

# **OPEN SUMMER NATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP 2011**

## **THE SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for National Bridge Championships of the Bridge Federation of India and are specific to the Open Summer National Bridge Championship 2011. These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest form the set of Rules & Regulations governing the Open Summer National Bridge Championships – 2011.

The Championships will be conducted under the technical management of the Bridge Federation of India. Tournament Committee under whose authority all the tournament directors and tournament staff shall function will be the sole authority in determining alterations/modifications in the format. The events will be played in accordance with laws and provisions governed by the World Bridge Federation & BFI. The winner of this event will get a berth to Indian Team selection trial to select an Indian team for Zonal / world championships in 2011. In case of any discrepancy, the provisions in Supplemental Conditions of Contest will apply.

### **Championship**

The championship will be conducted under the technical management of the BFI

### **Conditions of Entry to Championship**

Participation in this championship is open to resident Bridge players of Indian Nationality. However teams having one or more non resident Indian bridge players or players of other NBO's of foreign nationality bridge players are also allowed to participate. Participation in each event is open to players not only registered under BFI M.P. Scheme but also should be a registered player of the WBF (Annual Registration Fee of Rs.50/-) and in good standing and meeting the requirements of participation of the particular event, as specified by BFI

In addition to non-playing Captain each team may have four, five or six members. In case team wishes to replace/add a team member of if there were fewer than six members, such

replacement or addition/deletion can be done only before the start of the event and with the consent of the Chief Tournament Director. By participating in this Championship, each member association/organization and contestant agree that all or portions of every Championship event may be filmed, recorded or otherwise documented or publicized at the discretion of the Federation.

By participating and / or intending to participate in the this Championship each contestant agrees that he/she shall not make any claim for any loss in earning for any reason connected with the event against organizers and BFI. Entry in the event and /or subsequent refusal to play against any pair / team as required by the schedule play or withdrawal during any round without the consent of the TC or CTD shall result in disqualification in participating in the event.

### **Entry fee and submission of entries**

Entries must be submitted in the prescribed form with the requisite entry fees and giving details of participating players. Such entries shall be given within the specified time. Entries not accompanied by the entry fee or not giving the names of the players of the team or pairs with their M.P. Registration numbers (at least four players of the team), duly certified by the Honorary Secretary of the Affiliated Association may be rejected.

## **Dr. N.P.Tolani Gold Trohy**

### **Type of Contest**

Team of Four Duplicate for Dr. N. P. Tolani Gold trophy will be played in two stages,

Stage I Qualifying Swiss league of 12 Rounds of 10 Boards.

Stage II Knock out Round of 16 in three sessions of 12 Boards, Quarter Final among 8 teams of 40 boards in 4 sessions of 10 boards each followed by Semi Final in 4 sessions of 10 boards and Final of 56 boards in 4 sessions of 14 boards.

The seeding of 32 teams will be decided on the seeding method devised on the basis of master points to ensure that these teams do not clash in the Knock out of round of 16 and also the first round of Swiss league. Draw for the Swiss league thereafter will solely depend on the scores obtained. In the Swiss league there will be common pre-dealt Boards on first 12/14/16 tables and the remaining tables will have separate boards. Seating privileges for the Swiss league would be that the higher Sr. No. Team will occupy N/S in the Open Room.

16 teams after the 12 rounds of Swiss league will qualify to play a Knock out. Draw for the knock out will be highest seeded team will play against lowest seeded team or the unseeded qualified team irrespective of their position in the qualifying Swiss league. In case of unseeded teams qualifying for knock out, their Swiss league ranking will determine their position for the draw of round of 16. Apart from the draw performance in the direct match played in the Swiss league between these two teams will be carried forward as per the method recommended.

## **Seeding Method**

The seeding points of individual player member have been determined on the basis of master points considering the category of Master, he/she has been recognized by BFI under the new master points scheme as on 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2010. While considering the award slightly higher weight-age has been given to the important cross over steps such as Player becoming National Master, National Master to Life Master and Life Master to Grand Master.

### **Scale for Seeding Points and Team Index**

National Master: 600 points	
of which 300 or more are Federation (Red) points	3.0
Life Master: 1000 points of which 500 or more are Red	5.0
Advanced Life Master: 2000 points of which 1000 or more Red	6.0
Senior Life Master: 3500 of which 1500 or more are Red	7.0
Grand Master: 5000 of which 2500 or more is Red	8.0

Subsequently total points for the respective team will be determined by adding up for all the members of which the names and entries are given.

A Team Index has been calculated by the formula

$$\text{Team Index} = \frac{\text{Cumulative strength of seeding points} \\ \text{Points all members of the team}}{\text{No. of players of the Team}}$$

Ranks of the participating teams will be decided in the order of merit of this Team Index.

In case of tie between two or more teams, it will be broken on the basis of average exact master point strength of all players of the team. If the tie persists it will be broken by toss of coin.

## **Draw and Time Schedule**

The draw and all time schedules will be announce prior to the start of the event and will remain subject to change before or during the championship at the discretion of the chairman tournament committee and chief tournament director.

## **Qualifying Swiss League**

The teams competing in the championship will be designated as rank 1.2.... and so on depending on their seeding point strength up to the rank of 32. Rank 1 will be highest seeded team. All other teams will be assigned No. beyond 32 at random by draw of cards. Draw for the first round will be the highest rank team that is No 1 playing against the lowest ranked team that is the highest even No. Team. Highest odd No. Team will get bye for the first round in case of odd No. of entries. In the Swiss league there will be common pre-dealt Boards on first 12/14/16 tables and the remaining tables will have separate boards. Seating privileges for the Swiss league would be that the higher Sr. No.

Team will occupy N/S in the Open Room. 16 teams after the 12 rounds of Swiss league will qualify to play a knock out stage II.

**Tie- breaking Procedures** In case of Tie for the qualifying position it will be broken on the basis of VP product. There will not be any toss of coin to determine any position at any No.

### **Stage II Knock out matches**

Top Sixteen teams from the Swiss league will play the knock out round of 16 in three sessions of 12 boards. The teams competing in this championship will be designated as rank 1.2....32 depending on their seeding point strength; Rank 1 will be highest seeded team. Draw for the round of 16 will always be based on the seeding Ranks and it will be highest seeded team playing the lowest seeded team or the lowest unseeded team and so on. Team losing their rank in Swiss League does not lose its seeding rank. In a case or situation where unseeded teams qualify their Swiss league rank will determine their rank in 16 teams. Knock out matches will be played on screens and higher seeded team will be the home team for the 1<sup>st</sup> session and vice-versa. The leading Team will have choice to become the home team or away team for the third session.

Quarter final/Semi final and final pairing will be by Bracket of 16.

1 vs 16, 2 vs 15 and so on, Quarter Final 1 Vs 8, 2 Vs 7 and so on, Semi final 1 Vs 4 and 2 Vs 3

Quarter Final will be played in four sessions of 10 Boards each, 1-10, 11-20, 21-30 and 31 to 40. Higher seeded team will be the home team for the 1<sup>st</sup> session and vice-versa. The leading Team will have choice to become the home team or away team for the third and fourth sessions. In case of tie the home team continues to be the home team in the extra boards or sudden death..

Winners of QF Knock out play the Semi Final Knock out of 40 Boards in 4 sessions

Boards 1-10, 11-20, 21-30 and 31 to 40. In the semi final and Final Knock out matches there will be toss of Coin or draw of cards and the winner of toss or draw may elect to be the Home Team or Away Team for the first Session. The home team for the first session would be away team for the second Session and vice versa. In the semifinals the leading team will have choice of home or away in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> sessions. In case of tie there will be fresh toss or a Draw. Final of the Championship will be of 4 sessions of 14 Boards, Seating privileges and other conditions remain as like semifinal

### **Carry Over**

Teams will carry forward part of their difference in the direct match, if any between the two teams during the Swiss league to their Direct Knock out matches in Round of 16. The part shall be one half of the difference in the direct match between teams if the team that won the direct match finishes higher than another team in the super league and one third otherwise subject to maximum 8 Imps. There will be no carry over to the Quarter final, Semi Final & Final. Fraction will be rounded to nearest No.

### **Line-ups and seating privileges for Knock out matches**

The line-up must be given to the tournament director in accordance with the time schedule. Failure to submit lineup may attract penalty as decided by the director.

In each Four session match, for the first session the highest seeding ranked team ( lower serial No. team ) will be the home team( team with the seating rights) and the other team will be away team( team which posts its line up first). It will be vice versa in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session and in the third and fourth session the leading team after the respective session will have the choice to become Home team or away team

Home team plays NS in the open Room/designated table and EW direction in the closed room/designated table. A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of the session and no restrictions of any pair playing against another pair apply for any of the sessions in the match.

### **Forfeiture of Teams Matches**

In a team event, any team, which forfeits a match, shall receive a maximum loss, and their opponents shall receive 75% of a maximum, or their average match score, whichever is the greater..

### **IMPORTANT**

The pair using HUM systems should be available 5 minutes before the schedule of beginning of the match to supply any information and clarification that may require by the opponent. When a team that includes a pair using HUM system ( whether or not such pair play) is playing a opponent team that has no such pair ,The HUM system team will always be an away team taking seats first. No such restrictions shall apply when two teams containing HUM pairs oppose each other.

### **Tie- breaking Procedures**

The teams with identical scores after deducting all penalties will be deemed to have tied. There will be a play off of extra four board match for the tie break. Change of pairs will be allowed at this stage. If the tie persists, tie breaking will be done by one board sudden death to determine the winner with same pairs continue. The sudden death play-off will be carried for three times. However if the tie persists it will be broken on the basis of the pre-IMP Total score of the entire match including boards played in extra and sudden death.

Difference of 1 IMP is a win

### **Disclosure of System Policy and Classification of Systems**

WBF system Policy would be followed. Extract of WBF policy is

Average Hand Hand a hand containing 10 high card points (Milton Work) with no distributional values

Weak	High card strength below that of an average hand
Strong	High card strength a king or more greater than that of an average hand
Natural	A call or play that is not a convention (as defined in the Laws)
Length	Three cards or more

Shortage            Two cards or less

### **HUM Systems**

For the purpose of this Policy, a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) means any System that exhibits one or more of the following features, as a matter of partnership agreement:

1. A Pass in the opening position shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities
2. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
3. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values a king or more below average strength.
4. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit
5. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length in one specified suit or length in another.

**EXCEPTION** : one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system

### **Classification of Systems**

In order to facilitate recognition and handling, systems material will be identified by one or more of the following:

1. A WBF colored sticker;
2. The appropriate name (hand printed or typed) color;
3. A check mark on a convention card next to the appropriate color - in keeping with the following descriptions:

Green            Natural

Blue            Strong Club/Strong Diamond, where one club/one diamond is always strong

Red            Artificial: this category includes all artificial systems that do not fall under the definition of Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) systems [see definition below], other than Strong Club/Strong Diamond systems (see 'Blue'). Examples would be a system where one club shows one of three types - a natural club suit, a balanced hand of a specific range, or a Strong Club opener; or a system in which the basic methods (other than the no trump range) vary according to position, vulnerability and the like; or a system that uses conventional 'weak' or 'multi-meaning' bids (with or without some weak option) in potentially contestable auctions, other than those described in the main part of the WBF Convention Booklet

Yellow        Highly Unusual Methods ('HUM') as defined above.

### **Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments**

The following conventions or treatments are categorized as 'Brown Sticker':

- a) Any opening bid of two clubs through three spades that:
- i) Could be weak (may by agreement be made with values below average strength) AND
  - ii) Does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.
- EXCEPTION:** The bid always shows at least four cards in a known suit if it is weak. If the bid does not show a known four-card suit it must show a hand a king or more over average strength. (Explanation: Where all the weak meanings show at least four cards in one known suit, and the strong meanings show a hand with a king or more above average strength, it is not a Brown Sticker Convention.)
- EXCEPTION:** A two level opening bid in a minor showing a weak two in either major, whether with or without the option of strong hand types, as described in the WBF Conventions Booklet.
- b) An overcall of a natural opening bid of one of a suit that does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.
- EXCEPTION:** A natural overcall in no trumps.
- EXCEPTION:** any cue bid suit that shows a strong hand.
- EXCEPTION:** a jump cue bid in opponent's known suit that asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit.
- c) Any 'weak' two-suited bids at the two or three level that may by agreement be made with three cards or fewer in one of the suits.
- d) Psychic bids protected by system or required by system.
- e) None of the foregoing restrictions pertain to conventional defenses against strong, artificial opening bids or defenses against 'Brown Sticker' or HUM conventions.

Additional to the classification of systems in 2.3 above, any partnership using one or more 'Brown Sticker' conventions must indicate this alongside its system classification.

**Players will not be allowed to make use of psyche bid during the swiss league and elimination rounds of pairs. Any artificial strong bid cannot be psyched at any stage of the event**

### **Encrypted Signals**

Additional to the restrictions on bidding methods and conventions above, players may not use signaling methods by which the message or messages conveyed by the signals are hidden from the declarer because of some key available only to the defenders (i.e. encrypted signals are not allowed)

### **Random Openings**

It is forbidden to open hands which, by agreement, may contain fewer than 8 high card points and for which no further definition is provided

The use of Brown Sticker Conventions and/or HUM systems in the Knock outs is subject to filling up of such system, moreover there is a special responsibility for pairs using such systems to explain their methods in sufficient detail on their card.

### **Alert Policy**

#### **Alert policy as specified by WBF will be followed**

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

1. Conventional bids should be alerted, non-conventional bids should not.
2. Those bids which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization). See Law 40(b).
3. Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an unpassed hand to opening bids of one of a suit.

If screens are not in use, do NOT alert the following:

1. All doubles.
2. Any no-trump bid which suggests a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or suggests a no-trump contract.
3. Any call at the four level or higher, with the exception of conventional calls on the first round of the auction.

Nevertheless, players must respect the spirit of the Policy as well as the letter.

### **Filling up of Convention cards and submission of systems**

Brown Sticker Conventions, use of HUM systems are not allowed in qualifying league however they are allowed direct knock out matches subject to filling up such system and submitting to Director before the last round of Swiss League. A pair who has not submitted card as above would be debarred from using any Brown Sticker conventions till six hours after pair has submitted it's properly filled cards.

Each pair of every team is required to present at the table 2 copies of convention cards from the beginning of the event i.e Round I of Swiss League. However at the end of the qualifying rounds each pair of every team qualified for the quarter final knock out shall submit 3 copies of their convention cards to the CTD at least 30 minutes before the commencement of quarter finals. Failure to follow any stipulation of this section may be subject to penalty at the discretion of the Appeals Committee in addition to restriction on use on certain methods.

It is mandatory for all the pairs to carry a duly filled convention card at the table. If a pair forgets a convention or resorts to a psyche, & there is no convention card, director is empowered to assume mistaken explanation & award a score that will be the most favorable to the non-offending side & the most unfavorable to the offending side. In addition to this the offending pair will not be allowed to use that convention in the rest of

the tournament. Frequent violations of the system amount to a private understanding & will be dealt with severely

### **Authority of the Tournament committee**

The tournament committee reserves the authority to modify/alter COC preferably in consultation with the CTD. In exercising this right the committee shall also have the right to ratify the clear error in COC as soon as it is brought to notice, provided that the error is evident from the context or from it's being in conflict with the laws

### **Pre Dealt Boards -**

Pre dealt boards will be used in this tournament wherever possible.

The operator of the dealing machine OR the producer of the boards places them in a sealed box along with the printed hand record. The Director or nominated Convener by the federation collects the boards. The Director then takes responsibility for the security of the boards and the hand records. The convener and the Director open the box together no earlier than one hour prior to the session start.

### **Recording of Scores, Computing and Reporting**

Unless otherwise instructed, North/south players at each Table must properly fill in the Table Scores sheets/cards. This official form must show the names of players and the final result of each board played in the session and must be initialed by North and East. The North South players in Open Room should hand over the official Table score sheet/Card to the director within the allotted time for the session. After the Close Room play is over, the open Room table score will be handed over to the close room players for comparing the scores and computing the results. The official Table score sheet along with official Table result card duly filled in and initialed by both teams be handed over to director within the stipulated time for the session. It is the duty of the players to enter the correct scores on the computer slip and VP cards. Draw with any of such mistaken scores will not be changed once it is displayed. Result of such a match will be taken as official score however the necessary correction will be carried out for the draw for the further rounds.

### **Penalties**

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the laws. All infringements of the law will be dealt with in accordance with the handbook of bridge federation of India.

**Lateness** - Any team not seated and ready to play the announce starting time of the session will be assest penalties according to the following scale. 0+ /5 minutes late - warning. 5+ /10- 3 IMP. 10+ /15 to 10 Imp. 15+ minutes late at the discretion of the tournament appeals committee may include recommendation of forfeit of match.

**Slow Play** – if director is brought to the notice and convinced - 2 IMP for the first fault, 4 imp for the 2<sup>nd</sup> fault

**Late Finish** - 0+ /5 minutes late - warning. 5+ minutes stopping play. And declaring results on the boards played.

**Mobile Phones** – Mobile phones are required to be switched off during the play, Team from which the players are observed calling or receiving cell call during the play will be penalized 2 IMP for the first offence and 3 Imps for any offence thereafter.

**Alcoholic Influence** – Team from which a player is observed under alcoholic influence during the play will be penalized for 5 Imps, however further penalty may be imposed depending on a condition and behavior of the player on the table at the discretion of the committee.

### **Lodging of Appeals**

Players have the right to bring to the notice of the director any irregularity on the table, during the play and the match. Directors are requested to give ruling on such irregularities by consulting the panel of experts. Appeals can be lodged against the ruling of the director within the prescribed limit of 10 minutes after completing of the session giving full details of the discrepancies on the appeal form provided the appeal fee is Rs.500/-. Appeals will be dealt without delay, however the time required for hearing appeal will not withheld the play for the subsequent round. Score adjustment after the verdict will be done in the following round.

### **Frivolous Appeal**

Forfeiture of the deposit of Rs.500 if the tournament appeals committee determines appeal to be without merit.

### **Appeal on Scoring of Results**

Appeal for correction of an error in Computing or tabulating the total point score of an agreed number of tricks on the hand must be made on the score appeal form which is to be submitted to CTD within 20 minutes of the end of the respective session. (10 minutes for the last session). However in case of discrepancy between official results on any board correction period may be extended by CTD

### **Withdrawal**

A team is permitted to withdraw only with the expressed consent of the CTD.

## **Dr.N.P.Tolani Silver Trohy for Non Masters**

### **Conditions of Entry to the event**

All conditions remain as like Dr. N. P. Tolani Gold except that the teams cannot include a player who is the National Master of the BFI.

Stage I            Qualifying Swiss league. Top twelve to qualify

Stage II           Super League among these twelve teams for 5 rounds of 12 boards.follwed by semi Final of 24 boards in two sessions of 12 boards and final of 32 boards in two sessions of 16 boards.

All other conditions in every respect remain as like Dr. Tolani Gold except the conditions of seeding guidelines.

### **IMP Pairs for Rai Maganlal Baijal Trophy**

After the exact number of entries are known, the Tournament Committee would meet with the Chief of Technical Management to finalize the mode of conduction. Event will be played for Two day 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in three sessions per day of 18/20 Boards with one elimination round.

### **Elimination Round**

All pairs, except those involved in the Tolani Gold Teams Quarter final round will play the Elimination over three sessions on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Elimination rounds are provided to ensure greater qualification to the next stage. Quarter-finalists of Tolni Gold teams will enter with predetermined score in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session, subject to their entry was given before the stipulated time.

### **Finals**

30/ 34 pairs from the elimination round and six seeded pairs from Tolani semi finalists will play an 2-boards against every other pair, The Chief of Technical Management may change the schedule of play for convenience.

### **Seeding and balancing of the sections**

Seeded pairs – Only three pairs per team will be seeded. It is advised that the pairing remain from among the teams, however the pairing with different partners will be allowed only if such players are members of the qualified teams. No partnerships from Non qualifiers will be allowed for the purpose of seeding.

CTD shall advice the assignment of scores and the starting position of seeded pairs, the starting positions of seeded pairs in order to balance the field. Tournament directors shall advice the contestants of the same.

CTD will advice on the movement and the number of the boards to be played in each session. Match point scoring will be used throughout and N/S players will be responsible for filling up of pick-up slips/traveling score sheets entering the correct score for each board and E/W pairs shall check and verify the score by initializing. Failure to enter or verify the score correctly may be penalized upto 10% of the match point.

### **Elimination rounds and final**

After the Chief Tournament Director confirms the mode of conduct of the event, he shall advise the T.D. in the assignment of starting positions, to be done mainly in order to balance the various sections. The same procedure shall be followed for the seeded pairs. Players should co-operate with the Tournament Director if their seating arrangement is changed after the initial assignment.

No player is permitted to leave the table till all the boards are played in each progression/session. Violation of this Clause will attract penalties. Repeated violation may lead to the disqualification of the pair.

## **Movements and Timing**

Multiple section movements must be seeded. For events run with two or more sections qualifying for a final, it is essential that the field be seeded evenly. Each pair or team must have the same degree of difficulty reaching the final.

For pair's events run over several sessions, the director must ensure that the movement used is as balanced as possible. Ideally, each pair should play an equal number of boards against all other pairs, and have their scores match pointed against the others equally often. In this case the fields must be seeded into sections.

Where scoring is by a Butler Mean then the extreme scores to be removed are: 10% of scores (rounded down) from each end of the score continuum. For example 36 scores should have the top 3 and the bottom 3 extreme scores removed.

For Swiss pairs events the director must produce personal score sheets for all pairs during the subsequent round. The only exception to this is personal score sheets for the penultimate round must be produced and given players 5 minutes before the draw for the final round is created. The director should urge players to check their results quickly and carefully.

Timing. There must be a minimum of 7 minutes per board.

**SCORING :** As per the Provisions of the BFI Hand book

**CARRYOVER :** As per the Provisions of the BFI Hand book, .

**TIE BREAKING :** As per the Provisions of the BFI Hand book

**RANKING IN EARLY ROUNDS :** In the elimination rounds, the algebraic sum of the scores of all the boards, including carryover, if any, and deducting penalties, if any, will be the pair's total in that round which in turn will determine its rank.

**LODGING OF APPEALS :** Any Appeal against the ruling (or if he has declined to give a ruling) of the Tournament Director is to be lodged within 15 minutes of the conclusion of that session. **The Appeal Fee is Rs.500/-.**

### **APPEALS ON SCORING**

An Appeal for correction of an error in computing or tabulating the total point score of an agreed number of tricks on a hand must be submitted along with an Appeal Fee of Rs.50/- to the C.T.D., within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of the respective session (ten) 10 minutes for the last session of the final or, except for the last session of any round, within ten (10) minutes before the start of the next session if that he later.

In case of a discrepancy between the official result on any board, the correction period may be extended further suitably by the C.T.D. subject to, in case of any round other than the Final, at least fifteen (15) minutes after the official scores are posted.

### **FINAL RANKING**

Rank positions in the final, for all purposes, shall be in accordance with IMP's earned including carryover, if any, and less penalties, if any, with any margin determining.

### **TITLE OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

The two members of the partnership that wins the event will earn the title of "National Champions".

### **EXTRACTS OF IMPORTANT POINTS GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTESTS**

#### **EVENT RECORDER OR COMMITTEE**

The Tournament Committee shall nominate a person of high standing in the bridge community or a committee of three members to the position of Event Recorder. The person /persons so nominated, and accepting the position, shall perform the following functions.

1. The Event Recorder will receive verbal or written complaints.
2. The Event Recorder will decide if a complaint is serious or trivial (in which case the complainant is told immediately the reasons for not pursuing it).
3. If the complaint is serious, the Event Recorder will inform the complainant that he will approach the person(s) concerned and advise them of the complaint and the names of the complainant.
4. The complainant will be asked if there were any witnesses and the Recorder will note their names.
5. The Recorder will discretely approach the person concerned (and their playing partner) and advise them of the complaint, and ask the partner if it is true. If the partner says it is true, various actions are open to the Recorder.

? Warning (if not too serious)

? Advise the person(s) that the Tournament Committee will be contacted to recommend suspension for X games. If the Recorder is present during the competition where the alleged offence took place, he may put the player on a "good behaviour bond" for the rest of the competition, and if no further complaints are received, decide to drop the matter

? Advise the Tournament Committee that the person is suspended for all or part of the event. In the most serious cases, advise the Tournament Committee that the person be banned for an extended period

? Where there is no admission of guilt, bring all parties together and try and ascertain the truth.

6. All incidents, with full details, shall be kept in the RECORDER BOOK, which is cross-indexed by name. Only the Recorder and the President of BFI shall be permitted to see the Recorder Book.

NO ONE SHALL BE ENTERED IN THE RECORDER BOOK WITHOUT THE PERSON'S KNOWLEDGE. THEY SHALL BE KEPT INFORMED EACH STEP OF THE WAY.

### **DIRECTOR'S DUTIES AND FEES**

All BFI events must be directed by a BFI accredited director

Prepare the movement and ensure that it is fair and equitable, with the seeding of players of similar ability and proper distances between tables being maintained, particularly for team's matches.

List an Appeals Committee comprising preferably 6 senior players at the tournament, and post this list on the notice board at the start of the event. Appeals are heard under normal Appeals regulations.

Run the event, making note to abide by SCOC regulations, including penalties for late arrival, slow play etc..

Score and check the results, provide a board by board printout recap sheet or player personal scores if there is computer scoring.

Register the Master Points within 14 DAYS.

Director's remuneration. A recommended scale of fees has been developed and is available on request.

### **Disciplinary Powers**

For any BFI event, the entry of any player, pair, or team may be rejected. If this occurs the affected party or parties will receive, in writing, the reasons for the rejection. The offenders will be given reasonable opportunity to answer the allegation in person or in writing.

The Governing Council of BFI, or any representatives appointed by the Council, may exercise these disciplinary powers. Typical causes of disciplinary action are:

**Any breach of the Laws or proprieties of bridge as set out in the Code or in these regulations**

**Offensive behaviour**

**Withdrawal or non-attendance from an event without good reason.**