

Contract Bridge Association of Ireland

Senior Camrose Trials – 2011/12

Preliminary Information

1. This event with matches against teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and a Sponsor will be played in Scotland on 18th / 20th May 2012.
2. **TRIALS**
 - (a) Entries are invited from pairs who are interested in representing Ireland in this event.
 - (b) The International Committee has invited World Champion Pat McDevitt to represent Ireland in this event with his Irish partner, Michael MacDonagh, and they have accepted the invitation.
 - (c) Pairs trials with Cross IMPs scoring will be held in Templeogue Bridge Centre on **29th / 30th October 2011**. A round robin format will be used where each pair will play every other pair at least once. Starting times and lengths of matches will be determined by entry. The first two pairs will be invited to represent Ireland. The pairs finishing 3rd to 5th will be nominated as reserves in case any of the invited pairs are unavailable to play.
 - (d) Ties will be broken by IMP quotient, which failing by IMP differential and finally the result in the direct match.
3. **QUALIFICATION**

Each player must hold a minimum of **30 National Points or have won 16 National Points during the last 3 years and be at least 60 yrs old in 2011**. Derogations from the points requirement may be given by the International Sub-Committee and players seeking such derogation should submit application to the Committee for consideration detailing the principal reasons why they consider such derogation should be allowed.
4. **ENTRIES**

Entries accompanied by the entrance fee €120 **per pair** must be submitted to CBAI National Headquarters on or before Tuesday 18th October 2011. Entries without entry fee will not be accepted.
5. **SUBSTITUTES**

Each player must play at least 75% of the boards. Substitutes will be allowed subject to the approval of the International Sub-Committee. A substitution, which in the opinion of the Committee significantly affects the strength/weakness of a pair, is unlikely to be approved. No substitute will be permitted to play more than 25% of the Boards. No substitute may play in more than one partnership. The TD is empowered to make emergency substitutions .
6. **SYSTEMS**

All players participating in the Trials **must** have 2 copies of their systems available to present to their opponents before a session of play commences. **The WBF Convention Card must be used**. The card can be downloaded from the Ecats website (<http://www.ecatsbridge.com/documents/wbfinfo/systemsinfo/conventioncards.asp>) and hard copies are available from the CBAI Office Failure to fulfill this obligation or presentation of a system that in the opinion of the Tournament Director is insufficiently detailed will render pairs liable to automatic penalty of 1 V.P. per match. **HUM systems and brown sticker conventions are not allowed**.
7. **GENERAL**

The International Sub-Committee is empowered to alter any of the arrangements or conditions including times, dates and venues and to decide on all matters affecting these trials. Each player entering the trials is undertaking to represent Ireland if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.

International Sub Committee

Mary Trench, Alex Montwill, Michael McGloughlin, Michael O'Connor, Tomas Roche