

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1 – This tournament is run on 12 rounds of 8 boards each.

- On the first round the organization will seed the teams at its discretion.
- From the 2nd up to the last round all pairings are made according to the Swiss principle

2 – In case of an odd number of teams, a bye in each round will be designated between the teams with the lowest ranking. The bye team will be assigned a total of 18 VPs for the round. For the 1st round the TD designates the bye. No team will be bye twice

3 – IMP results will be converted to VP's on the WBF scale (max. 25 VP's each game).

4 – Ranking is by VP's. Ties for prize-winning places will be broken by IMP quotient and next swiss points. Ties for intermediate rounds will be broken by the internal method of the scoring program.

5 – Systems according to the FPB Systems Policy for these events (no brown stickers).

6 – Time of play is 7 minutes per board (56 minutes per round). Penalties for late play are assigned on a "5 min/1 VP" basis. Scoring by Bridgemates. In case of late play the TD can pair the teams for the following round taking into account incomplete matches.

7 – Convention cards are mandatory. Each time that an opponent is seriously inconvenienced by an incomplete convention card, the offending side will be awarded a penalty of 3 IMPs, independently of any further adjustments on the result of the board.

8 – Appeals will be judged as quickly as possible. Pending appeals will not affect the pairings for subsequent rounds. A deposit of 75 € will always be required from the appealing part. The deposit may be forfeited if the appeals committee judges the appeal to be frivolous or without substantial merit.

9 – The Portuguese Tournament Norms will apply as a complement to the International Code of Bridge, Code of Practice, EBL Systems and Alerts Policies and the present Conditions of Contest.

10 – The Chief Tournament Director is entitled to apply Law 12C1c.

The Tournament Direction