

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 – IMP results will be converted to VP´s on the new WBF continuous scale (max. 20 VP´s each game).
- 3 – 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 12,00 VPs for the round. For the 1st round the TD designates the bye. No team will be bye twice
- 4 – Ranking is by VP´s. Ties for prize-winning places will be broken by swiss points. Ties for intermediate rounds will be broken by the internal method of the scoring program. For the last round if a team has an advantage of more than 20 VPs it will be paired against the last ranked team or will be assigned a Bye according to the number of teams competing.
- 5 – Systems according to the FPB Systems Policy for these events (namely, no brown stickers, red or yellow systems).
- 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