5. Timetable and format

- 5.1. The trial will be a double round-robin IMP Pairs trial played at Coventry & North Warwickshire Bridge Club on 15th – 17th December 2023.
- 5.2. The playing schedule will be as follows:

Friday:	15:00 – 18:34	Three matches of eight boards
Saturday:	10:30 – 14:04	Three matches of eight boards
	14:30 – 18:04	Three matches of eight boards
Sunday:	10:30 – 14:04	Three matches of eight boards
	14:30 – 16:52	Two matches of eight boards

Minor changes may be made to the timings at the discretion of the Tournament Director in Charge.

- 5.3. Scoring will be by 'cross-IMPs' divided by the number of comparisons. All results will be displayed correct to 2 decimal places.
- 5.4. In each match, the winning pair's score will be capped at a number of IMPs determined by the length of the match, 35 IMPs for eight-board matches. The losing pair's score will not be affected by this procedure.
- 5.5. The movement will be determined in advance and arranged so that each pair meets each other pair twice.
- 5.6. In the event of the withdrawal of pairs, the format may be varied at the discretion of the Committee.

6. Systems and partnership understandings

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. WBF system cards must be used.

7. Late arrival

- 7.1. A pair is late if one or more playing members of that pair is not seated and ready to play at the advertised starting time. Warnings and penalties apply to the pair as a whole rather than to any individual.
- 7.2. If no boards are removed, a pair warned or penalised for late arrival retains the full time in which to play that round, i.e. the starting time for that table is officially delayed. Penalties for late arrival are as follows (assuming eight-board rounds):
0-12 minutes late: 2 IMPs penalty save that a warning will be issued in lieu of a penalty for the first offence in the weekend of no more than 4 minutes of lateness.
Thereafter, for each portion of 8 minutes late or part thereof, up to 35 minutes late, an additional 2 IMPs penalty and 1 board is removed from the match and scored as +/- 2 IMPs.
Example: 22 minutes late would be a penalty of 6 IMPs and would cause 2 boards to be removed from the match (scored as +/- 4 IMPs in total).
If a pair is more than 35 minutes late for a eight-board round, that round will normally be abandoned and provisionally scored as +/- 6 IMPs. At the end of the event, this provisional score will be subject to adjustment according to the unplayed matches formula in the General Conditions of Contest. Additionally, the offending pair will be penalised 8 IMPs.
- 7.3. In the event of the abandonment of a match under 7.1, 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 pairs, 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.
- 7.4. The warnings and penalties described in this section may be expunged for cause either in part or in whole for late arrival for the start of the event. A pair which feels that it can demonstrate good cause for late arrival for the start of the event may apply to the

Committee for a waiver or relaxation of these penalties

8. Slow Play

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

9. Selection

- 9.1. 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 Teltscher Trophy, 2024.
- 9.2. If one or more of the leading three pairs is unable to play in the Teltscher Trophy, the Selection Committee will select another pair or pairs from the trialists to complete the team.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. Selection for the Teltscher Trophy may be on a funded, part-funded, or unfunded basis, at the discretion of the Committee.



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