



ENGLAND

Teams Trial for 2024 World Bridge Games Open series

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. Definitions

1.1 The Conditions of Contest for the trial for the 2024 World Bridge Games England open team 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.

1.2 Where the General Conditions of Contest and these Specific Conditions of Contest are in conflict, the Specific Conditions of Contest will take precedence.

2. Scope of the Trial

2.1 The trial for the 2024 World Bridge Games England open team consists of a four-day event comprising a full round robin over three days and a two-team match on the fourth day, played as far as possible under international championship conditions. The trial will select one team to represent England in the Open category of the World Bridge Games, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October and November 2024.

2.2 If the winning team consists of fewer than six players, additional players may be added to the team with the approval of the Selection Committee.

3. Entry fee

3.1 The entry fee for the trial is £720 per team.

4. Eligibility

4.1 All players must meet the eligibility conditions laid down in Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

4.2 Any player unsure of their eligibility should contact Gordon Rainsford at gordon@ebu.co.uk

4.3 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 trial and from ultimate selection to represent England.

5. Registered players and substitutes

5.1 Sections 6 and 7 of the General Conditions of Contest shall apply to this event in their entirety.

6. Timetable and format

6.1 The trial will be held from Friday 26th April – Monday 29th April 2024.

6.2 The venue for the trial will be:

The Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 21 Dalling Road, London W6 0JD.

6.3 The seven-team trial will consist of:

- A round robin stage of 192 boards played in 12 segments of 16 boards. The East-West pairs will need to move after every eight boards, but the same two pairs of a team must play in the same orientation for the full 16 boards of a segment. In effect, in each 16-board segment each team will complete one quarter of a 32-board match against two of the other six teams.
- A 64-board final between the two leading teams after the round robin stage.

Unless HUMs are in use there are no seating rights – each team must submit a blind lineup at the start of each 16-board segment.

The schedule of play is:

Date	Match	Start	Finish
26 Apr	1	10:00	12:15
	2	12:30	14:45
	3	15:45	18:00
	4	18:15	20:30
27 Apr	5	10:00	12:15
	6	12:30	14:45
	7	15:45	18:00
	8	18:15	20:30
28 Apr	9	10:00	12:15
	10	12:30	14:45
	11	15:45	18:00
	12	18:15	20:30
29 Apr	F1	10:00	12:15
	F2	12:30	14:45
	F3	15:45	18:00
	F4	18:15	20:30

6.4 The Director of the trial may bring forward starting times of sessions with the agreement of the players, or may delay starting times of sessions for appropriate reasons (for example, if a ruling is required before a session starts).

6.5 Scoring will be by total IMPs converted to Victory Points using the WBF scale over each 32-board match in the round robin, and by total IMPs in the final. The round robin score in IMPs between the finalists in their round robin match will be carried forward in total to the final.

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 by all participants and submitted in advance to Heather Bakhshi (heather@ebu.co.uk) by Monday 22nd April 2024.

7.3 The use of HUMs is subject to the conditions of the WBF Systems Policy – seating rights are forfeited when a team is using a HUM, and written defences are permitted to its opponents.

8. Late arrival, withdrawal or slow play

8.1 Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the General Conditions of Contest shall apply in their entirety to this trial.

9. Board requirements

9.1 Every player in a team must play in at least six of the twelve 16-board segments making up the round robin phase. Every player in the final 64-board match must play in at least two of the four 16-board segments making up the 64-board match.