

# Contract Bridge Association of Ireland

## Lady Milne 2022

The Lady Milne Trophy is the home international competition in which ladies' teams from England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales compete against each other annually. The dates and venues for these events in the coming season are:

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Scheduled for Wales but possibly online**

The C.B.A.I. International Committee (I.C.) will hold trials to select a team to represent the Republic of Ireland in the Lady Milne event. Please note that the team that finishes first in the trials will be selected to represent Ireland in the Lady Milne.

### Entries

The closing date for receipt of entries is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 and entries, accompanied by the entrance fee of €150 per player **must** be submitted to C.B.A.I. National Headquarters on or before that date. The I.C. may in exceptional circumstances accept entries after the closing date. The decision to proceed with physical trials will be reviewed in the first week of September. In the event of online trials, €100 will be refunded to each player.

### Format

The trials will be held over two weekends as follows :-

Weekend 1 : September 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 :- In Templeogue unless online

Weekend 2 : September 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 :- In Templeogue unless online

These trials will be on a team basis and teams of 4 or 6 players will be accepted. Once again please note that **all** players on a team **must** have more than 100 National Points. – There are **no** exceptions.

Both weekends may be needed. If so, the top four teams after weekend one will qualify for the second weekend. There will be no exemptions to the second weekend.

If only one weekend is needed then Weekend 2 (17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September) will be used.

Whereas the exact schedule and number of boards per round will be decided after the closing date when the number of teams entered in the trials is known, it will involve a single or double round robin, with each team playing a direct match over as many boards as possible against each of the other teams.

### International Committee

Ranald Milne (Convenor), Elva Gannon, Micheal O'Briain, Derek O'Gorman, Lucy Phelan

# Rules/Regulations re Substitutes and Systems for Lady Milne Trials

## Substitutes

Subject to the approval of the International Committee (I.C.), a substitute may be allowed in emergency circumstances for a limited number of boards. A substitution, which in the opinion of the I.C. significantly affects the strength/weakness of a pair, is unlikely to be approved.

If a suitable substitute cannot be found for a match, the Tournament Director will award a score of 12 VPs or such higher percentage achieved in the round robin, to the non-offending team for that match.

Requests for substitutes for what the I.C. considers to be convenience reasons will **not** be approved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the T.D. is empowered to make emergency substitutions.

## Systems

All players participating in these trials must have submitted a copy of their system in electronic format to CBAI National Headquarters ([info@cbaie](mailto:info@cbaie)) with their entry, so that their system may be uploaded to [www.cbaie](http://www.cbaie) and is available to their opponents.

Both members of a partnership are restricted to a single system and both must play the same system and methods in bidding and play.

Players may have a copy of their own system to hand during the event but may not refer to it during play, unless playing online.

The W.B.F. Convention Card or equivalent must be used and may be downloaded at website below:-

<http://www.ecatsbridge.com/documents/wbfinfo/systemsinfo/conventioncards.asp>

Hard copies of the W.B.F. Convention Card are available from the C.B.A.I. National Headquarters.

Failure to fulfil this obligation or presentation of a Convention Card that, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, is insufficiently detailed, will render each pair liable to an automatic penalty.

Highly Unusual Methods (HUMs) are permitted, subject to full disclosure, in the Lady Milne trials.

Players proposing to play HUMs must submit copies of these methods to C.B.A.I. National Headquarters when entering the Lady Milne trials. Players may have written defences to HUMs at the table as an aide memoire.

Brown Sticker Conventions (BSC) are permitted in the Lady Milne trials, subject to full disclosure. Up to three BSC may be used by a partnership, details of which must be submitted on the appropriate form (available from C.B.A.I. National Headquarters) when entering the respective trials.

Failure to submit same in electronic format with the entry will result in these Methods and/or Conventions being prohibited.

## General

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.

Each player who enters these trials is agreeing to represent the Republic of Ireland if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.