

Contract Bridge Association of Ireland

Teltscher Trophy 2026

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

Date: 15-17 May 2026

Venue: England

The CBAI International Committee (IC) will hold trials between **31 January-2 February 2026** to select a team to represent the Republic of Ireland in the Teltscher Trophy. The venue is to be confirmed.

The winning team will be selected automatically. If the winning team is a team of four, then the IC will, in consultation with the team members, select an additional pair, to make up a team of six. The additional pair must have played in the trials. If the winning team is a team of five, then the IC will, if the team requests it, consider selecting an additional player, to make up a team of six. The additional player must have played in the trials.

Entries

Players in the Teltscher Trophy must attain the age of 65 before or during the calendar year 2026, that is born in or before 1961.

Entries are invited from teams of four, five or six players hoping to play for Ireland in the Teltscher Trophy 2026. Entry is restricted to players with 100+ National Points. There are no exceptions.

The closing date for receipt of entries is Friday **19 December 2025** and entries, accompanied by the 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.

Particulars of the trials format will be sent to entrants within a Supplementary notice in the week following the closing date.

Format

The trials will comprise a full round-robin with stanzas of between 12 and 16 boards.

International Committee

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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 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 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, 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 CBAI 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, 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.

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