



Supplemental Conditions of Contest: SBU Open Camrose Trials

Season 2012-2013

Version 1 – 22 August 2012

1 Overview

- 1.1 The SBU Open Camrose Trials relate to the selection of the SBU team for the 2013 Home International Camrose Trophy.
- 1.2 The 2012-2013 trials process will consist of three weekends:
Stage 1 of Trial – 20 pairs
Stage 2A and 2B of Final Trial – 16 pairs only
- 1.3 The leading two pairs from the final stage will each be selected for at least one Camrose match.
- 1.4 The Selection Committee will take account of results from the first Camrose weekend and input from the captain plus trial performance to inform their selection for the second Camrose weekend. Only pairs finishing in the top half of stage 2 of the Trials will be considered for selection for the first Camrose weekend.

2 Authority

- 2.1 These Conditions of Contest are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest and are established by the Selection Committee (“Committee”) of the Scottish Bridge Union.

3 Entries

- 3.1 Entries from pairs should be sent to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms Anne Perkins, 1B Forrester Park Grove, Edinburgh, EH12 9AL or email anne@sbueast.org.uk. The closing date for entries is 1 August 2012. All entries will be acknowledged.
- 3.2 The Committee reserves the right to accept late entries at its absolute discretion, but pairs entering after the closing date will not be eligible for exemption.
- 3.3 The entry fee for each weekend of trials is **£40** per pair. This covers coffee/tea throughout but not meals.
- 3.4 Pairs entering the Open Trials by the required date will be invited to play in either Stage 1 or granted an exemption to the first weekend of Stage 2 of the Final Trial.
- 3.5 The following pairs up to a maximum of eight may receive exemption to the Final Trial:
 - Open Camrose Pairs 2012
 - Scottish Cup Winners 2012
 - Gold Cup Semi-finalists 2011
 - Winter 4’s Winners 2012

3.6 If the number of entries are too few (or too many) to run all stages of the trial effectively the Committee reserves the right to change the format. This may include:

- limiting the number of pairs playing in the Final Trial
- changing the number of exemptions

4 Dates

4.1 Stage 1 of the Trial will be held on 22-23 September 2012 at the Dundee BC.

4.2 Stage 2A of the Final Trial will be held on 27-28 October 2012 (Carlton BC, Edinburgh) and Stage 2B on 24-25 November 2012 (GBC, Glasgow).

5 Event Format

5.1 Stage 1 will take place over a single weekend. Each pair will play 7 boards against all other pairs. Scoring will be by cross-imps with a cap and a floor. The cap will be the minimum number of imps required for a 25 VP win had the relevant international VP scale been used, and the floor will be the minimum number of negative imps required for a zero VP loss. These results will be published board by board and as totals. There will also be, for information only, a conversion of the total imps by a mathematical factor to give totals which can be more easily related to a head-to-head match format. Sufficient pairs (probably 12) will qualify to ensure 16 pairs in total in the Final Trial.

5.2 The Final Trial will be played over two weekends.

5.3 Over the 2 weekends, 16 boards will be played against each of the other pairs – scoring as in Stage 1.

5.4 All pairs entering the Trials are expected to be available to play in all weekends relevant to them.

5.5 Stage 2 will be played with screens.

5.6 The first Camrose weekend is 4-6 January 2013 in the Northern Ireland.

5.7 The second weekend is 1-3 March 2013 in the Republic of Ireland.

6 Fines

6.1 Any fines levied by the TD will be expressed in x-imps or VP using conversion guidelines as shown in the EBU White Book.

7 Appeals Process

7.1 An appeals panel duly constituted will consider any appeals.

7.2 Any pair wishing to make an appeal against a TD ruling should consult a neutral advisor prior to lodging their appeal. A list of names and telephone numbers will be available at each weekend.

7.3 A deposit of £30 will be required if an appeal is made; this may not be refunded if the appeal is deemed to be without foundation (frivolous).

8 Communications

8.1 Any notices to be given to or communications for the Committee should be in writing and sent to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms Anne Perkins, 1B Forrester Park Grove, Edinburgh, EH12 9AL or email anne@sbueast.org.uk.

- 8.2 Email is the preferred means of communication, but communications and attachments (notably systems) sent by email will not be taken to have been received by the Committee unless acknowledged.