



ENGLAND

Teams Trial for 2024 World Bridge Games Mixed series

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. Definitions

1.1 The Conditions of Contest for the trial for the 2024 World Bridge Games England mixed 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 mixed team consists of one stage, played as far as possible under international championship conditions, to select one team to represent England in the Mixed category of the World Bridge Games, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October and November 2024.

2.2 The winning team in the trial will earn selection to the England Mixed team for the championship. 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 31st May – Sunday 2nd June 2024.

6.2 The venue for the trial will be:

TGR's Bridge Club, 19C Craven Road, London W2 3BP.

6.3 The four-team trial will consist of:

A round robin of 64-board matches played in 12 sets of 16 such that matches are only completed on the final day.

The schedule of play is:

Date	Stanza	Start	Finish
31 May	1	10:00	12:15
	2	12:30	14:45
	3	15:45	18:00
	4	18:15	20:30
1 June	5	10:00	12:15
	6	12:30	14:45
	7	15:45	18:00
	8	18:15	20:30
2 June	9	10:00	12:15
	10	12:30	14:45
	11	15:45	18:00
	12	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 64-board match in the round robin. However if one team wins their matches against all three of the other teams, they will be deemed to have won the trial regardless of the VP scores.

6.6 Bidding and scoring are expected to be made using tablets on the LoveBridge system.

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 9am on Monday 27nd May 2024.

8. Late arrival, withdrawal or slow play

8.1 Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the General Conditions of Contest shall apply to this trial, but penalties for late arrival will be applied in terms of Victory Points in units of 0.5 VPs.

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 event and at least two of the four 16-board segments making up each match. The selection of any player who fails to satisfy this requirement will be subject to the approval of the Selection Committee