

SBU Trial for the European Open Team – Supplementary Conditions of Contest

Overview

1. The SBU Open Trial relates to the selection of the Scotland team for the European Open Championship in Ostend in June 2018.
2. The 2017-18 trial will consist of one weekend: January 12 – 14 2018
3. The leading team will be selected for the Open event in Ostend.
4. A third pair will be selected in consultation with the winning team from amongst the leading teams taking into account adjusted Cross Imps.

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 International Committee (“Committee”) of the Scottish Bridge Union.

Entry

6. Entries from teams should be sent to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms Anne Perkins – email anne_perkins@blueyonder.co.uk. The closing date for entries is 30 Nov 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 £120 per team for the first 2 days plus a supplement of £60 for the third day. The Secretary can provide the SBU bank details to facilitate electronic transfers. Payment for the first 2 days should be made by Friday January 5th.
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 12-14 January 2018 at the New Melville Bridge Club, Edinburgh.

Event format

11. The format is a Multiple Teams event on the Friday/Saturday, American Whist movement. Five boards against each other team on Friday 19.00-23.00 approx. (30 boards played from 35 in play). Five boards against every other team Saturday 10.00-14.00, six boards against every other team Saturday 15.00-19.45 approx. This gives a sixteen board match against every other team and a total of 96 boards played. Imps against each other team will then be converted into VPs with only the top four teams going through to Sunday. There will be a full carry forward of VPs from the multiple teams to the Sunday. Cross imps will be produced for these four teams

12. The remaining four teams will play a 16 board Round Robin, 48 boards. At this point the pairs are switched so a pair who played NS in the multiple teams will now play against the other NS pairs in each of the three round robin matches.
13. Screens will be used. As slow play penalties will be harder to avoid playing five boards in 40 mins with screens in the multiple teams, one yellow card will be allowed to each pair before imposing a slow play penalty. There will be a clean slate but no yellow cards on the Sunday.
14. Teams to nominate their NS pair by Friday January 5th.

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.
17. Any new or changed CCs should be submitted for posting on the website by Friday January 5th 2018. Please advise if a CC is to be moved from elsewhere eg. National League ones.

Communications

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