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Supplementary Conditions of Contest

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1. Preamble

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for PABF Championships and Congress, as issued by the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation and are specific for the 47th PABF Championships to be played in Hamilton, New Zealand from 21st – 30th May 2010.

These Supplementary Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 2010 Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup and Khunying Esther Cup.

A list of contact names and addresses, together with the URLs of websites holding additional information about the Championships can be found in Section 24.

2. Definitions for the Supplementary Conditions of Contest

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in the contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final and conclusive. The

singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to one gender shall include the other gender.

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Conditions of Contest and, in addition, the following expressions, where used in these Supplementary Conditions of Contest, shall have the following meanings:

2.1 *Ckittakachorn Cup*

means the 47th PABF Championship for the Women Teams.

2.2 *General Conditions of Contest*

means the General Conditions of Contest issued by the PABF for the PABF Championships and Congress.

2.3 *Khunying Esther Cup*

means the 47th PABF Championships for Under-21 Teams.

2.4 *NPC*

means the non-playing captain of any team. Teams are not obliged to have non-playing captains: a team member may act as a playing captain if this is preferred. Non-playing captains are considered to be members of the team and will receive any medals awarded. They are also permitted to play in the PABF Open Pairs free of charge.

2.5 *Official Electronic Score Submission*

means the official electronic device referred to in Section 20.1.

2.6 *“Open” and “Closed” Rooms*

for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated.

2.7 *PABF Senior Cup*

means the 47th PABF Championship for the Senior Teams.

2.8 *Raymond Chow Cup*

means the 47th PABF Championships for the Under-26 Teams.

2.9 *Rebullida Cup*

means the 47th PABF Championship for the Open Teams.

2.10 *“these Championships”*

means the 47th PABF Championships.

2.11 *“these Conditions of Contest”*

means the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 47th PABF Championships.

3. Conditions of Entry (Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup, Khunying Esther Cup)

See also Sections 3 & 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

3.1 Eligibility Requirements

The Credentials Committee must be satisfied that each nominated contestant satisfies the birth and residency requirements of the NBO nominating him belongs and was either:

- i) nominated by the NBO of the country of his birth, or by the NBO of which such nominated contestant first became a member; or
- ii) was nominated by the NBO of the country of his citizenship or bona fide residence (see section 3.1.1 below):

PROVIDED THAT those contestants nominated for participation in any Youth Championship shall not be subject to the conditions of this Section.

No male shall be a playing member of or a substitute player in a team or pair competing in a women's event.

3.1.1 Residency qualification

To be considered a bona-fide resident of an NBO, the following list of criteria must be satisfied, in whole or in substantial part.

The player must:

- a) reside in the country for at least one-half of the year prior to the event, or not have lived in any other country for a longer period than in the resident country during the previous two years
- b) Be a registered member of the NBOs organization
- c) Be a registered voter of no country other than the country for which he/she is seeking to play
- d) Maintain a valid driver's license or identity card issued by a political subdivision of the country, such as a city or state
- e) Either own real estate or rent a residence in the country.

The PABF reserves the right to require documentary evidence that it considers to be satisfactory proof of any of the above if there are any concerns about the credentials of a player.

3.2 Submission of Entries

3.2.1 Nominations for the Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup, Khunying Esther Cup

Each NBO shall be entitled to nominate one team for the Rebullida Cup, one team for the Ckittakachorn Cup, one team for the Raymond Chow Cup, one team for the Khunying Esther Cup and up to a maximum of THREE teams for the PABF Senior Cup. Confirmation of all nomination must be received by the Secretary of New Zealand Bridge (see section 24.10 below), no latter than Sunday 31st January 2010.

Note: The organizing committee reserves the right to limit the number additional entries for each NBO to the PABF Senior

Cup, depending on the available space at the venue after nominations for all events have been received.

3.2.2 Registration (all events)

The name and address, telephone number(s) and, wherever possible, email addresses of the non-playing captain, the coach, any other team officials and the names & (if applicable) the email addresses of the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in the Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest, should be sent, no latter than Sunday 28th March 2010 to the Secretary of New Zealand Bridge (see Section 24.10).

3.3 Entry Fee

The prescribed entry fees, as described in Section 23, for the Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup and Khunying Esther Cup should be paid on site prior to the start of the championships.

3.4 Team Members

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. If an NBO wishes to replace a team member, or members, or if fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement or increase (each must be from the NBO submitting the team) may be added prior to the start of the first session of play with permission of the Credentials Committee.

However, the Executive Committee reserves the right, following such approval by the Credentials Committee to place any restrictions on that team it deems proper.

3.4.1 Age Limitation for participants in the PABF Seniors Cup

Each player shall attain at least 60 years of age during the calendar year 2010 (i.e. shall have been born in or before 1950).

3.4.2 Age Limitation for participants in the Raymond Chow Cup and Khunying Esther Cup

Each player participating in the Raymond Chow Cup must be born on or after 1 January 1984. Each player participating in the Khunying Esther Cup must be born on or after 1 January 1989.

3.5 Penalty for Non-Participation

In the event that a previously entered team in these Championships determines it is unable to participate, the PABF shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the PABF of non-participation shall result in the imposition of a US\$1,500 penalty, payable by the NBO, which nominated the team; an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the PABF deems appropriate.

4. Eligibility For Awards

PABF Master Points will be awarded for the Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup, and Khunying Esther Cup in accordance with the PABF Master Points Plan (but see 22.1 below).

5. Anti Doping Regulations

The procedures provided by the Anti-doping Policy of the International Olympic Committee will be followed and enforced. The WBF Anti-Doping Regulations, adopted by the PABF, are published as an appendix to the WBF General Regulations and can be found, together with the required Exemption Form at www.worldbridge.org and www.ecatsbridge.com.

6. Participating Teams

The number of teams from each NBO participating in the 47th PABF Championships will be posted on the championship website at <http://www.pabf2010.co.nz/>

7. Rules of Contest

7.1 *Rebullida Cup*

There are 13 teams competing. There will be two complete round-robins of 14-board matches each played in one session. The teams retain their number but for the 2nd round robin will be reseeded according to their finishing position in round robin 1. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the 2 round robins will be declared the Gold Medallist.

The 1st round robin will start on Monday 24 May at 10am, and finish on Sunday 30 May.

7.2 *Ckittakachorn Cup*

There are 4 teams competing. There will be four complete round-robins (with a bye) of 28-board matches each played in two 14 board halves over consecutive sessions. The teams will retain their number through-out but for the 2nd and 3rd round robin they will be reseeded according to their finishing position at the end of round robins 1 and 2. The 4th round robin will be by reverse Swiss. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the 4 round robins will be declared the Gold Medallist.

The 1st round robin will start on Monday 24 May at 10am, and finish on Sunday 30 May.

7.3 *PABF Senior Cup*

There are 10 teams competing. There will be two complete round-robins of 14-board matches each played in one session. The teams retain their number but for the 2nd round robin will be reseeded

according to their finishing position in round robin 1. At the end of the round robin stage the top 5 teams will go into a play-off for the championship. The bottom 5 will play for the consolation prize. The format for both contests, will be a round robin (with a bye). There will be a full carry over into the each section. The team with the highest number of Victory Points at the end of the play-off will be declared the Gold Medallist / Winner of the Consolation.

The 1st round robin will start on Monday 24 May at 10am, and finish on Sunday 30 May.

7.4 Raymond Chow Cup

There are 7 teams competing. There will be two complete round-robins of 14-board matches each played in one session combined with the 4 teams competing in the Khunying Esther Cup. There will be a 3-way match (i.e no bye round). The teams retain their number but for the 2nd round robin will be reseeded according to their finishing position in round robin 1. Only 33% of the score against the Khunying Esther Cup teams will count.

At the conclusion of the double round robin, the 7 teams will play a complete round robin of 14 board matches (with a 3-way match). There will be a full carry over from the double round robin. The team with the highest number of Victory Points will be declared the Gold Medallist.

The 1st round robin will start on Monday 24 May at 10am, and finish on Sunday 30 May.

7.5 Khunying Esther Cup

There are 4 teams competing. There will be two complete round-robins of 14-board matches each played in one session combined with the 7 teams competing in the Raymond Chow Cup. The teams retain their number but for the 2nd round robin will be reseeded according to their finishing position in round robin 1. Only 33% of the score against the Raymond Chow Cup teams will count.

At the conclusion of the double round robin, the 4 teams will play a double round robin of 14 board matches using a “reverse” Swiss draw. There will be a full carry over from the double round robin. The team with the highest number of Victory Points will be declared the Gold Medallist.

The 1st round robin will start on Monday 24 May at 10am, and finish on Sunday 30 May.

7.6 PABF Open Pairs

The Tournament will be a match-point Pairs event with 2 sessions (2pm and 8pm) of 26 boards qualifying on Saturday 22nd May. The top twenty six pairs will qualify into the final and the next twenty six

place getters will qualify for the Plate section on Sunday 23rd of May. These will be over two sessions (10am and 2.15pm) using barometer scoring. There will be no carry over, and the pair earning the highest score in the finals will be declared the Gold Medallist or winner of the Plate section.

In addition, there will be a two session match-pointed pairs consolation event on Sunday for all pairs entered into the event who have been knocked out. There will be no carry-over from the qualifying sessions.

8. The Draw & Team Numbers

The team numbers in draw for the first round robin of each competition will be assigned by random lot at the Captains meeting on Saturday 22nd of May, 2010 at 10.00am (*Note this differs from the previously published time*).

For all competitions except the Ckittakachorn Cup the team numbers in the 2nd (or subsequent) round robins will remain the same, but the schedule of play will depend on the finishing position of the 1st round robin and relative to the schedule of the 1st round robin (but the away team in the 1st round will have the home advantage (i.e. line-up second) in the 2nd round robin).

For the Ckittakachorn Cup (see 7.2 above).

9. The Daily Schedule of Play:

10:00 – 12:00
Lunch
12:45 – 14:45
15:15 – 17:15
17:45 – 19:45

10. Conversion Scales

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams at the end of each of the matches scored in Victory Points (VP) shall be converted into VP, according to the official WBF conversion scales, adopted by the PABF (See General Conditions of Contest).

11. Tournament Timetable

The final version of the Time Schedule will be published on the websites at <http://www.pabf2010.co.nz/> as soon as it is available.

The provisional schedule is as follows:

First Delegates Meeting: Friday 21st of May, 2010 at 4pm

Captain Meeting: Saturday 22nd of May, 2010 at 10.00am (*This differs from the previously published time*).

Second Delegates Meeting: Saturday 22nd of May, 2010 at 11.00am (*This differs from the previously published time*).

The Welcome Dinner

and Opening Ceremony: Friday, 21 May 2010 at 19:30 pm.

PABF Open Pairs

Qualifying will be at 2pm and 8pm on Saturday, 22nd of May, 2010

Final, Plate and Consolation at 10am and 2.15pm on Sunday 23rd of May, 2010

Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup, PABF Senior Cup and Raymond Chow Cup, Khunying Esther Cup: For all events the first match will be Monday, 24th of May at 10am

The Victory Dinner: Sunday 30th of May, at 7pm

12. Line-Ups

Every player will be given an ID number that Captains are expected to enter on the line-up sheet, along with their player's names.

The line-ups must be submitted at the "Line-up Desk" in accordance with the following time schedule. Failure of a captain to submit his line-up in a timely fashion shall result in fines according to Section 19.2.

The first listed team in the draw is the Home team. The line-ups and seating for the Away Team must be submitted no later than 20 minutes before the beginning of all matches; the Home team has the choice and their line-up must be promulgated on the line-up sheet no later than 15 minutes before the beginning of all matches. Teams lining-up pairs who are playing two or more BS conventions must submit their line-ups 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session or match. When both teams in a match have lost their seating rights, Captains submit their line ups at least 20 minutes before the scheduled time for the start of the match.

If a partnership that has not registered a specific Convention Card is to play, they must notify the Chief Tournament Director and their opponents at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the match or session.

13. Designation of Matches, Seeding and Seating Rights

13.1 Seeding

The teams competing in the Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup and Khunying Esther Cup will not be seeded; draws will be made on a random basis, with the only restriction that minor changes may be made in the designations for the PABF Senior Cup, in order to ensure that teams of the same NBO meet in the early rounds (see 8 above).

13.2 Responsibility for the Draw

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Organising Committee has the authority to make changes to team numbers (and as a consequence in the sequence of play) and the playing schedule after the draw has been announced. The committee's decision is final.

13.3 Seating Rights

The Away team will line up first, sitting E/W in the open room and N/S in the closed room. The Home team have the choice of opponents and seats. (for Ckittakachorn Cup matches the away team in the 1st half of the match will have the home advantage in the second half of the match).

14. Change of Players

A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match.

15. Disclosure of Systems and Conventions

15.1 Systems Policy

The WBF Systems Policy, adopted by the PABF, forms part of these Conditions of Contest. No HUM system is permitted. Brown Sticker conventions are allowed for the Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup and PABF Senior Cup, but not permitted for the Raymond Chow Cup, Khunying Esther cup and the PABF Open Pairs.

Note that psyches protected by system and classified as Brown Sticker Conventions, and psyche of conventional and artificial openings are prohibited.

If a pair is found to have used a convention not listed on its Convention Card, it will be given a disciplinary penalty of up to 2 VPs deducted from the team's score. In addition, the Tournament Director gives an adjusted score if he deems that the opponents are damaged by the use of such an unknown convention. The pair will not play again until it has corrected its card to the satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director.

If the pair re-offends in this way they will not be allowed to play in partnership for the rest of the event. In addition, such penalties will be applied should any pair in either of these events be found to have used a HUM system.

15.2 Submission of Systems for the Rebullida Cup, Ckittakachorn Cup, PABF Senior Cup, Raymond Chow Cup and Khunying Esther Cup

Each team captain is responsible for ensuring that the convention cards for his team are sent, by email to the Secretary of New Zealand Bridge (see Section 24.10) as soon as possible, but in any event before Sunday 28 March 2010. The Systems for every partnership that will play in these Championships must be described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, plus Supplementary Sheets, as necessary to describe

conventional sequences in detail. Programs for the preparation of the System Cards and Supplementary sheets are listed in Section 15.2.1. Penalties for failure to submit Convention Cards and Supplementary in time are (in addition to Section 15.2.2) specified in Section 19.1.

15.2.1 Programs for the preparation of Convention Cards

The Convention Cards may be prepared using any of the following programs:

- the WBF Convention Card Editor (Windows Version), which is available for free download from www.worldbridge.org or www.ecatsbridge.com . Pairs with supplementary notes and who use this software to prepare their convention cards should be careful to include the supplementary notes file as it is generated separately by the program.
- the Convention Card Editor written by Lee Edwards, is available for free download from www.acbl.org or www.ecatsbridge.com
- Microsoft Word (a blank template is available from www.ecatsbridge.com)
- Microsoft Excel
- PageMaker or InDesign for the PC

NOTE: Pairs submitting Brown Sticker Systems MUST use the special forms provided which can be obtained from www.worldbridge.org or www.ecatsbridge.com

The Convention Card may also be sent in Acrobat (PDF) Format PROVIDED Acrobat ver 6 or higher is used and the file size is small. Picture formats (.jpg, .bmp etc) will not be accepted.

If programs other than the WBF Convention Card Editor are used, players are responsible for ensuring that the formatting is such that all the information lies within the printable area of the page.

On receipt of the cards, the Organising Committee will convert the format to PDF files which can be read and printed using Acrobat Reader which is available as a free download from www.adobe.com . It is advised that the latest version should be obtained.

Following registration of the systems for all pairs in a team, the systems will be displayed on the web site <http://www.pabf2010.co.nz/Tournament.aspx>

The PABF reserves the right to display the Convention Cards and Supplementary Sheets in a public area for interested parties to see them at the conclusion of the event. If a full system is submitted, this will not be included on such pages of the site.

15.2.2 Convention Cards not received in due time

Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not reached the Organising by Sunday 28th March may, in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 19.1, be required by the Tournament Appeals Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than the first two days of play. Furthermore, no Brown Sticker Conventions will be permitted for the duration of the Championship.

15.2.3 Contact Information

Should captains have any queries concerning the systems provided by other teams, they should email the Organising Committee who will forward them to the appropriate person for response.

The fact that Cards and Supplementary Sheets are circulated by the PABF (see 15.2.1 above) does not mean that the PABF has considered such Cards as completely acceptable; systems although accepted as registered, may require amendments after being circulated.

15.3 Supplementary Sheets

Where a conventional sequence cannot be described adequately in the space provided on the WBF Convention Card, a reference number should be placed at the appropriate place on the Card; a Supplementary Sheet bearing that reference number, and containing the complete explanation must be submitted along with the Card.

15.4 Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets

- a) Any changes to the duly submitted (as per section 15.2) Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see (e) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event no later than 30th April 2010.
- b) These changes may only be EITHER clarifications, amendments, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions in accordance with the WBF Systems Policy (**Note:** No changes may be made to Brown Sticker conventions if these were not correctly submitted in the first instance, they may not be played) OR essential changes (for example caused by the necessary change to a partnership as a result of withdrawal of a player).
- c) In order for a change to be implemented, it will be uploaded to the website and an email sent to all captains to inform them that the Convention Card has been altered.
- d) Requests for changes after 30th April, 2010 can only be made once teams have reached the venue and approval may be given, or refused, in whole or in part or subject to special conditions by the Chief Tournament Director in his sole discretion. One such condition will usually be that any such change cannot be implemented in the course of a particular round robin or in the course of a particular stage of the event, with possible prejudice to

unprepared opponents being a particularly important negative factor. Clarifications and improvements to presentation will not be considered as substantives changes. The Chief Tournament Director's decision in this regard is final.

- (e) Official format for changes:
- i) A new page of the Convention Card/Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change
 - ii) A separate text document describing completely the proposed change and referring to the place(s) on the new pages where they can be found and any cross-references to Supplementary Sheet notes.

15.5 Special Responsibility for BROWN STICKER Conventions

With regard to BROWN STICKER conventions, there is a special responsibility for users to explain their methods in sufficient detail (as per the Guide to Completion and the CCE), the **first time that Cards are submitted**. Explanations and continuations for Brown Sticker Conventions, together with a viable defence, must be presented using the Brown Sticker Convention Announcement forms, which form part of the WBF Systems Policy, and is available in Word Format for download from www.ecatsbridge.com or by email from anna@ecats.co.uk. If these submissions are inadequate, or a defence is not proposed, the pair may be barred from using those badly or inadequately described methods for the entire tournament.

They must be accompanied by a viable and thorough suggested defence, including advances over initial actions and thorough development of actions over multi-meaning continuations by the BSC user's side. Failure to comply with the above requirements concerning BS Conventions will result in the pair or pairs not being permitted to play these conventions/systems.

These penalties are quite severe, but with the duly executed distribution of these Conditions and all significant materials by the PABF, no pair will be permitted to claim ignorance of this special responsibility. The NBO, the Captains and the players are jointly responsible for contacting the PABF should there be any problems in obtaining the necessary tournament information in timely fashion. If these materials are received prejudicially late, it is the responsibility of the jointly responsible parties to so inform the PABF as soon as possible.

15.6 Defences to Brown Sticker Conventions

A pair may prepare written defences against the Brown Stickers elements of any system. These defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems

15.7 Seating Rights for Pairs using Brown Sticker Conventions

Teams will be awarded seating rights if they are playing against a pair or pairs using two or more BS Conventions.

15.8 Defences to Multi 2D / 2C Conventions

A pair may prepare written defences against a two level opening bid in a minor that shows a weak two in either major, with or without the option of strong hand types. These defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems.

16. Length of Matches

14-board matches must be completed within 2 hours. After that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see section 21.4). Additional time will not be allowed for teams playing on Vu-Graph; neither will extra time be granted because of the use of bidding boxes, screens, discussions of systems or for other similar reasons. Vu-Graph presentation for any match or session will not start until the Tournament Director so decides.

17. Tie-Breaking Procedures

17.1 Two Teams

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round robin, the tie shall be broken as follows (in the sequence shown):

- a) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:
- b) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- c) Total points earned by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains then:
- d) Total point quotient in all matches played by the tied team in that particular event. If the tie remains then:
- e) One board ("sudden death") matches will determine the winner.

17.2 Three Teams

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- c) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in

accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:

- d) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1; In all other cases, ties shall be broken in accordance with the following:
 - i) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - ii) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three team remain tied, then:
 - iii) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
 - iv) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

17.3 Four or more Teams

If four or more teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following:

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 17.1. and 17.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 17.2, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:
- c) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-sections 17.1 or 17.2 if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:
- d) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

18. Disqualification

In the case of a team being disqualified, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may in the discretion of the Executive Committee be declared void and the scores earned by its opponents in those matches may be cancelled or varied.

19. Penalties

The schedule of penalties, which follows, is supplemental to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007. All infringements of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 will be dealt with in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007. Monetary fines shall be paid in US Dollars, or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee. Upon publication of these Conditions of Contest no further warning is required (whether from the Director or otherwise) prior to the application of any penalty under the provision of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 or of these Conditions of Contest.

Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the Round Robin. The VP penalties shall not affect individual matches in any manner, but may determine a team's ranking.

Penalties assessed in IMPs shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the match during which the penalty was imposed, before its VP score is calculated. However the score of the non-offending team shall not be affected.

19.1 Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion

Any team containing a partnership that, for any reason, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 15.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 15.2.2):

- a) be subject to a decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee who may forbid the team to use specific conventional understandings not submitted in accordance with these Conditions of Contest. If a disallowed convention is used, the Tournament Appeals Committee may impose penalties at its discretion; and
- b) be fined US\$20.00 per pair per week and parts thereof, to be paid prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

19.2 Failure to Submit Line-up on Time

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with Section 12:

- a) for the first such offence a warning shall be issued by the Tournament Director;
- b) for the second offence there shall be a fine of US\$20;
- c) for the third offence there shall be a fine of US\$40 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of US\$100; penalties are cumulative. When failure to provide the line-up in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, penalties under this Section shall be imposed only on the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. The captain of the other team shall have 5 minutes after the filing by the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the extra five minutes allocated in the foregoing, whichever is

later, this captain too is deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to penalty under this Section.

d) 19.3 Lateness

Any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of a match or a session of a match will be assessed a penalty according to the following scale:

0+ – 5 minutes late	warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
5+ – 10 minutes late	1 VP
10+ – 15 minutes late	2 VPs
15+ – 20 minutes late	3 VPs
20+ – 25 minutes late	4 VPs
Over 25 minutes late	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Committee.

For the above purposes, the 1st and 2nd Round Robin are considered to be separate events. Thus any late arrival warnings issued during the 1st Round Robin are not carried over into the 2nd Round Robin.

19.4 Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the time play in such match or session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the time allowed by Section 16 of these Conditions then either or both of the pairs shall be subject to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

19.4.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair

0+ – 5 minutes late	1 VP
5+ – 10 minutes late	1½ VPs
10+ – 15 minutes late	2 VPs
15+ – 20 minutes late	2½ VPs
20+ – 25 minutes late	3 VPs
Over 25 minutes late	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the Executive Committee.

Example:

If a 14-board match took 2 hours and 15 minutes (excess of 15 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 6 extra minutes, the total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2 VPs penalty and pair B 0.8 VP penalty. In any case if the Tournament Director judges that one match will be so delayed that it would disturb the starting time of the next round, he may truncate it, reducing the number of the boards

played: if this happens the match will be scored only with the boards played at both tables, but the same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

19.5 Fouled Boards

See the General Conditions of Contest for explanation. If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to procedural penalty. Where both sides are found to be at fault and as a consequence another match has been affected, both pairs shall be subject to a procedural penalty.

19.6 Appeals without merit

Forfeiture of the deposit if the Tournament Appeals Committee determine the appeal to be without merit (“frivolous”). See Section 32 of the General Conditions of Contest.

20. Recording of Matches and Verification of Scores

20.1 Official Electronic Score Submission

An electronic score submission device will be placed on the South/West side of each screen. At the start of each match the device will require the players to identify which seats (West, North, South or East) they are sitting in by entering their tournament player ID number. In addition, the device will also require West to create a unique two digit password. The South player at each table will be responsible for entering the contract details and results into the device immediately after each board is played and before starting the next one. The West player is responsible for checking and confirming that the information is correct before submitting it to the scoring-server by keying in his/her password. The North/East side of the screen will be responsible for control of the boards and maintaining the proper conditions of play at the table. (Note: failure to strictly adhere to this procedure may, at the discretion of the Tournament Director on duty, result in a procedural penalty, see Law 90).

Players and Captains are reminded that they are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores.

Team captains shall agree upon the scores produced by the championship’s official scorer for each match. Team captains shall sign the official score records at the result desk as instructed at the Captains’ Meeting. After which the Tournament Director will post an official result (the official score card will also be downloaded to the website). The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in Section 20.2 below; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- a) awaiting decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;

- b) completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

20.2 Score Corrections

Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71. An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director and the Appeals Committee, may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play on each day. Only the results of boards played that day are subject to correction.

21. Duplicated Boards

Duplicated boards will be used throughout these Championships, whenever possible.

22. Eligibility for Master Point Awards

According to the PABF Master Points Plan.

22.1 Special Conditions

In order to qualify for the Master Points and Placing Points won by the team, a player, in any case, must have played at least one third of the boards in the Round Robin. In addition, in order to qualify for the title of PABF Champion for all events, the same criteria regarding number of boards played shall be applied, save that under special circumstances that the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, over-ride such qualification regulations.

23. Entry Fees

23.1 Rebullida Cup

US\$ 1,000.

23.2 Ckittakachorn Cup

US\$1,000.

23.3 PABF Senior Cup

US\$600.

23.4 Raymond Chow Cup

US\$400.

23.5 Khunying Esther Cup

US\$200.

23.6 PABF Open Pairs

NZ\$200 per pair for non-participants of the team events.

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