



THE IRISH BRIDGE UNION INTERNATIONAL TRIALS 2012

EUROPEAN OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP VENUE: TO BE NOTIFIED 12 – 23 JUNE 2012

- 1) Dates 20 – 22 January & 3 - 5 February 2012
- 2) Venue Plaza Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24

3) Entries have been accepted from the six teams listed below who will play a double round robin of 32 board direct matches in 16 board segments in accordance with the time table set out below. Scoring will be by IMPs converted to VPs on the WBF scale.

The Tournament Director will make a draw for team numbers before start of play. The same order of play will be followed on both weekends.

- 3) If two teams are tied at the end of the trials, the result is determined by
 - (i) The combined result of the direct matches.
 - (ii) If still tied by VPs then by the numbers of IMPs in the matches
 - (iii) If the IMPs are the same then the IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams.

4) The winning team will be invited to represent Ireland. If a team of four qualify the third pair will be selected by the International Committee, after consulting the winning team, from the entrants for the trials.

5) The winning team will be presented with the Pat Walshe Memorial Trophy – presented by his wife Grainne in his memory

6) **Substitutes** will be allowed at the discretion of the International Committee. The substitution will not be approved if in the opinion of the committee the team would be strengthened by the substitution. If a team is unable to provide a suitable substitute in the qualifying round the Tournament Director will award a score of 18/0 out of 30 or the average VPs conceded by the offending team whichever is greater, in favour of the non offending team. In the knockouts, failure to have a suitable substitute will result in the match being awarded to opponents.

The Tournament Director is empowered to make emergency substitutions. No substitute may play on more than one team or play more than 25% of the boards played by the team in the trials.

7) Each pair participating in the trials must have two copies of their **system** available to present to their opponents before a session of play begins. **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 fulfil this obligation or presentation of a system which in the opinion of the Tournament Director is insufficiently detailed will render teams liable to an automatic penalty of 1VP per match. As no team has given notice of Brown Sticker Systems/Conventions or HUMs, these are prohibited in the trials.

8) No seating rights apply. Each team will give its line up to the TD not less than 5 minutes before the start of play.

9) Slow play / Late arrival will be penalised in accordance with regulations to be posted in the playing rooms. Screens will be used and the WBF regulations regarding use will apply.

Mobile phones, pagers or other electronic equipment may not be used in the playing area. (An audible signal from such a device is considered use). Any breach of this regulation will result in the offender's team being fined 2VP. The penalty is automatic and applies to each offence.

10) The International Committee is empowered to alter any of the arrangements or conditions including time, dates and venue, and to decide on all matters affecting these trials and each player who enters is undertaking to represent Ireland if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.

Kay Downes, Ian Lindsay, Pauline Maguire, Michael O'Connor - IBU International Committee.

Timetable for Trials

| | | <i>20 – 22 January</i> | <i>3 – 5 February</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>18.00 – 20.10</i> | <i>Match 1 A</i> | <i>Match 6 A</i> |
| | <i>20.25 – 22.35</i> | <i>Match 1 B</i> | <i>Match 6 B</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>10.00 – 12.10</i> | <i>Match 2 A</i> | <i>Match 7 A</i> |
| | <i>12.25 – 14.35</i> | <i>Match 2 B</i> | <i>Match 7 B</i> |
| | <i>15.00 – 17.10</i> | <i>Match 3 A</i> | <i>Match 8 A</i> |
| | <i>17.25 – 19.35</i> | <i>Match 3 B</i> | <i>Match 8 B</i> |
| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>10.00 – 12.10</i> | <i>Match 4 A</i> | <i>Match 9 A</i> |
| | <i>12.25 – 14.35</i> | <i>Match 4 B</i> | <i>Match 9 B</i> |
| | <i>15.00 – 17.10</i> | <i>Match 5 A</i> | <i>Match 10 A</i> |
| | <i>17.25 – 19.35</i> | <i>Match 5 B</i> | <i>Match 10 B</i> |
| | | | <i>TRIALS END</i> |

Teams

1. Thomas MacCormac, Micheal O'Briain, Pdraig O'Briain, Peter Pigot.
2. John Carroll, Nick FitzGibbon, Tommy Garvey, Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann, Adam Mesbur.
3. Eddie Fitzgerald, Enda Glynn, Gay Keaveney, Michael MacDonagh, Derek O'Gorman, Terry Walsh.
4. Martin Brady, Stefan Ekman, Willem Mevius, Marcin Rudzinski.
5. Richard Boyd, Ciaran Coyne, Karel de Raeymaeker, Anna Onishuk.
6. Pat Cassidy, Harold Curran, Anne Fitzpatrick, Billy Ronan.