

SBU Trial for the 2022 European Mixed Team – Supplementary Conditions of Contest

Overview

1. The SBU Mixed Trial relates to the selection of the Scotland team for the European Mixed Championship in Funchal, Madeira in June 2022.
2. The trial will consist of one weekend: February 19 & 20 2022 with the possibility of using the evening of Friday Feb 18th kept open depending on entries.
3. The leading team will be selected for the Mixed event in Funchal.
4. A third pair will be selected in consultation with the winning team.
5. Substitutes for teams of 4 will be allowed only at the discretion of an International Committee Group (ICG) made up of the IC Convener, a member of the IC not playing and the SBU President. A substitute cannot qualify for automatic selection. The Committee will have an absolute discretion to decide the extent, if any, to which the results of affected matches should be allowed to stand and whether the team in question will be allowed to continue. The Committee has full discretion to determine if the winning team still qualifies for selection if they have used a substitute.
6. The Director in Charge may authorise an emergency substitution on the day itself, in which case a full report shall be made to the Committee.

Authority

7. This document is supplementary to the General Conditions of Contest for SBU Trials 2021-22 and is established by the International Committee ("Committee") of the Scottish Bridge Union.

Entry

8. Entries from teams of four should be sent to the Secretary of the Committee, Anne Perkins – email anne_perkins@blueyonder.co.uk. The closing date for entries is January 31st 2022. All entries will be acknowledged.
9. The Committee reserves the right to accept late entries at its absolute discretion.
10. The entry fee for the trial is £120 per team. The Secretary can provide the SBU bank details to facilitate electronic transfers. Payment should be made by 7 February 2022.
11. If the final number of entries is too few to run any stage of the trial effectively, the Committee reserves the right to change the format.

Dates

The trial will be held on February 19 & 20 2022 on Realbridge. Video cameras and microphones will be turned on at all times.

Event format – The movement will be announced once the number of teams is known, and is likely to be around 50 boards per day and organised so that all pairs play against all other pairs.

Systems and conventions

12. The trial will be run as a Category 2 SBU competition – see WBF definition at the end of this document.
13. The SBU regulation prohibiting the psyching of strong, artificial, forcing opening bids does not apply to this event.
14. Any new or changed CCs should be submitted for posting on the website by Friday February 4th 2022.
15. It is advisable to have system notes with you as per the Europeans since it is to your advantage to have them available for scrutiny by the TD if it should be necessary.

Team Selection

17. The Committee will automatically select the winning team.
18. The Committee will, in consultation with the team, select a pair to fill the remaining place from amongst players who have competed in the trial, taking into account performance in the trial and results in recent national and international events.
19. The selected team will be expected to participate in an appropriate program of preparation as agreed with your NPC prior to the championships. Failure to comply with this requirement without reasonable cause may jeopardise selection to represent Scotland in future years.
20. If any of the three selected pairs is later unable to play or if an individual has to withdraw, the Committee will make alternative arrangements.

Communications

21. Any notices to be given to, or communications for, the Committee should be emailed to the Secretary of the Committee.
22. The Committee can be contacted at selection@sbu.org.uk

Category 2: Specific Teams Championships as decided by the WBF Rules and Regulations Committee: The use of HUM systems is prohibited. Up to three 'Brown Sticker' conventions per partnership will be permitted, subject to adequate disclosure, but players using them must submit their Systems Cards & Brown Sticker Announcement Forms (appendix 1) in advance in accordance with the Conditions of Contest. At the same time a viable suggested defence to any Brown Sticker convention must be filed. This will be deemed to be a part of the System Card and may be referred to by the opponents at the table.