

## **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 Funchal, Madeira in June 2020.
2. The 2019-20 trial will consist of one weekend: January 31 & Feb 1 & 2, 2020
3. The leading team will be selected for the Open event in Funchal.
4. A third pair will be selected in consultation with the winning team from amongst the leading teams taking into account adjusted Cross Imps.
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. 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 the Scottish National league and SBU Trials 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, Ms Anne Perkins – email [anne\\_perkins@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne_perkins@blueyonder.co.uk). The closing date for entries is 30 Nov 2019. 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 £200 per team. The Secretary can provide the SBU bank details to facilitate electronic transfers. Payment should be made by 7 Dec 2019.
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**

12. The trial will be held on 31 Jan & 1, 2 Feb 2020 at the New Melville Bridge Club, Edinburgh.

**Event format** – To be confirmed once number of participating teams is known.

### **Systems and conventions**

13. The trial will be run as a Category 1 SBU competition.
14. The SBU regulation prohibiting the psyching of strong, artificial, forcing opening bids does not apply to this event.
15. Any new or changed CCs should be submitted for posting on the website by Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020. Please advise if a CC is to be moved from elsewhere eg. National League ones.
16. 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 TDs 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](mailto:selection@sbu.org.uk)