

SBU Seniors' Trial 2017-18 – Supplementary Conditions of Contest

Overview

1. The SBU Seniors' Trial relates to the selection of the Scotland team for the 2018 Home International Series Teltscher Trophy and 2018 European Team Championships.
2. The 2017-18 trial will consist of one long weekend: 15-17 December 2017.
3. The leading team from the trial will be selected for the Teltscher Trophy on 18-20 May 2018 in Wales.
4. The winning team will also be invited to represent Scotland in the Senior Series of the 2018 European Team Championships in Ostend.

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.
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.
10. Players in the trial must attain the age of 61 before or during the calendar year 2018, that is be born in or before 1957.

Dates

11. The trial will be held on 15-17 December 2017 at the New Melville Bridge Club, Edinburgh.

Event format

12. The format will be a Double Round Robin playing 2 x 10 boards against each other team.
13. In each case, matches will be scored in IMP and converted to VP.
14. Screens will be used.

Systems and conventions

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

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

Teltscher Trophy selection

17. The Committee will automatically select the winning team.

18. The Committee shall, 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.

European Team Championships selection

19. The winning team will be invited to represent Scotland in the Senior Series of the 2018 European Team Championships.

20. If the winning team does not wish to participate in the European Championships, it will be offered to the team which finished second.

22. The Committee shall, 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.

23. 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

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

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