

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, 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 €75.00 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