

SBU Women's Trial 2017-18 – Supplementary Conditions of Contest

Overview

1. The SBU Women's Trial relates to the selection of the teams for the 2018 Home International Series Lady Milne Trophy (2 teams – Scotland and SBU) and the 2018 European Team Championships.
2. The 2017-18 trial process will consist of one long weekend: 1-3 December 2017 with play starting on the Friday afternoon
3. The leading team from the trial will be selected for the Lady Milne Trophy Scotland team on 13-15 April 2018 along with 1 other pair probably from the team that finishes second.
4. The SBU team for the Lady Milne Trophy will probably consist of the remaining pair from the team that finishes second plus a further 2 pairs chosen by the International Committee selectors from the remaining pairs involved in the trial.

Authority

5. This Conditions of Contest is supplementary to the General Conditions of Contest for the Scottish National League and SBU Trials and is established by the Selection Committee ("Committee") of the Scottish Bridge Union.

Entry

6. Entries from teams of four players should be sent to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms Anne Perkins, email anne_perkins@blueyonder.co.uk. The closing date for entries is 15 July 2017. All entries will be acknowledged.
7. The Committee reserves the right to accept late entries at its absolute discretion.
8. The entry fee for the trial is £180 per team. The Secretary can provide the SBU bank details to facilitate electronic transfers which should be completed by 30 September 2017.
9. 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

10. The trial will be held on 1-3 December 2017 at the New Melville Bridge Club, Edinburgh

Event format

11. The format is dependent on the number of teams entering. The likely format with 4 teams is a quadruple round robin of 3 x 14 board matches over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
12. In each case, matches will be scored in IMP and converted to VP.
13. Screens will be used.

Systems and conventions

14. The trial will be run as a Category 2 SBU competition.

15. The SBU regulation prohibiting the psyching of strong, artificial, forcing opening bids does not apply to this event.

Lady Milne selection

16. The Committee will automatically select both pairs from the winning team.

17. If required, the Committee shall select pair(s) to fill the remaining places from amongst players who have competed in the trial, taking into account performance in the trial and results in recent national and international events.

European Team Championships selection

18. The winning team will be invited to represent Scotland in the Women's Series of the 2018 European Team Championships if it has two pairs who both wish to participate.

19. If the winning team does not have two pairs who wish to play in the Europeans, then the team that finishes second will be invited to form the team so long as both its pairs wish to participate. The third pair will be chosen by the International Committee in consultation with the two qualified pairs, taking into account performance in the trials and recent national and international events

20. In the event that neither of the teams finishing first nor second wish to participate, then the International Committee will select a team from the remaining pairs taking into account their performance in the trial and in recent national and international events.

21. The selected team will be expected to participate in an appropriate program of preparation prior to the championships. Failure to comply with this requirement without reasonable cause may jeopardise selection to represent Scotland in future years.

Communications

22. Any notices to be given to, or communications for, the Committee should be emailed to the Secretary of the Committee.

23. The Committee can be contacted at selection@sbu.org.uk