



THE IRISH BRIDGE UNION INTERNATIONAL TRIALS 2012

EUROPEAN SENIORS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

VENUE: To be announced

12 - 23 JUNE 2012

- 1) **Dates** 30 March – 1 April 2012
- 2) **Venue** Dublin
- 3) **Qualification**
Each Player must have a minimum of 30 National Points or have won 15 in the past 3 years and be at least 60 yrs old in 2012. The International Committee will consider written applications for an exemption from players who do not meet the points requirement.
- 4) Entries are invited from teams of four, or six players. Each player in a team of six must play at least half the boards played by the team to be eligible for an invitation to represent Ireland in this event.
Each team will play each other team in a series of direct matches with VP scoring. All matches will be over as many boards as practical.
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.
- 5) 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.
- 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 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. 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.. HUM systems are not allowed. Any pair proposing to use Brown Sticker Conventions must submit details on the required form with their entry. Failure to do so will result in the conventions being prohibited.
- 8) Entries in writing, accompanied by the entry fee of €100 per player, must be submitted to Mr Tomas Roche, 11 Talbot Downs, Castleknock, Dublin 15 or Mr. Harold Curran 28 Laganvale Manor, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5BE. no later than 12 March 2012. Entries without the entrance fee will not be accepted.
- 9) The World Mind Sport Games (formerly the Bridge Olympiad) is scheduled to be held in the UK next year but as of the date of this circular the WBF has not confirmed any details. If it goes ahead these trials will also qualify the team to represent Ireland in that event.
- 10) The International Committee is empowered to alter any of the arrangements or conditions, 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.

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