



2017 CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (CSTC) CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

I. SPONSORSHIP AND SANCTION

A. SPONSORSHIP

The Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) is the sponsoring organization for this event. These conditions of contest have been determined, and will be administered, by the sponsoring organization, with the approval of the sanctioning organization.

B. SANCTION

The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) is the sanctioning organization for this event. The sanctioning organization shall issue Masterpoint awards to participants.

The CSTC will be run under the overall control of a National Coordinator, appointed by and responsible to the Board of Directors of the CBF.

II. GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITION

A. INTRODUCTION

Competition will be held as a National Final only. **Pre-registration is required.**

B. NATIONAL FINAL

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a) Teams wishing to take part in the CSTC National Final must submit their team entry to the National Coordinator no later than February 26, 2017. This official team entry must include the following:
 - Team Captain's name, ACBL number along with mailing address, phone number and email address
 - Name and ACBL numbers for all other team members
 - Non-refundable Round Robin entry fee.

Exception to Pre-Registration:

A team consisting of players who participated in the CNTC or the CWTC may enter the CSTC without having pre-registered. In such a case the team must register and pay the entry fee prior to the Captains Meeting on May 3, 2017.

- b) Changes to a pre-registered team's roster may be made for any reason up until April 15, 2017. However, a player who participated in the CNTC or the CWTC may be added to a team's entry prior to the start of play on May 3, 2017.
- c) The Round Robin entry fee will be refunded to a pre-registered team which is forced to withdraw prior to the start of the event because some of its registered players have advanced to the KO stage of the CNTC-A or the CWTC and the team no longer has 4 players at the start the event.
- d) Screens and bidding boxes will be used for the entire National Final.
- e) There are no seeding rights in the Round Robin stage of the competition. Should any question arise, it will be resolved by having each captain submit to the DIC the precise geographic lineups of his/her team.
- f) In the Knock-Out portion of the event, the team with the higher finishing position in the Round Robin will be the seeded team in each match. The seeded team will choose which segments (1st & 4th or 2nd & 3rd) they wish to exercise their rights. In the segments not chosen by the seeded team, the non-seeded team has rights.
- g) Fifth and sixth members of teams may kibitz only at tables at least two tables removed from each table of their own match.
- h) Pairs are expected to know their methods. Procedural penalties may be given to pairs who do not give substantially the same explanation on one side of the screen as on the other side. The penalties will be automatic if the opponents may have been damaged by the differing explanations. These penalties will NOT be appealable.
- i) There will be no penalty for an established revoke unless attention is first drawn to it before a member of the non-offending side has made a call on the next board played at the table (or as provided in Law

- 64). For the last board of a match, the round will be deemed to have ended when the non-offending side leaves the table, or their partners arrive at the table.
- j) Any team which fails to seat a complete team within ten minutes of the announced starting time of a match will be penalized three IMP's in the net score of that match and further 1-IMP for each two minutes thereafter. If a full team is not seated within 20 minutes, the team will forfeit the match in question. Should a team be penalized for tardiness, no indemnity points are to be awarded to the non-offending team. Victory Points assigned to the non-offending team are computed as though there had been no penalty imposed on their opponents. The assignment of a penalty for tardiness does not preclude the application of a further adjustment in accordance with the CBF Slow Play Regulations.
 - k) In the event that two teams in a match fail to seat themselves properly, and no result is possible for the match, both teams receive zero Victory Points for the match.
 - l) In the event of a forfeited match, for overall ranking and/or qualification purposes, the loser is assigned Zero Victory Points and the winner is awarded the maximum of:
 - 60% of the available Victory Points for the match,
 - The average number of Victory Points won per match excluding the forfeit,
 - The average number of Victory Points won against the forfeiting team in all matches, excluding forfeited matches.
 - m) An appeal of the Director's ruling must be made not later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the session in which the ruling was made.
 - n) There will be no carryover from the Round Robin to the KO portion of the event.
 - o) Ties for qualification into the KO phase of the event will be broken using the Tie-Breaking Formula below.
 - p) During the Round Robin stage all matches will be scored using the WBF 20 point Victory Point Scale (See Appendix A).
 - q) During the Round Robin stage every effort will be applied to try to limit the maximum number of boards per day to 54.
 - r) The correction period expires at the start of the next segment of the Round Robin, the next session of the Knock-Out portion, 15 minutes before the start of the next stage of the Knock-Out on the same day, one hour before the start of the next stage of Knock-Out on a different day, or 60 minutes after completion of the final.

2. FORMAT

- a) The National Final will be held in Winnipeg, MB May 3-7, 2017. It will consist of two stages:
 - (i) **Stage I - Round Robin**
Stage I will be a complete Round Robin played over three days.
 - (ii) **Stage II - Knock-Out**
The top four teams from Stage I of the event will advance to the knockout portion of the final.
 - Semi-Final - 56 board match
 - Final - 56 board match
 The team finishing first in the Round Robin will have first pick from the teams finishing 3rd and 4th for their Semi-Final match. The team finishing second in the Round Robin will play the other team.
- b) The entry fees per team are as follows:
 - Round Robin - \$540
 - Semi Finals - \$180
 - Finals - \$180

III. PLAYER CONDITIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. To be eligible to play in the National Final of the CSTC, a player **must be born in 1957 or earlier and must be a paid up member, in good standing, of the Canadian Bridge Federation.** Additionally, a player must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:
 - i) be a Canadian Citizen on August 15, 2016; OR
 - ii) be a landed immigrant resident in Canada on August 15, 2016**These restrictions do not apply to players used as temporary substitutes.**

2. A player may not play in the CSTC if they have already played in another NBO in an event that was for qualification to the same WBF event (same event and year) as the CSTC is qualifying a team for.
3. A team may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players.
4. Every team that enters the CSTC must name a Team Captain, who shall represent the team in all official capacities.
5. In the National Final, each member must play at least 50% of the boards, including 50% of the Round Robin and also 50% of each of the semi-finals and finals. A player who does not play the required number of boards at the National Final will be deemed to have withdrawn from the team at the point where it becomes impossible for him or her to meet the playing requirements, and may not play beyond that point. In the exceptional case of a medical problem occurring during play at the National Final, the DIC may give permission for a player to continue in the event even if he/she has been unable to play 50% of the boards in a given stage. Failure to play the appropriate number of boards in the National Final may result in disciplinary action.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

A. DIRECTORS

The director in charge of the National Final will be appointed by the National Coordinator.

B. CONVENTIONS

1. Conventions on the ACBL Mid Convention Chart will be allowed at all stages of competition.
2. **HUM systems are not allowed** in any stage of the competition.

C. TIE-BREAKING FORMULA

The following Tie-Breaking formula will only apply to ties at the end of the Round Robin phase.

1. A two-way tie is broken by:
 - a) All matches played will be scored on the basis of:
WIN - 1 point; TIE - ½ point; LOSS - 0 points.
 - b) The result of the match between the tied teams.
 - c) A playoff between the tied teams. The playoff must be five boards. If still tied after five boards, continuing sets of five boards will be played until the tie is broken.
2. A multi-tie is broken by:
 - a) All matches played will be scored on the basis of:
WIN - 1 point; TIE - ½ point; LOSS - 0 points.
 - b) Matches played between all tied teams will be scored on the basis of 2 a).
 - c) Victory Points of matches between all tied teams.

In the event a multi-tie is reduced in number by one of the foregoing steps, only the remaining teams should be considered in tie-breaking procedures for succeeding steps. In the event a multi-tie is reduced to two teams, the procedures for two team ties are applied.

The Tie-Breaking Formula will be used at the National Final Rounds solely for the purpose of deciding the last qualifying spot(s).

If a tie exists at the end of a Knockout match, it will be resolved by playing eight additional boards. Should a tie still exist, eight more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, one board "sudden death" matches will determine the winner. There are no seating rights for the additional play-off boards. Before the start of play of the additional boards, each captain will submit their line-up to the DIC without knowing the line-up of their opponents.

D. MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Masterpoints will be awarded by the ACBL in accordance with the latest ACBL Masterpoint Awards handbook.

E. WINNING TEAM

Subject to meeting the eligibility requirements to represent Canada, the winner of the 2017 CSTC National Final will represent Canada in a playoff against Mexico and if successful will represent Canada in the d'Orsi Senior Trophy at the 2017 World Bridge Teams Championships to be held in Lyon, France August 12 - 26, 2017.

The team representing Canada will receive a financial subsidy from the CBF in the amount of \$20,000. The subsidy amount includes the event entry fee, and coaching amount which must conform to the WBF Dress Code.

F. PROCEDURAL AND LEGAL QUESTIONS

- 1) BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT EACH PLAYER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS OF CONTEST, THE LAWS OF BRIDGE, THE REGULATIONS OF THE SANCTIONING BODY, WBF SCREEN REGULATIONS (Section 26 of the General Conditions of Contest) AND THE CBF POLICIES.**
- 2) Procedural and legal matters (other than cases which would normally be heard by a Bridge Appeal Committee at a tournament) are in the hands of Local Coordinators and the National Coordinator. Their decisions while the event is in progress are binding. Questions of residency, health or other extraordinary circumstances may be submitted to the National Coordinator.
- 3) An appeal at any level below the National Final shall be handled as all club appeals are handled under ACBL regulations.
At the National Final, the appeal will go to the CBF Board of Directors, which may designate an on-site committee to act on its behalf.
- 4) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CBF Board of Directors has final authority on any matters of appeal.

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WBF Continuous 20 VP Scale

This scale will be used in WBF Championships and should be used for major team Tournaments

IMPS	No of Boards									
	6	7	8	9	10	12	14	16	20	32
0	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1	10.50	10.47	10.44	10.41	10.39	10.36	10.33	10.31	10.28	10.22
2	10.99	10.92	10.86	10.81	10.77	10.71	10.66	10.61	10.55	10.44
3	11.46	11.35	11.27	11.20	11.14	11.05	10.97	10.91	10.82	10.65
4	11.90	11.77	11.67	11.58	11.50	11.38	11.28	11.20	11.08	10.86
5	12.33	12.18	12.05	11.94	11.85	11.70	11.58	11.48	11.34	11.07
6	12.75	12.57	12.42	12.29	12.18	12.01	11.87	11.76	11.59	11.27
7	13.15	12.94	12.77	12.63	12.51	12.31	12.16	12.03	11.83	11.47
8	13.53	13.31	13.12	12.96	12.83	12.61	12.44	12.29	12.07	11.67
9	13.90	13.65	13.45	13.28	13.14	12.90	12.71	12.55	12.30	11.86
10	14.25	13.99	13.78	13.59	13.43	13.18	12.97	12.80	12.53	12.05
11	14.59	14.32	14.09	13.89	13.72	13.45	13.23	13.04	12.76	12.24
12	14.92	14.63	14.39	14.18	14.00	13.71	13.48	13.28	12.98	12.42
13	15.24	14.93	14.68	14.46	14.28	13.97	13.72	13.52	13.20	12.60
14	15.54	15.22	14.96	14.74	14.54	14.22	13.96	13.75	13.41	12.78
15	15.83	15.50	15.23	15.00	14.80	14.46	14.19	13.97	13.61	12.95
16	16.11	15.78	15.50	15.26	15.05	14.70	14.42	14.18	13.81	13.12
17	16.38	16.04	15.75	15.50	15.29	14.93	14.64	14.39	14.01	13.29
18	16.64	16.29	16.00	15.74	15.52	15.15	14.85	14.60	14.20	13.46
19	16.89	16.53	16.23	15.97	15.75	15.37	15.06	14.80	14.39	13.62
20	17.12	16.77	16.46	16.20	15.97	15.58	15.26	15.00	14.58	13.78
21	17.35	16.99	16.68	16.42	16.18	15.79	15.46	15.19	14.76	13.94
22	17.58	17.21	16.90	16.63	16.39	15.99	15.66	15.38	14.94	14.09
23	17.79	17.42	17.11	16.83	16.59	16.18	15.85	15.56	15.11	14.24
24	17.99	17.62	17.31	17.03	16.78	16.37	16.03	15.74	15.28	14.39
25	18.19	17.82	17.50	17.22	16.97	16.55	16.21	15.92	15.45	14.54
26	18.38	18.01	17.69	17.41	17.16	16.73	16.38	16.09	15.61	14.68
27	18.56	18.19	17.87	17.59	17.34	16.91	16.55	16.26	15.77	14.82
28	18.73	18.36	18.04	17.76	17.51	17.08	16.72	16.42	15.93	14.96
29	18.90	18.53	18.21	17.93	17.68	17.24	16.88	16.58	16.08	15.10
30	19.06	18.69	18.37	18.09	17.84	17.40	17.04	16.73	16.23	15.24
31	19.22	18.85	18.53	18.25	18.00	17.56	17.19	16.88	16.38	15.37
32	19.37	19.00	18.68	18.40	18.15	17.71	17.34	17.03	16.52	15.50
33	19.51	19.15	18.83	18.55	18.30	17.86	17.49	17.17	16.66	15.63
34	19.65	19.29	18.97	18.69	18.44	18.00	17.63	17.31	16.80	15.76
35	19.78	19.43	19.11	18.83	18.58	18.14	17.77	17.45	16.93	15.88
36	19.91	19.56	19.24	18.97	18.71	18.28	17.91	17.59	17.06	16.00
37	20.00	19.68	19.37	19.10	18.84	18.41	18.04	17.72	17.19	16.12
38		19.80	19.50	19.22	18.97	18.54	18.17	17.85	17.32	16.24
39		19.92	19.62	19.34	19.10	18.66	18.29	17.97	17.44	16.35
40		20.00	19.74	19.46	19.22	18.78	18.41	18.09	17.56	16.46
41			19.85	19.58	19.33	18.90	18.53	18.21	17.68	16.57
42			19.95	19.69	19.44	19.02	18.65	18.33	17.79	16.68
43			20.00	19.80	19.55	19.13	18.76	18.44	17.90	16.79
44				19.90	19.66	19.24	18.87	18.55	18.01	16.90
45				20.00	19.76	19.34	18.98	18.66	18.12	17.01
46					19.86	19.44	19.08	18.77	18.23	17.11
47					19.96	19.54	19.18	18.87	18.33	17.21

