

ALL INDIA SIR PADAMPAT SINGHANIA MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL ONLINE PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT 26 - 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Supplementary Conditions of Contest

- 26 pairs** will be invited to play the tournament. Play will consist of all play all **25** rounds of **6-boards** matches, to be played online on **RealBridge** Platform within 3 days. There will be 8 rounds on day 1 & day 3 and 9 rounds on day 2. The scoring will be **Cross IMPs**, converted to VPs according to WBF continuous VP scale (20-0 Scale) for 6-boards.
- The event will be conducted under the auspices of the Bridge Federation of India, and will follow the WBF 2017 - Laws of Duplicate Bridge and the "BFI System Policy 2021". In addition, [EBU Sky blue Book](#) will be used as guideline for online environment.
- The event schedule will be published in the tournament web site www.bridgefromhome.com. In case of necessity, the Tournament Committee in consultation with the CTD may alter/modify the format & schedule of the event.
- The tournament is eligible for **Federation Master Points of BFI level-2 tournament** as per the "**BFI Master Point Policy 2020**", which includes online events.
- Playing environment:**
 - All matches will be played on "RealBridge" online platform. To play on this platform, players have to ensure that they have a laptop / desktop, I-pads or PC with camera, speakers & Microphone facility and a good internet connection. Phones are not advisable, and should be used only in emergency as a backup. This is a mandatory condition and players should ascertain that they are equipped with the required paraphernalia before entering the event. Players are requested to use updated browsers like Chrome, Edge, Mozilla, Opera & Safari. Make sure you are not using Internet Explorer as it is not supported by platform.
 - Audio and Video will need to be enabled and kept on throughout the play period. Please ensure you have a good and stable internet connection with sufficient data, and preferably a backup.
 - While logging in on the "RealBridge" platform, please give your real name as your RealBridge Login. Don't use your BBO Id or a nickname or an alias. So Mr. S.K. Kumar should login as "S K Kumar" or "S K Kumar1".
- Alerts:** Please note that all bids need to be self-alerted and explained. Please explain the bid using the text area in the bidding box. Not alerting clearly forces opponents to pause and wait for explanation, causing unnecessary UI scenarios. If for any reason you think that explanation is incomplete, call the director.

Please understand that you are entitled to the opponents' agreement, not their hand. So, if you are told no agreement, and you have a reason to believe that agreement may exist, call the director. Do not ask questions like "what did you mean by the bid".
- A brief of your system & carding methods should be given in the comment box to your opponents before start of play on the online platform.

Upside down carding and leading low from doubleton must be pre-alerted. No pre-alerts are required for other carding agreements. Only one carding method is allowed (which may be different for suit and no-trump contracts). Normal or upside-down signals and discards for attitude, count or suit preference are permitted, but variable and/ or encrypted signals are not.
- Undo, Director Calls**
 - Undos are available for genuine misclicks, not for change of mind. By and large Undo for play will not be awarded unless extremely obvious. Players should endeavor to request an undo at the earliest possible. At the very least they should inform their screen mate verbally and/or type undo or stop in play area. All players are advised to make themselves thoroughly familiar with playing environment before the tournament commences.
 - Whenever an undo is requested, a director must be called. Undos must be given or rejected only on director's assent. Any Undos given or rejected without director's assent, both parties lose the right of adjustment, appeal, or UI based on UNDO.
 - Even if director allows an undo, there may be implications related to UI because of the bid taken back. Please note that bid or play that is allowed to be undone is unauthorized information to the partner of offender but authorized information to opponents.
- The link to the online playing area will be given on the tournament web site and its information will be shared on the tournament WhatsApp group. Players should take their seats at least 5 minutes before the announced starting time. After a 5 minute grace period, penalty of **0.5 VPs for every 1-3 minute**, and for repeat offenders, **1 VP per minute**, shall be assessed.
- For each **6-board round**, **45 minutes** are allotted. There may be a 10 minutes break after every 2/3 rounds. Pairs failing to complete play within the allocated time will be given a warning for delay upto 5 minutes. Thereafter, a penalty of **0.5 VPs for every 1 - 3 minutes delay shall be imposed**. In absence of a player's report to a Director regarding any delay or slow play by an opponent, it shall be deemed that both pairs are equally at fault. Boards remaining un-played at the announced end of the round will be cancelled. -2 IMPs per board shall be awarded to the offending side, if any. Slow play penalties are automatic and not appealable. Penalties are administered by the CTD.
- Review Requests:** The directors consult each other and if needed other senior players before giving a ruling. So please ask for a review only and only if you believe certain facts didn't come to director's notice, or a law has been applied incorrectly. All review requests will attract a fee (Rs. 1000), which will be refunded unless the review request is found to be baseless and/or frivolous. The reviewer's decision is final and binding. There will be no further appeal against reviewer's decision.
- Any irregularity in the Alert procedure may result in score adjustments for damage due to Misinformation. Both players are required to know their convention agreements and explain their agreements properly, fully and identically. In case of MI, appropriate laws shall be applied if opponents are damaged. Even when no damage ensues, a procedural penalty may be assigned for the infraction. In general, if not alerted by an opponent, players should assume that no alterable call was made. Therefore, unless a player is sure that a call is not alterable, he/ she should alert.
- In general, any convention or treatment that is familiar to the average tournament player, and can be explained to the average player within 15 seconds, is allowed. Methods of a destructive nature are not allowed, nor are the following:
 - HUM or Forcing pass or strong pass systems;*
 - Artificial bids or sequences that require lengthy explanations;*
 - Any system, convention or treatment that would require a pre-alert and written suggested defenses.*
 - Multi 2D or Ekren's 2D are allowed.*
- 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 and Walk over: It is advisable not to withdraw or give Walk over in ONLINE playing environment as the online software platforms usually do not support that.**

However, if utmost necessary, a Pair is permitted to withdraw only with the expressed consent of CTD after the completion of a round. In case a pair withdraws without such expressed consent, they may be disqualified and may also have to face the disciplinary proceedings.
- No Mobile:** Use of Mobile phone or of any other second device is strictly prohibited during play hours. Director will immediately penalize the offender. A penalty of **0.5 VPs** for the first offense and **1 VP** thereafter, shall be assessed for each offence. Director may allow the usage of mobile phone in his presence for a player to find out the status of his partner, in case of disconnections.
- No Smoking:** Please note: strictly no-smoking on camera. Penalties will apply.
- Please be suitably attired. You are on camera, and may be on a telecast to the world. Smart casuals are suggested, bare torsos and undershirts etc are a strict No.
- There may be a delayed broadcast of the tournament with usually Twenty Minute delay.
- No substitute will be provided in case of disconnection. A disconnected player would be re-seated once the TD is intimated. TDs will adjust the scores of the affected boards (not played due to unavailability of player) as follows:
 - For the first 2 affected boards, the offending side will get zero score and non-offending side will get +2 IMPs for each board, whereas for subsequent boards offending side will get -2 IMPs and non-offending side will get +2 IMPs per board.
 - In case, the complete round is not played, the offending side will receive zero VPs, whereas the non-offending side will receive the greater of 12 VPs or average (at the end of all the Swiss rounds) of its VP, whichever is the higher.
 - If a Pair is not able to play three consecutive rounds, the Pair would be dropped for the forthcoming rounds of the event. In case of a bye, due to non-availability of the pair, the non-offending side will receive the greater of 12 VPs or average (at the end of all the Swiss rounds) of its VP, whichever is the higher.
- Disciplinary penalties may be imposed by the Tournament Committee for any improper or unacceptable conduct by players.
- Any of the above notwithstanding, the Tournament Committee may take any action it deems necessary in the best interests of the event and its participants.