

Contract Bridge Association of Ireland

Teltscher Trophy 2024

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 date and venue for this event in the coming season are:

Teltscher Weekend : 17-19 May 2024, in Scotland

The CBAI International Committee (IC) will hold trials to select a team to represent the Republic of Ireland in the Teltscher Trophy. 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 64 before or during the calendar year 2024, that is must have been born in or before 1960.

Entries are invited from teams hoping to play for Ireland in the Teltscher Trophy 2024. Entry is restricted to players with more than 100 National Points. There are **no** exceptions.

The closing date for receipt of entries is **15 December 2023**, and entries, accompanied by an entrance fee of €400 per team, **must** be submitted to CBAI National Headquarters on or before that date. The IC may in exceptional circumstances accept entries after the closing date.

Format

The trials will be held over one weekend: **2-4 February, in Templeogue.**

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.

Particulars of the trials format will be sent to entrants in a Supplementary Notice in the week following the closing date. The format below represents the IC's intended format, subject to entries.

Qualifying Round

If, due to the number of teams entered, a qualifying round is needed, then trials will commence at 12 noon on the Friday afternoon. If there is time for all the teams to play each other, then a round-robin movement will be used; otherwise, it will be a Swiss movement with the first round seeded. The non-qualifiers will be invited to stay on to play in a three-session teams competition; this will take place only if there is sufficient interest. National Points will be awarded for this competition (see www.cbai.ie).

Semi-Finals

The two 48-board semi-finals will commence at 10:00 on the Saturday and finish at 17:45.

Final

The 48-board final will commence at 10:00 on the Sunday and finish at 17:45.

Rules/Regulations re Substitutes and Systems for Teltscher Trials

Substitutes

Subject to the approval of the IC, a substitute may be allowed in emergency circumstances for a limited number of boards. A substitution which in the opinion of the IC significantly affects the competitiveness of a pair is unlikely to be approved.

If a suitable substitute cannot be found for a match, the Tournament Director will award an adjusted score to the non-offending side in accordance with the EBU White Book.

Requests for substitutes for what the IC considers to be convenience reasons will **not** be approved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the TD 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.ie) with their entry, so that their system may be uploaded to www.cbaie.ie 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.

The WBF Convention Card or equivalent must be used and may be downloaded at website below: <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/wbf-system-card-editors/>. 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 CBAI National Headquarters) when entering the respective trials. Failure to submit same in electronic format with the entry will result in these conventions being prohibited.

General

The IC is empowered to alter any of the arrangements or conditions including time and dates, and to decide on all matters affecting these trials.

These trials are to send an international team to represent Ireland in the home internationals organized by Bridge Great Britain (BGB). Unless specifically noted otherwise by the IC, the regulations that apply to the trials will be those of BGB that apply to the home internationals. In the event of any conflict with general local CBAI regulations, BGB's will take precedence. The IC will follow any guidance in the EBU White Book for cases not covered by the other regulations.

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.

International Committee

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