

Contract Bridge Association of Ireland

Camrose Trials 2006/2007

Preliminary Information

1. CAMROSE SERIES

The Competition will involve matches against England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and the matches will be held over two weekends. This season Ireland, as the holders of the Camrose Trophy, has been invited to nominate two teams to contest the 2006/7 series. The winning team from last season, Tom Hanlon & Hugh McGann, Adam Mesbur & Nick FitzGibbon, John Carroll & Tommy Garvey has been invited to form one of these teams and trials will be held to nominate the other team.

1st Weekend: 5/7 January 2007 Venue: Oxford.

2nd Weekend: 2/4 March 2007 Venue: Aberdeen.

Each team is formed of 3 Pairs. Victory points are accumulated over the matches to establish the final result.

2. TRIALS

(a) Entries are invited from pairs who are interested in representing the CBAI in this event.

(b) Preliminary Pairs trials with Butler Method of scoring will be held in Templeogue Bridge Centre on **1st – 3rd September 2006** and if the entries are sufficiently large, also on **8th – 10th September 2006**. A round robin format will be used where each pair will play every other pair. Starting times and lengths of matches will be determined by entry. If any pair wishes to be considered for an exemption to the Final weekend, they should apply in writing to the International Sub-committee, who may exempt up to two pairs.

(c) The first six to eight pairs from the Preliminary Trials will be invited to form four teams with up to two exempted pairs to contest the Final weekend in Templeogue Bridge Centre on **27th – 29th October 2006**. Any of these teams may invite another pair from amongst those other pairs that played in the Preliminary Trials to make up a team of six. A round robin format will be used where each team will play each other team.

(d) The winning team, if a team of four, in conjunction with the International Sub-Committee, will choose a third pair from amongst those pairs who contested the Final Weekend, to make up a team of six to contest the Camrose Series. The International Sub-Committee will also nominate a Reserve Pair from amongst those pairs who contested the Final weekend.

3. QUALIFICATION

Each player must hold a minimum of **30 National Points or have won 16 National Points during the last 3 years**. Derogations from these conditions 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 Friday 5th August 2006.

5. SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes will be allowed in exceptional circumstances subject to the approval of the International Sub-Committee. A substitution, which in the opinion of the Sub-Committee significantly affects the strength/weakness of a pair, is unlikely to be approved and save for serious illness or similar unforeseen circumstances, no substitute will be permitted to play more than 25% of the Boards. If a suitable substitute cannot be found for a match or a session the Tournament Director will award a score of 18/0 out of 30, or such higher percentage as the non-offending pair achieves in the competition.

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. Failure to fulfil this obligation or presentation of a system that in the opinion of the International Sub-Committee is insufficiently detailed will render pairs liable to automatic penalty of 1 V.P. per match. **All systems (including H.U.M.) are allowed but players proposing to play a H.U.M. system must submit copies of same to C B A I National Headquarters when entering for the Trials. Details of any Brown Sticker conventions to be used should be submitted in the appropriate format when entering for the trials.** Blank forms for their submission of these conventions are available from CBAI National Headquarters. Failure to submit same with the entry will result in the System or Convention being prohibited.

7. GENERAL

The International Sub-Committee is empowered to make the necessary draws, fix the length of matches, alter any of the arrangements or conditions including times, dates and venues and to decide on all matters affecting these trials.

International Sub Committee Michael O'Connor – Convenor, Clare Pippet, Seamus Dowling