



Supplementary Conditions of Contest
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1 Preamble

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for APBF Championships & Championship and Asia Cup, as issued by the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF) and are specific for the 25th Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (25th APBF Youth Championship) conducted by the Contract Bridge League of Thailand (CBLT), to be played at the Cavalli Casa Resort, in Ayutthaya, Thailand from 1st – 6th May 2025. These Supplementary Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 25th APBF Youth Championship.

A list of contact names and addresses, together with the URLs of websites holding additional information about this Championship can be found in Section 23.

NBOs and Players are reminded that by registering for and entering any APBF event, they agree to play against all other NBOs/Players. No special arrangements will be made to avoid certain encounters. Registering/Entering and not respecting this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the rest of the tournament and further severe consequences for the NBO and the Players involved players.

2 Definitions for the Supplementary Conditions of Contest

Expressions used in this document and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in the contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to one gender shall include the other gender.

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning for the purpose of this document and, in addition, the following expressions where the used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

2.1 General Conditions of Contest

means the General Conditions of Contest issued by the APBF for the APBF Championships and Championship, and the Asia Cup.

2.2 NPC

means the non-playing captain of any team. The NPC must be a member in good standing of the NBO he represents. Teams are not obliged to have non-playing



captains: a team member may act as a playing captain if this is preferred. Non-playing Captains are considered to be members of the teams and will receive any medals awarded.

2.3 Coach

Team may elect to have a Coach. Coach do not received medals and do not have to be members of the NBO they are acting for.

2.4 “Open” and “Closed” Room

for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated.

2.5 “Championship”

mean the 25th APBF Youth Championship.

2.6 “these Conditions of Contest”

means the Supplementary Conditions of Contest for the 25th APBF Youth Championship.

2.7 Gender

The gender of a participant will be taken as that shown on their Passport or National Identity Card.

2.8 C. W. Pisessith Cup

mean the 25th APBF Youth Championship for the U16 Open Team

2.9 Khunying Esther Cup

mean the 25th APBF Youth Championship for the U21 Open Team

2.10 Xiang Huaicheng Cup

mean the 25th APBF Youth Championship for the U26 Girl Team

2.11 Raymond Chow Cup

mean the 25th APBF Youth Championship for the U26 Open Team

2.12 Xiao Jiang Cup

mean the 25th APBF Youth Championship for the U31 Open Team



3 Conditions of Entry

See also Sections 3 & 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

3.1 Eligibility Requirements

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied that each nominated contestant satisfies the birth and residency requirements of the NBO nominating him belongs and was either

- i. nominated by NBO of the country/region of his birth, or by the NBO of which such nominated contestant first became a member; or
- ii. was nominated by the NBO of the country/region of the country/region of his citizenship or bona fide residence (see WBF Bona Fide Residence Criteria).

No male shall be a playing member of or a substitute player in a team or pair competing in women's event.

Executive Committee must be satisfied that each contestant invited be from a NBO recognised by the WBF. The APBF reserves the right to require documentary evidence that it considers to be satisfactory proof of the above if there are any concerns about the credentials of a player.

3.2 Submission of Entries

3.2.1 Registration

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate one team each for the Xiao Jiang Cup, Raymond Chow Cup, Xiang Huaicheng Cup, Khunying Esther Cup and C. W. Pisessith Cup. If there is an odd number of teams in any of the series, the host NBO has the right to nominate one additional team to avoid having to a bye.

Each NBO can nominate any number of team for Open Youth Team U18 and Open Youth Team U15. These two categories are also open to all WBF recognise NBO.

All nominations should be submitted on or before 1st March 2025 to the organising committee via email to td.cb1t@outlook.com.

3.2.2 Participant Name

The names, contact number, email addresses of NPC and Coach (if applicable) and names of the players in each team, submitted in accordance



with the conditions of entry established in the Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest, should be submitted on or before 1st April 2025.

3.3 Team Members

In addition to an NPC and Coach, each team may have four, five or six members. If a NBO wishes to replace a member, or members, or if fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement or increase (each must be from the NBO submitting the team) may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with permission of the Executive Committee.

However, the Executive Committee reserves the right, following such approval, to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

3.4 Age Limitation

3.4.1 Xiao Jiang Cup

Player in these events must be 30 or younger on 31st December 2025

3.4.2 Raymond Chow and Xiang Huaicheng Cup

Player in these events must be 25 or younger on 31st December 2025

3.4.3 Khunying Esther Cup

Player in these events must be 20 or younger on 31st December 2025.

3.4.4 C. W. Pisessith Cup

Player in these events must be 15 or younger on 31st December 2025.

3.5 Penalty for Non-Participation

In the event that a previously entered team in this Championship determines it is unable to participate, the APBF shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' Meeting for this Championship. Failure to so notify the APBF of non-participation shall result in the imposition of US\$1,500 penalty, payable by the NBO, which nominated the team and disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the APBF deems appropriate.

4 Anti-Doping Regulations

The procedures provided by the Anti-doping Policy of the International Olympic Committee will be followed and enforced. The WBF Anti-Doping Regulations, adopted by the APBF, are published as an appendix to the WBF General Regulations and can be found,



together with the required Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Application Form at www.worldbridge.org and www.ecatsbridge.com.

5 Participating Teams

The number of teams from each NBO participating in the 25th APBF Youth Championship is on the Championship website (see Section 23.12).

6 Format for the APBF Youth Championship

6.1 Open Pairs

Pair will separate into two events U18 pairs and U31 pairs. If the number of pairs permitted, the format will be Round Robin, otherwise will be Swiss. The number of boards play will be 2, 3 or 4 boards depending on number of pairs register. The schedule of play will be published on the championship website (see Section 23.12).

6.2 Team

6.2.1 Qualifying Phase

The format will consist of a three-day Round Robin (Double Round Robin if the time permitted) qualification. The Qualifying Phase will start on 2nd May 2025 and finish on 4th May 2025. The schedule of play will be published on the championship website (see Section 23.12).

6.2.2 Semi Final Phase

At the end of the Round Robin Qualifying Phase, the four highest ranked teams in each category qualify for the Semi Final. They are played on 5th May 2025 as knockout matches in three 16 boards session with match ups determined as follows:

The qualifiers ranked 1 will play against ranked 4 and ranked 2 will play against ranked 3. The team eliminated at this phase will play off for the third place.

The team that is not qualified will be ranked according to the VP total in the Qualifying Phase, if a tie exists, it will be broken using the normal tie breaking criteria.

6.2.3 Final and Play Off Phase

The Final and Play off for third place are played on 6th May 2025 as knockout match in three 16 boards session. If one team resigns the right to playoff for third place, it will automatically be placed in fourth place, their opponents being declared



bronze medallists. If both teams decide by mutual agreement, not to play off for third place, there will be no bronze medal awarded, and both teams will be placed fourth.

7 Entry Fees

Open Youth U18 Team	US\$ 400
Open Youth U15 Team	US\$ 200
APBF Youth U31 Open Team, Xiao Jiang Cup	US\$ 400
APBF Youth U26 Open Team, Raymond Chow Cup	US\$ 400
APBF Youth U26 Girl Team, Xiang Huaicheng Cup	US\$ 400
APBF Youth U21 Open Team, Khunying Esther Cup	US\$ 200
APBF Youth U16 Open Team, C. W. Pisessith Cup	US\$ 200
Open Pairs U18	Free for team participants
Open Pairs U31	Free for team participants

8 The Draw

The draw of team numbers will take place at the Captain Meeting, to be held on 1st May 2025 at 18:00. It will also be published on the Championship website (see Section 23.12).

9 The Schedule of Play

The schedule of play will be published on the Championship website (see Section 23.12).

10 Conversion Scales

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams in each Round Robin match will be converted into Victory Points (VP) according to the official WBF conversion scales adopted by the APBF (see General Conditions of Contest).



11 Electronic Line-Ups

Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure by a captain to submit a line-up in a timely fashion will result in penalty (see Section 18.3).

The line-ups for Visiting Team must be submitted 15 minutes and the Home Team 10 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions. When both captains submit the line-ups of their team without seating rights, this must be done at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time for the start of the match. Line-ups must be submitted in dedicated area with computers as designated by the Director of Operations. However, each team will have its own password protected page enabling team captains to submit via the internet. The system automatically records the time a line-up is made, so penalties for late line-ups will be automatic. A clock in the playing area will display the official time.

12 Designation of Matches and Seeding

12.1 Seeding

The teams competing in all team events will not be seeded. Draws will be made on a random basis, with the only restriction that minor changes may be made in the designations for the series with more than one team from a NBO in order that teams of the same NBO meet in early rounds.

12.2 Responsibility for the Draw

The draw will be made at the Captain Meeting on 1st May 2025. The team numbers and, by consequence, the sequence of the matches will be published on the Championship website (see Section 23.12). The Organising Committee has the authority to make some changes in the team numbers (and as a consequence in the sequence of play) if required by occurrences after the draw has been announced.

12.3 Seating Right

The team with the seating rights sits NS in the open room.

13 Change of Players

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session.



14 Disclosure of Systems and Conventions

14.1 System Policy

The WBF Systems Policy, adopted by the APBF, forms part of these Conditions of Contest. No HUM system or Brown Sticker conventions are permitted throughout this Championship. Note that psyche protected by system and, psyche of conventional and artificial openings are prohibited.

Each team will be allowed a maximum of 4 systems. For the purpose of this section, if a system contains different methods for different vulnerabilities, each method will be treated as a separate system.

If a pair is found to have used a convention not listed on its Convention Card, it will be given a disciplinary penalty of 2 VPs deducted from the team's score in a team event, or 25% of the available top of a board in a pair event. In addition, the Tournament Director gives an adjusted score if he deems that the opponents are damaged by the use of such an unknown convention. The pair will not play again until it has corrected its card to the satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director. If the pair re-offends in this way they will not be allowed to play in partnership for the rest of the event. In addition, such penalties will be applied should any pair in any event be found to have used a HUM system or Brown Sticker Convention.

14.2 System Cards

Each team captain is responsible for ensuring that the system cards for his team are submitted in PDF format by email to td.cb1t@outlook.com as soon as possible, but in any event before 15th April 2025. The system for every partnership that will play in these Championships must be described on the official WBF System Card, complete in accordance with the Guide to Completion, plus Supplementary Sheets, as necessary to describe conventional sequence in detail. Penalties for failure to submit Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets in time are (in addition to Section 14.2.1) specified in Section 18.1. Each partnership playing MUST bring with them to the table 2 identical copies of such Convention Cards.

14.2.1 System Cards not received in due time

Any partnership who duly completed original System Cards and Supplementary Sheets have not been submitted by 15th April 2025 may, in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 18.1, be required by Executive Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than the first two days of play.

14.2.2 Contact Information



Should captains have any queries concerning the systems provide by other teams, they should email the Championship Organising Committee who will forward them to the appropriate person(s) for response.

The fact that System Card and Supplementary Sheets are circulated by the APBF does not mean that the APBF has considered such System Card as completely acceptable systems although accepted as registered, may require amendments after being circulated.

14.3 Supplementary Sheets

Supplementary Sheets consist of one or more pages used to expand conventional sequences inadequately described on the WBF System Card. A reference number should be placed at the appropriate place on the System Card, and all such references should be clearly marked on the Supplementary Sheet along with the complete explanation. Supplementary sheets must be submitted at the same time as the System Card.

14.4 Changes to System Card or Supplementary Sheets

To change or alter the system card, System Change Request Form must be fill and any changes must be highlighted on the revised card to enable other teams to see what has been altered. Any changes must be approved by Chief Tournament Director in order for the changes to be implemented.

- a) Any changes to duly submitted (as per Section 14.2) System Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see e) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event no later than 18th April 2025. These changes may only be clarifications, amendments of typing errors, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy.
- b) On site changes to systems will be approved or required by the Chief Tournament Director.
- c) In order for a change to be implemented, it will be uploaded to the website and an email sent to all captains to inform them that the System Card has been altered. Any essential changes (for example caused by the necessary change to a partnership as a result of withdraw of a player) made to System Cards after 18th April 2025. Will be relayed to all captains by email. If such change is made after 1st May 2025, the information will only be available to the captain through mailboxes on site.



- d) Approval for a change requested once teams have reached the venue may be given or refused in whole or in part by Chief Tournament Director and may be given subject to conditions. One such condition will usually be that any such change cannot be implemented in the course of a particular round robin or in the course of a particular stage of event, with possible prejudice to unprepared opponents being a particularly important negative factor. Clarifications and improvements to presentation will not be considered as substantive changes.
- e) Official Format Change
 - i) A new page of the System Card and/or Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change.
 - ii) A separate text document describing completely the proposed change and referring to the place(s) on the new pages where they can be found and any cross-references to Supplementary Sheets notes.

14.5 Written Defences

Written defences against multi-2♣/2♦ openings are allowed at the table according to WBF System Policy. A written defence must be typed on one side of an A4 sheet and submitted to the opponents. Two additional identical copies must be brought to the table.

15 Length of Rounds and Sessions

10 board matches: 1 hour 30 minutes

12 board matches: 1 hour 45 minutes

14 board matches: 2 hours

16 board matches: 2 hours 20 minutes

20 board matches: 2 hours 50 minutes

Teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to a penalty. Additional time will not be allowed for teams playing on Vu-Graph or on other broadcast matches; nor because of the use of bidding boxes, screens, discussions of systems or for other similar reasons. Vu-Graph or broadcast presentation for any match or session, will not start until the Tournament Director notifies the Operator.



16 Tie-Breaking Procedures

Ties will be broken for the award of prizes and for the purpose of qualifying.

16.1 Qualifying Phase

16.1.1 Two Teams

If 2 teams are tied with the same number of VPs at the end of the qualifying round, the tie shall be broken in the sequence shown:

- a) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:
- b) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- c) Number of matches won. If the tie remains, then:
- d) One board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

16.1.2 Three Teams

If 3 teams are tied with the same number of VPs at the end of the qualifying phase, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 16.1.1. If the 3 teams remain tied, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 16.1.1. If the 3 teams remain tied, then:
- c) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance with Sub-section 16.1.1. If the 3 teams remain tied, then:
- d) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 16.1.1.

16.1.3 Four or More Teams



If 4 or more teams are tied with the same number of VPs at the end of the qualifying phase, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 16.1.1. and 16.1.2 if appropriate. If there are more than 3 teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 16.1.2, if appropriate. If there are more than 3 teams that remain tied, then:
- c) Number of matches won. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 16.1.1 or 16.1.2.

16.2 Final Phase

Two additional boards will be added. If a tie still exists, one additional board will be added each time until the tie is broken.

16.3 Pairs

Ties in pairs are broken in the following sequence:

- a) The pair with the highest score in its current session, then:
- b) The pair who scored the most match points against the highest-ranking pair (or pairs) that all the tied pairs played against, then:
- c) The procedure in (b) above will be repeated with the next highest-ranking pair of pairs until the tie is broken.

17 Disqualification, Withdrawal and Forfeits

In the case of a team being disqualified or withdrawing, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may in the discretion of the APBF Executive Committee be declared void and the scores earned by its opponents in those matches may be cancelled or varied.

During the Qualifying Phase, forfeit of a match is allowed only for reason of health or force majeure, to be verified and authorised by the Championship Committee. The lack of authorisation and a second forfeit by the same team means a compulsory withdrawal of that



team from the competition. The rules set above will be applied. The APBF Executive Committee may impose additional penalties on the forfeiting team.

If a team is unable to play or to complete a match, the Championship Committee may find that team in default and declare the match forfeit (walkover), the other team being declared the winner. The loser will receive zero VP, and the winner will receive either the number of VP equal to their own average (at the end of the round-robin) or the VP average of their opponents in the matches against the disqualified team or 12 VP, whichever is greater. Two walk overs by the same team means a compulsory withdrawal of that team from the competition. The APBF Executive Committee may impose additional penalties on the forfeiting team and/or its NBO.

During the Final Phase, for whatever reasons a team withdraw or forfeit, the other team will be declared the winner.

18 Penalties

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 (the Laws). All infringements of the Laws will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws. Upon publication of these Conditions of Contest no further warning is required (whether from the Director or otherwise) prior to the application of any penalty under the provision of the Laws or of these Conditions of Contest.

Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the qualifying round. The VP penalties shall not affect individual matches in any manner but may determine a team's ranking.

Penalties assessed in IMPs shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the match during which the penalty was imposed, before its VP score is calculated. However, the score of the non-offending team shall not be affected.

18.1 Failure to File System in a Timely Fashion

Any team containing a partnership that, for any reason, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 14.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 14.2.1):

- a) Be subject to a decision of the APBF Executive Committee who may forbid the team to use specific conventional understanding not submitted in accordance with the Conditions of Contest. If a disallowed convention is used, the APBF Executive Committee may impose penalties at its discretion; and



- b) Be fined US\$20 per pair per week and parts thereof, to be paid prior to the commencement of the tournament.

Failure to bring 2 duly completed and identical convention cards to the table is subject to warning for the 1st occurrence. Further violations are subject to a mandatory penalty of 2 VPs (in teams) or 25% of the available top of a board (in pairs). A pair will not be allowed to play without duly completed convention cards.

18.2 Failure to Submit Line Up on Time

If a captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with regulations:

- a) For the first such offence a warning will be issued.
- b) For the second offence there will be a penalty of 1 IMP.
- c) For the third offence there will be a penalty of 2 IMPs and for each subsequent offence there will be a penalty of 4 IMPs. Penalties are cumulative.

When failure to provide the line-up in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, penalties under this section apply only to the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. Following the filing of the offending team's line-up the non-offending captain then has up to five minutes to file his own team's line-up. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the five minutes grace period, this captain is also subject to penalty.

If any team sat down to play without lining up, there will be an automatic and mandatory penalty of 2 VPs. No warning will be given.

18.3 Lateness and Slow Play

This Championship will adopt WBF Procedures for Apportioning Penalties.

18.4 Electronic Devices

This Championship will adopt WBF Electronic Communication Devices penalty procedures.

18.5 Fouled Board

See the General Conditions of Contest for explanation. If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to procedural penalty.



19 Recording of Matches and Verification of Scores

19.1 Official Scoring Devices

Bridgmate II will be used for score input at this Championship. The North or South player at each table will be responsible for entering the score of each board, for each match and session thereof. The East or West player at each table will be responsible for confirming the scores entered. The score shall be record as they play. Team captains will agree upon the scores produced by the Championship official scorer for each match and segment thereof. At the conclusion of each match, or session of a match, the Tournament Director shall post an official result. Players and Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores.

19.2 Score Correction

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71. An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director, or his designee, may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

After correction period expires the results will be final with the following exceptions:

- a) Awaiting a decision of the Reviewer on a requested review.
- b) Completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Championship Committee or the Operations Director

20 Duplicated Boards

Duplicated boards will be used throughout this Championship, whenever possible.

21 Eligibility for Award

Medals and Trophies will be awarded to the Winners, 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up of each team category. For Open Pairs event, medals will be award to the top three pairs.



22 Dress Code

NBOs are asked to take note that during play appropriate dress would, for example, be an open-necked shirt, or a smart polo or sweatshirt worn with trousers or skirt as appropriate. Barefoot, slippers and bathrobes are deemed inappropriate and players wearing these during play are subject to disciplinary penalties. Name badges are to be wear at all times inside the playing area.

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