



THE IRISH BRIDGE UNION
INTERNATIONAL SENIOR TRIALS 2024

EUROPEAN SENIOR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP
 DENMARK June 27th – July 4th 2024

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WORLD SENIOR BRIDGE GAMES
 BUENOS AIRES October 22nd – November 5th 2024

REVISED TEAM Numbers as of 5.00pm 11th March

1) Trial Dates

13th -14th March La Mon Hotel Belfast

2) Qualification Reminder

Please note :- a Senior player must have achieved the age of 64 in the year of the Championship in which they are going to play.

3) Entries Received – The draw has been done and team numbers allocated as follows :-

Team	Captain	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4	Player 5	Player 6
1	Paul Delaney	David Dunne	Terry Walsh	BJ O'Brien		
2	Padraig O'Briain	Micheal O'Briain	Rex Anderson	Pat Barry		
3	Harold Curran	Ann Fitzpatrick	Michael O'Kane	Stanley Lowe		
4	Kathleen Vaughan	Maria Whelan	Dolores Gilliland	Cass O'Donnell		
5	Ian Hamilton	Ian Lindsay	Sam Hall	Hastings Campbell		

4) The format of the trials will be a Round Robin event with each team playing each of the other teams over a 20 board match played in 2 Stanzas of 10 boards.

Wednesday 13th March		Thursday 14 th March	
M1 S1	10.00-11.25	M4 S1	10.00-11.25
M1 S2	11.35-13.00	M4 S2	11.35-13.00
Lunch		Lunch	
M2 S1	13.45-15.10	M5 S1	13.45-15.10
M2 S2	15.20-16.45	M5 S2	15.20-16.45
Short Tea Break			
M3 S1	17.15-18.40		
M3 S2	18.50-20.15		

Match	Home	Sitout		Home	Away		Home	Away
1	6	5		4	3		1	2
2	6	4		3	2		1	5
3	6	3		2	5		4	1
4	6	2		3	1		5	4
5	6	1		2	4		5	3

Please Note the **AWAY** Team will have seating rights in the First Stanza of Each Match and the **HOME** Team will have seating right in the 2nd Stanza.

- 6) The winning team will be invited to represent Ireland. If a team of four qualifies then the third pair will be selected by the International Committee, in conjunction with the winning team, from the entrants for the Trials. A reserve pair will also be nominated in conjunction with the winning team. The NPC will be appointed by the International Committee in conjunction with the winning team.
- 7) Grants. The IBU will pay an initial grant to each member of the team and the NPC.

Additional Information

1. Additional Pairs :- If a team of four (4) wishes to add another pair, prior to the start of the trails they can do so with the approval of the IC up to 5.00pm 12/3/2024.
2. If a team wishes to change a team member, prior to the commencement of the trials, they can do so with the approval of the IC. (Please note this is only allowed if the new player has the required amount of National points)
3. The winning team will be selected as the Irish Senior Team to represent Ireland in Denmark June 27th – July 4th 2024 at the European Senior Team Championships and also the World Bridge Games in Buenos Aires October 22nd to November 5th 2024.
4. Please note if a team of four (4) win, a third pair who have played in the trials will be added to the team. The pair will be selected by the team in conjunction with the IC. The Team Captain will also be chosen by the team in conjunction with the IC. In addition a reserve pair will be selected by the team in conjunction with the International Committee.
5. Please note a pair must play at least 50% of the boards in the Round Robin to qualify.
6. **Substitutes** will only be allowed on teams of four (4) and at the discretion of the IC and in extreme emergencies only. The substitution will not be approved if in the opinion of the IC 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 12/0 VP, or the non-offending team's own average VP or the average VPs conceded by the offending team whichever is greater, in favour of the non-offending team. In addition to the above, the Tournament Director is empowered to make emergency substitutions. No player may use a substitute for more than 20 boards in the trials. Please note no substitute may play in more than one team.

Players cannot be changed during a stanza, unless there is a medical emergency, and only with the approval of the TD.

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. Cards must be in the correct format and templates in Word and Excel can be downloaded from <http://www.eurobridge.org/regulations/systems/> and hard copies are available from the CBAI Office. Failure to fulfil this obligation or presentation of a card that in the opinion of the Tournament Director is insufficiently detailed will render pairs liable to an automatic penalty of **1 VP** per match.
8. Slow play / late arrival will be penalised in accordance with regulations to be posted in the playing rooms. Screens will be used and the EBL regulations regarding use will apply.
9. If an appeal arises, the teams will be consulted by the reviewer for whatever additional information required. The fee is €50 and if deemed without merit the fee along with up to 2 VPs will be deducted.
10. **Mobile phones** and other electronic devices capable of communication must be **SWITCHED OFF** in the playing area and be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to the completion of the stanza must leave their mobile phone and electronic devices at the table. A **2 VP** penalty will be levied for a first offence and similarly for a second offence. Any further offence will be treated very severely by the TD. Should any player need to have their phone on for any emergency reason, please give it to the TD and explain the situation.

Please note in the event of a knock-out match the mobile phone penalty equates to 6imps.

11. **Breaking a tie :- Round Robin :- If two teams are tied the result is determined by:-**
 - (1) The result of the direct matches. If still tied by VP's then by the number of IMP's in the matches. If the IMPs are the same then
 - (2) The IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams. If a tie still remains
 - (3) The higher margin of IMPs earned against the next highest-ranking team that both have played and so on.Which failing, then by the toss of a coin.

If more than two teams are tied then they are ranked according to the number of VPs obtained against each other and then by the number of imp's. If more than two still remain tied, then from (2) above will apply.

12. 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 is undertaking to represent Ireland if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.

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- IBU International Committee

NOTE :-

Please make sure to have 2 copies of your system cards printed for your opponents