

Contract Bridge Association of Ireland

LADY MILNE TRIALS 2021

Supplementary Information

Date: January 22nd to January 24th 2021.

Virtual Platform : RealBridge

Entries for the Lady Milne Trials 2021 have been received from teams as listed on the attached schedule, which also includes the draw carried out by Tournament Director, Fearghal O'Boyle, on Saturday 9th January.

Unless otherwise notified to the Tournament Director (T.D.) the first named person listed in each team is designated as captain.

The five (5) teams will play 2 sixteen (16) board matches against each other team as per schedule attached.

The Home Team – first in the schedule - seats their players last.

Every player on a team-of-six must play in at least four (4) of the matches.

Qualification

The winning team at the end of the Complete Round Robin will be nominated to represent the CBAI in the Lady Milne Trophy in 2021.

If the winning team consists of four players, an additional pair will be added by the I.C. following discussion with the captain of the winning team. The additional pair will be chosen by the I.C. from amongst the pairs that played in the Lady Milne trials. The reserve pair will be chosen in the same way.

Captain

NPC will be appointed by the I.C., following consultation with the winning team.

Teams of Four

Please note that if a Team of Four wishes to add another pair to their team at this stage (ie before 15th January, they can do so with the approval of the I.C. assuming players have sufficient National Point holdings etc)

Convention Cards

Convention cards must be submitted to CBAI (info@cbaie.ie) for uploading to www.cbaie.ie before 5.00pm on Friday 15th January. They will be available for download as soon as possible thereafter.

Both members of a partnership are restricted to a single system and both must play the same system and methods in bidding and play. The IC has no problem with flexible partnerships within a team provided that a maximum of 4 systems are played by the team and all players play the minimum number of boards

Players may have a copy of their own system to hand during the event

The W.B.F. 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 W.B.F. Convention Card are available from the C.B.A.I. 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.

No submissions of HUM or Brown Sticker Conventions have been made with the Entries – thus they will not be permitted.

Internet Connectivity

Each player is responsible for their own internet access. **In the event of failure, they should either have a backup service provider or a backup player or pair (from their own team where possible).**

Team captains should ensure that this is done for each match and Team captains must be able to contact their players at short notice

Table Behaviour

- Players may look at their own convention card during play
- Players must switch off or mute their mobile phones during play
- Players must have their video and audio enabled during play and remain in full sight unless leaving the table. Players must ensure, however, that neither background noise nor background activity disturbs opponents
- Players may leave the table for short periods to attend to domestic matters but must inform at least one opponent of the likely duration of their absence. If the time taken is excessive then the opposition should advise the TD

General

The I. C. will decide on all matters affecting these trials and reserves the right to modify the Conditions of Contest at any time after its publication but before the beginning of these trials. After the start of these trials, only on the initiative of the Chief Tournament Director may changes be proposed to the I.C., who will then decide whether or not to implement such amendments.

Entering or being accredited to attend these trials means that everybody concerned with such entry or accreditation (Organisations, Teams and Individuals) knows and agrees to abide by the Conditions of Contest of these trials.

International Committee (I.C.):

Ranald Milne (Convenor), Elva Gannon, Lucy Phelan, Micheal O'Briain, Derek O'Gorman.

12th January 2021

Supplementary Conditions of Contest

1. Late Arrival and Slow Play

Any Pair not seated and ready to play at the start of a match will cause their team to be fined 1 VP and a further VP for every five (5) minutes thereafter. At the end of the allocated time the T.D. **must** impose, for any table still in play, a fine of 1VP for any delay up to five (5) minutes, and an additional fine of 1VP for each further delay of five (5) minutes or part thereof. For delays of more than twenty (20) minutes the I.C. may impose a more severe penalty. The penalties are per table and will be shared equally by both teams if they are considered to bear equal responsibility for overrunning. Appeals against penalties for slow play may be based only on a question as to the T.D.'s findings of fact.

2. Seating Rights and Line Ups

The Visiting Team sits first. The first named team in the schedule is the Home team in each match.

Line-ups – Line-up Procedure will be notified early next week.

3. Scoring

The difference in the total point score on each board is converted to International Match Points (“IMPs”) per W.B.F. scale. Scoring will be IMPs converted to VPs as per W.B.F. ‘continuous’ VP scale for sixteen (16) board matches.

If two teams are tied the result is determined by:-

- (1) The result of the direct match. If still tied by VPs then by the numbers of IMPs in the match. 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.
- (4) 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. If more than two are still remain tied then from (2) above will apply

4. Substitutes

Subject to the permission of the I.C., a team of four players may be allowed to play an eligible substitute for up to two matches in emergency circumstances. The I.C. may, in exceptional emergency circumstances, give permission to substitute for one extra session. A request for a substitute for what the I.C. considers a convenience reason will not be approved. A substitute may not play in more than one partnership. A substitution, which in the opinion of the I.C. significantly affects the strength/weakness of a pair, is unlikely to be approved. If a suitable substitute cannot be found for a session, that team will automatically concede a walk-over to the opposing team. Substitutes will not be allowed on teams of six players. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the T.D. is empowered to make emergency substitutions. Substitutes may not be a member of another participating team in the trials.

5. Appeals :- Review Procedure

Appeals will be heard by a “Reviewer” appointed by the I.C. The time limit for seeking a review is 30 minutes after the ruling has been given and the cost is €50.

The Reviewer will check that the T.D. has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorised information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable other players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the T.D. was within the bounds of reasonableness.

The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the T.D. to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

If in the opinion of the Reviewer there is insufficient basis for requesting the review one or both of the following sanctions may be applied:

- (i) Forfeiture of the monetary deposit.
- (ii) 2 Victory Points deducted from the score of the appealing side.

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