

SBU Seniors' Trial 2019-20 – Supplementary Conditions of Contest

Overview

1. The SBU Seniors' Trial relates to the selection of the Scotland team for the 2020 Home International Series Teltscher Trophy and 2020 European Team Championships.
2. The 2019-20 trial will consist of one long weekend: 13-15 December 2019.
3. The leading team from the trial will be selected for the Teltscher Trophy on 15-17 May 2020 in Ireland.
4. The winning team will also be invited to represent Scotland in the Senior Series of the 2020 European Team Championships in Funchal, Madeira.
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. 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 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 27 October 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.
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.
12. Players in the trial must attain the age of 62 before or during the calendar year 2020, that is be born in or before 1958.

Dates

13. The trial will be held on 13-15 December 2019 at the New Melville Bridge Club, Edinburgh.

Event format

14. The format will be a Double Round Robin playing 2 x 10 boards against each other team. This is obviously dependent on numbers and if it is a Double Round Robin, opponents will be swapped for the second round of matches.

15. In each case, matches will be scored in IMP and converted to VP.

16. Screens will be used.

Systems and conventions

17. The trial will be run as a Category 3 SBU competition.

18. In SBU Category 3 events psychic conventional opening bids are prohibited.

19. 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.

Teltscher Trophy selection

20. The Committee will automatically select the winning team.

21. 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.

European Team Championships selection

22. The winning team will be invited to represent Scotland in the Senior Series of the 2020 European Team Championships if it has two pairs who both wish to participate.

23. 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

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

25. 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.

26. 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

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

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