Contract Bridge Association of Ireland Teltscher Trophy 2022

The Teltscher Trophy (Senior Camrose) is the home international competition in which teams from England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales compete against each other annually. The dates and venues for this event in the coming season are:

Teltscher Weekend: Date: 20-22 May 2022

Venue: Scheduled for Northern Ireland 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 Teltscher Trophy. Please note that the team that finishes first in the trials will be selected to represent Ireland in the Teltscher Trophy.

Entries

Players in the Teltscher Trophy must attain the age of 63 before or during the calendar year 2022, that is born in or before 1959.

Entries are invited from teams hoping to play for Ireland in the Teltscher Trophy 2022. Entry is restricted to players with more than 100 National Points. There are no exceptions.

The closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 14 January 2022 and entries, accompanied by an entrance fee of €400 per team, **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 last week of January. In the event of online trials, the entry fee will be reduced and a refund made to each team.

Format

The trials will be held over one weekend: 4-6 February, 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.

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), Micheal O'Briain, Lucy Phelan, Derek O'Gorman, Hilary Dowling-Long

Rules/Regulations re Substitutes and Systems for Teltscher 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 VP 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 (<u>info@cbai.ie</u>) with their entry, so that their system may be uploaded to <u>www.cbai.ie</u> 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 not permitted in the Teltscher trials.

Brown Sticker Conventions (BSC) are permitted in the Teltscher 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 and dates, 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.