

Contract Bridge Association of Ireland

Teltscher Trophy 2025

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: 16th to 18th May 2025**
 Venue: Scheduled for Ireland

The CBAI International Committee (IC) 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. This team will be referred to as Ireland.

As host nation, the CBAI will have a second team entered. This team will be referred to as CBAI, and will be the team that finishes second in the trials.

Entries

Players in the Teltscher Trophy must attain the age of 64 before or during the calendar year 2025, that is born in or before 1961.

Entries are invited from teams hoping to play for Ireland in the Teltscher Trophy 2025. Entry is restricted to players of good standing, with more than 100 National Points. There are no exceptions.

The closing date for receipt of entries is 2nd January 2025 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 IC may in exceptional circumstances accept entries after the closing date.

Format

The trials will be held over one weekend: 30th January to 2nd February 2025, 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. 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

Derek O’Gorman (Convenor), Lucy Phelan, Hilary Dowling-Long, Martin Brady, Ciaran Coyne

Rules/Regulations re Substitutes and Systems for Teltscher Trials

Substitutes

Subject to the approval of the International Committee (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 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 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@cbai.ie) with their entry, so that their system may be uploaded to www.cbai.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, unless playing online.

The WBF 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 WBF Convention Card are available from the CBAI 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 IC 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, or the CBAI, if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.