



ENGLAND

Pairs Trial for 2022 European Mixed National Teams Championship SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

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1. Definitions

- 1.1. The Conditions of Contest for the trial for the 2022 European National Teams Championships 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 consists of two stages, played under international championship conditions, to select three pairs to form the team to represent England in the mixed category of the 2022 European National Teams Championships, to be held in Funchal, Madeira, in June 2022.
- 2.2. This trial is only for the 2022 European National Teams Championships mixed team, and not, for example, for the world championships.
- 2.3. The top three pairs in the in the final stage of the trials will earn selection to the England mixed team for the championship.

3. Entry Fee

- 3.1. The entry fee is £150.00 per player.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. All players must meet the eligibility conditions as laid down in Section 5 of the General Conditions of Contest, except that the requirement not to play in a later trial, in 5.3 of the General Conditions of Contest, does not apply. Instead, successful trialists who choose to play in a later trial for the 2022 European Teams Championships will be required to give up their place on the Mixed Team should they be successful in the later trial.
- 4.2. Any player unsure of their eligibility should contact Gordon Rainsford – 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 event and from ultimate selection to represent England.

5. Registered players and substitutes

- 5.1. 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 consist of two stages, the dates being
 - Friday 10th – Sunday 12th December 2021 (at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club)
 - Friday 14th – Sunday 16th January 2022 (at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club)
- 6.2. The ten leading pairs in Stage 1 will qualify to stage 2
- 6.3. Stage 1 will consist of nineteen eight-board matches

- 6.4. Stage 2 will consist of two round robins of nine eight-board matches
- 6.5. The movement will be determined in advance and arranged so that each pair meets each other pair once in each round robin.
- 6.6. Scoring will be by 'cross-IMPs' divided by the number of comparisons. All results will be displayed correct to 2 decimal places.
- 6.7. In each match, the winning pair's score will be capped 32 IMPs over the eight boards. The losing pair's score will not be affected by this procedure.

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.

WBF convention cards must be used by all participants.

8. Late arrival, withdrawal, or slow play

- 8.1. Sections 9, 10, and 11 of the General Conditions of Contest shall 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 final stage of the trial will be guaranteed selection.
- 9.2. Selection for the team is on a partly funded basis.



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