



ENGLAND
LADY MILNE TRIAL 2021
SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

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1. Definitions

- 1.1. The Conditions of Contest for the England Lady Milne 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 Lady Milne Trial is a trial, played under international championship conditions, to select three pairs to form the team to represent England in the 2022 Lady Milne Trophy, to be held over the weekend of Friday 22nd April to Sunday 24th April, 2022, hosted by Wales.
- 2.2. The England Lady Milne Trial is not a trial for European or World Championships.
- 2.3. The top three pairs in the Trial shall be offered a place in the England Lady Milne team.

3. Entry Fee

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

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. All players must be female members of the Union in good standing.
- 4.2. All players must be eligible to represent England in the Lady Milne 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 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 be an all play all Pairs trial played online via RealBridge on 17th – 19th December 2021.
- 6.2. The timetable for the trial has been published on the EBU website
- 6.3. Special circumstances may dictate that minor changes be made to the timings, at the discretion of the Tournament Director in Charge. In particular, the time allowed for matches may be reduced, with notice to players, if found to be too generous for online play.

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- 6.4. Scoring will be by 'cross-IMPs' divided by the number of comparisons. All results will be displayed correct to 2 decimal places.
- 6.5. In each match, the winning pair's score will be capped at a number of IMPs determined by the length of the match. The losing pair's score will not be affected by this procedure. The cap for 10-board matches with 15 pairs is 36 IMPs.
- 6.6. The movement will be determined in advance and arranged so that each pair meets each other pair once. With an odd number of pairs each pair will sit out for one round.
- 6.7. In the event of the withdrawal of pairs, the format may be varied at the discretion of the Committee.
- 6.8. In the event of the withdrawal of pairs, the format may be varied at the discretion of the Committee. The provisions of the [Sky-Blue Book](#) will apply except where over-ridden by these Conditions of Contest. In particular, undos will only be allowed in the auction for misinformation or for calls that are unintended within the meaning of Law 25A2. Players will be able to refer to their system cards and system notes but will not be allowed any extra time for doing so. They may not make notes during the auction or play of any hand.
- 6.9. Further information and regulations for playing using RealBridge are provided in Appendix A below.

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 convention cards must be used and copies uploaded to My EBU before play. Alternatively any hyperlink to a current card may be used. EBU convention cards are not permitted.

8. Late arrival

- 8.1. A pair is late if one or more playing members of that pair is not on-line, logged into RealBridge and 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 Lady Milne Trophy, 2022.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. Selection for this event is on an unfunded basis.

APPENDIX A: RealBridge

- 1.1. RealBridge uses computer video and audio for communication between players. Players can and should test their video/audio by logging into the system in advance.
- 1.2. During a session, players who have problems with audio/video should continue to play using text until there is time to try to sort it out, rather than delaying play. It may be necessary to refresh the video feed every hour or so: this can be done (without logging out) by clicking the refresh button on your name bar.
- 1.3. Players should remember that their opponents will have sight of them whenever they are logged in at a table and always act accordingly – opponents can hear and see what is going on in the room around players so they should minimise background noise and avoid distracting activities like eating.
- 1.4. This event will be in “virtual screen” mode with self-alerting and written explanations. This means that when cards are visible, players cannot see or hear their partners and can only see one of their opponents.
- 1.5. Calls are alerted by the player making the call, the alert is made by clicking the alert strip and a written explanation made in the alert box. This will only be seen by the opponents who may ask follow-up questions of the player who made the call (via private chat) or verbally to the screen mate. Note: the partner of the player who made the call will not have seen the written explanation.
- 1.6. Any calls that would be alertable or announced face-to-face should be alerted and a written explanation provided when making the call. Bids and passes above 3NT should be alerted and explained if they are artificial or unexpected. Doubles and Redoubles need only be alerted if required by the face-to-face rules.
- 1.7. When the TD is called, the TD can hear and speak to both sides of the screen – but the players cannot hear the players on the other side of the screen. It is difficult for the TD if both sides of the screen are talking. Because of this, when the TD is called only the player who called the TD should speak to the TD. The TD can then ask questions of the different players on either side of the screen, before instructing the table how to proceed. If the TD appears at the table and you did not call the TD, please wait to be asked to speak – so that the table does not all speak at once.



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