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1. **PREAMBLE**

The Conditions of Contest herein set forth are supplemental to the General Conditions of Contest for Asia and Middle East Bridge Championships, as issued by the Bridge Federation of Asia & the Middle East and are specific for the 15th Asia & Middle East Bridge Championship to be played in Amman, Jordan, from 26th June to 4th July 2009. These Supplemental Conditions of Contest and the General Conditions of Contest together form the set of Rules and Regulations governing the 15th BFAME Championships -2009.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the General Conditions of Contest shall have the same meaning for purpose of these Supplemental Conditions of Contest and, in addition, the following expressions where used in these Conditions of Contest shall have the following meanings:

- 2.1 **"BFAME Championships"**
mean the 2009 Asia and Middle East Bridge Championships comprising Open, Women & Seniors Teams Championships along with Friendship Open Pairs and conducted under the auspices of the BFAME from 26th June to 4th July 2009 in Amman, Jordan, or at such other time and place as the BFAME may determine.
- 2.2 **"these Championships"**
mean the 2009 BFAME Championships and "championship event" means any of the events referred to in Section 2.1.
- 2.3 **"these Conditions of Contest"**
mean these Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 2009 BFAME Championships.
- 2.4 **"General Conditions of Contest"**
mean the General Conditions of Contest issued by the Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East for the BFAME Championships.
- 2.5 **"Open Teams Championship"**
mean the BFAME Open Teams Championship for Zakaria Adamji Memorial Trophy contested biennially (in the odd-numbered years) by teams from eligible BFAME member NBOs.
- 2.6 **"Women Teams Championship"**

means the BFAME Women's Teams Championship for Vinodini Goenka Trophy contested biennially (in the odd-numbered years) by teams from eligible BFAME member NBOs.

- 2.7 **Seniors Teams Championship**
means the BFAME Seniors Teams Championship, to be played simultaneously with the Open Team and the Women Teams Championship, for qualifying from Zone 4-BFAME representative teams for participation in Seniors Bermuda Bowl in Sao Paulo, Brazil from 29th August till 12th September 2009.
- 2.8 **"Friendship Open Pairs"**
mean the BFAME Open Pairs contested biennially (in the odd-numbered years) by Pairs from BFAME member NBO, participating in the other championship events of the 2009 BFAME Championships, and additional Pairs representing the host NBO and accompanying officials.
- 2.09 **"World Standard Card"**
means the Card referred to in Section 11.2, copies of which will be available at a BFAME Championship.
- 2.10 **"Convention Card Desk"**
means the facility set by at the site of these championships for filing and other services pertaining to Systems.
- 2.11 **"Table Result Card"**
means the Card referred to in Section 18.
- 2.12 **"Open and Closed Rooms"**
for any match or segment or session of a match shall be those rooms so designated by the Tournament Director.

Expressions used in these Conditions of Contest and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in the contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the International Code). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the BFAME President, in consultation with the Chief Tournament Director, shall be final and conclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa and reference to one gender shall include the other gender.

3. **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

See also Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest.

- 3.1 **Submission of Entries**
Each member NBO, in good standing of Zone 4/BFAME, shall be entitled to nominate one team for the Open Team Championship and/or one team for the Women Team Championship and/or one team for the Seniors Teams Championship. The names of the non-playing Captain and the players in each team, submitted in accordance with the conditions of entry established in Section 3 of the General Conditions of Contest, together with passport size photograph of each, should be sent, before 10th June 2009 to:

Nuha Hattar
nuha_h@yahoo.com

- 3.2 **Team Members**

In addition to a non-playing captain, each team may have four, five or six members. If an NBO wishes to replace a team member, or members, or a fewer than six players were submitted for invitation, such replacement or increase [each must be from the NBO submitting the team] may be added prior to the start of the 1st Session of play with the permission of the BFAME President or his designated member of the Credentials Committee. However, the BFAME Council reserves the right, following such approval by the President or his designee to place any restrictions on that team if it deems proper.

3.3 **Penalty for Non-Participation**

In the event a previously entered team in these championships determines its inability to participate, the BFAME shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled Captains' meeting for these Championships. Failure to so notify the BFAME of non-participation shall result in the imposition of a US\$ 500 penalty, payable by the NBO. Further, an additional disciplinary penalty may be assessed if the BFAME deems appropriate.

4. **ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS**

BFAME Master Points may be awarded for the Open Teams Championship, Women Teams Championship and Seniors Teams Championship, in accordance with the BFAME Master Points Plan as and when such plan comes into force.

5. **CONVERSION SCALES**

The difference in IMPs earned by the two opposing teams shall be converted into Victory Points according to the official WBF conversion scales. [See Section 22 of these Conditions of Contest].

6. **TYPE OF CONTEST**

Participating teams will compete in accordance with schedule drawn up independently for the Open, Women and Seniors Teams Championships (Please see Appendix-A and Appendix-A1). These conditions are written with the expectation that entries in Open and in the Women/Seniors Teams Championship between 9-10 and 5-6 teams inclusive. If entries in any aforesaid championship event fall outside these limits, the BFAME President may, in consultation with Chief Tournament Director, make such changes to these Conditions of Contest as he deems appropriate, including the number of boards to be played in matches of any championship event.

(a) **The Open Teams Championship:**

The competing teams presently nine (9) will play a complete double round robin of 16-board matches (18 matches) straight through, for 6 days, during 26th June to 1st July 2009. The top four teams will play the 96 boards (16x6) Semi Finals on 2nd and 3rd July'09 and thereafter the finalists would play 32 boards (16x2) on 4th July'09. Both the finalists will qualify, and be eligible to represent Zone 4/BFAME in the Bermuda Bowl World Championship in Sao Paulo, Brazil in August/September 2009 and the winners of the final shall be declared the Champions and winners of the 15th BFAME Open Teams Championship 2009 for Zakaria Adamji Memorial Trophy. However, in the event of one, or both, of the finalist teams' ineligibility to participate in the 2009 Bermuda Bowl due to eligibility requirements of the WBF,

replacement will be suitably made from the remaining spots, being so eligible.

(b) **The Women Teams Championship:**

The competing teams presently six (6) would eliminate the need of Semi Finals and would therefore play a Triple Round Robin (15 matches of 16 boards each). The top two teams would play Finals of 96 boards (16x6) along side the Semi Finals of Open Teams. However, if the number exceeds they will have to play the Semi Finals as well and that would be same as Open teams mentioned above. Both the competing teams' finalists will qualify, and be eligible to represent, Zone 4/BFAME in the Venice Cup World Championship in Sao Paulo, Brazil in August/September 2009 and the winners of the final shall be declared the Champions and winners of the 15th BFAME Women Teams Championship 2009 for the Vinodini Goenka Trophy. However, in the event of one or both of the finalist's teams' inability to participate in the 2009 Venice Cup due to eligibility requirements of the WBF, replacement will be suitably made from the remaining spots, being so eligible.

(c) **Seniors Teams Championship:**

This event will be played concurrently with the Open and Women Teams Championship. Depending on number of entries, if 5 or 6, then it may follow the same format as that of the above, otherwise the President BFAME in consultation with the Chief Tournament Director decide the format in the first BFAME Council meeting. The top two teams would play the Finals of 96 boards (16x6), to determine the Champions while both of them as committed by BFAME to WBF will represent BFAME/Zone 4 in the Seniors Bowl World Championship in Sao Paulo, Brazil in August/September 2009.

(Note: According to WBF regulations a "Senior" in 2009 is a person whose 59th birthday falls during the 2009 calendar year, in other words, should be born before 01-01-1950).

(d) **The Friendship Open Pairs:**

This will comprise of three sessions, first to be played on Thursday 2nd July 2009 after the Round Robin qualifying matches, commencing at 05.00 P.M. Participation is open to all visiting and local players and officials. Entry Fee is US\$ 25/- per pair for foreigners and JD 20/- for Jordanians.

7. **PROGRAMME & TIME SCHEDULE:**

BOTH OPEN AND WOMEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES, IN COMPLETE DOUBLE AND TRIPLE ROUND-ROBINS, WILL BE PLAYED DURING 26th JUNE TO 2nd JULY'09 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE AS PER APPENDIX "A". THE LOSING SEMI-FINALISTS OF OPEN AND THE FINALISTS OF WOMEN AND SENIORS WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO JOIN THE FRIENDSHIP OPEN PAIRS ON THE FINAL DAY SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS MADE BY THE CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AS PROPOSED AND APPROVED IN THE BFAME COUNCIL MEETING.

DAY - 1 FRIDAY 26th JUNE'09

09:00 - 1st BFAME council meeting.
 10:00 - CAPTAINS MEETING
 10:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 1.
 14:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 2.
 17:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 3.

DAY - 2 SATURDAY 27th JUNE'09

10:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 4
 14:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 5
 17:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 6

DAY - 3 SUNDAY 28th JUNE'09

10:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 7
 14:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 8
 17:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 9

DAY - 4 MONDAY 29th JUNE'09

10:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 10
 14:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 11
 17:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 12

DAY - 5 TUESDAY 30th JUNE'09

10:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 13
 14:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 14
 17:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 15

DAY - 6 WEDNESDAY 1st JULY'09

10:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 16
 11:00 - 2nd BFAME Council Meeting
 14:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 17
 17:30 - STARTING TIME ROUND # 18

DAY - 7 THURSDAY 2nd JULY'09

10:00 - CAPTAIN'S MEETING (ALL CATEGORIES)
 10:30 - STARTING TIME SEMIS/FINALS 1st SEGMENT
 14:30 - STARTING TIME SEMIS/FINALS 2nd SEGMENT
 17:00 - STARTING TIME FOR FRIENDSHIP PAIRS - 1st SESSION
 17:30 - STARTING TIME SEMIS/FINALS 3rd SEGMENT

DAY - 8 FRIDAY 3rd JULY'09

10:30 - STARTING TIME SEMIS/FINALS 4th SEGMENT
 14:30 - STARTING TIME SEMIS/FINALS 5th SEGMENT
 17:00 - STARTING TIME FOR FRIENDSHIP PAIRS - 2nd SESSION
 17:30 - STARTING TIME SEMIS/FINALS 6th SEGMENT

DAY - 9 SATURDAY 4th JULY'09

10:00- CAPTAINS'S MEETING
 10:30 - STARTING TIME FINALS 1st SEGMENT
 14:30 - STARTING TIME FOR FINALS 2ND SEGMENT
 15:30 - STARTING TIME FOR FRIENDSHIP PAIRS - 3rd SESSION
 19:30 - PRIZE GIVING & VICTORY BANQUET

IMPORTANT: All time schedules in this section are subject to change, before or during these championships, at the discretion of the BFAME President, in consultation with the Chief Tournament Director.

8. LINE UPS

The line-ups for Visiting Teams must be submitted 30 minutes before the beginning of all matches or sessions and the line-ups for Home-Teams must be submitted within 5 minutes thereafter. Thus, for a match or session scheduled to begin at 10:30, the Visiting Teams' line-up must be submitted by 10:00; and the Home Team's line-up by 09:05, Teams lining-up HUM pairs must submit their line-ups, and also make their playing HUM Pair available at the place of submission of line-ups, 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the match or session. Line-ups are to be submitted at the place designated by the Chief Tournament Director.

Since Line-ups will have to be submitted through a computer input, separate instructions are at the end of this. It would also be printed in the bulletin and help would be available at the Line Up desk.

9. DESIGNATION OF MATCHES

9.1 Responsibility for the Draw and Allocation of Team Numbers. The BFAME

President will allocate team numbers, 1 to 10 and 1 to 6, or as the case may be, to the participating teams, upon random draw by him in the BFAME Council Meeting on Friday 26th June'09. The teams shall retain their allocated team numbers in the 1st round-robin of Open, Women and seniors Teams Championship. However, in the 2nd round-robin the position of finish/standing at preceding round-robin's close shall be the team's new number/allocation. All matches will be played in accordance with the stipulations of Appendix-"A". In case of semifinals of the Open Teams, the qualified teams shall be numbered according to their position of finish in the qualifying round-robin.

9.2 Home and Away Teams

In each session of play, one team shall be "Home Team" [the team with the seating rights] of the other team shall be "Visiting or Away Team" [the team which posts its line-up First]. Subject to always to the over-riding provisions of Section 12.3, the procedure for determining Home Team and Visiting Team in each match or session of play shall be as follows:

Round Robin Stage

The first mentioned team in the matches as shown in the schedule of Open, Women & Seniors Teams Final Play, is the home team.

Knock Out Stage

There shall be a coin toss to determine the "Home Team" rights in the finals. When there are odd number of sessions, the winner of the toss gets the first choice for the session to be home or visiting team, then the opponents get the second choice and so on. When there are even number of sessions the winner chooses the seating rights in any of the two session portions and the opponents choose thereafter for the remaining portion.

[Note: in all cases regulations for the teams that include partnerships using HUM Systems will apply - See Section 12.3].

10. CARRY-OVER

There will be a carry over in the Finals of Open and Women Teams Championships. The carry over will be 1/2 or 1/3 of the IMP difference in the meetings of the teams in the round-robin. It will be 1/2 if the highest ranked team in the round-robin won against their

opponents and 1/3 if the highest ranked team in the round-robin lost the match to their opponents. The maximum carry over will be calculated @ 0.25 imp per board of the Semi Finals or Finals. Therefore (6x16) for the 96 board Finals a maximum of 24 imps (96x0.25) will be applicable for all the Open, Women & Seniors Teams Championships. Similarly for 16x2=32 board Finals, the maximum carry over would be only 8 imps.

11. **DISCLOSURE OF SYSTEMS AND CONVENTIONS**

11.1 **WBF Systems Policy**

The WBF Systems Policy forms part of these Conditions of Contest. The BFAME Open, Women and Seniors Teams Championships are Category 1 events. In Category 1 events all Systems are allowed.

11.2 **Submission of Systems**

Each team captain is responsible for mailing to

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as soon as possible, but in any event before 10th June 2009 for every partnership that will play in these Championships, their Systems described on the official WBF Convention Card, completed in accordance with the Guide to Completion, preferably using the CCE - Convention Card Editor (which is available to all NBOs) and accurately and legibly typed, plus Supplementary Sheets, also typed, as necessary to describe conventional sequences in detail (if typing is not feasible, printing by hand may be used, but legibility is essential). Penalties for failure to submit Conventions Cards and Supplementary Sheets so as to permit satisfactory photocopying, in time are (in addition to Section 11.2.1) specified in Section 17.1.

11.2.1 Any partnership whose duly completed original Card and Supplementary Sheets have not reached Amman in accordance with these Conditions of Contest shall (in addition to the penalties referred to in Section 17.1) be required by the Tournament Appeals Committee (unless it rules otherwise) to use the system described on the World Standard Card for not less than 3 matches in the round-robin.

11.3 **Supplementary Sheets**

Where a conventional sequence cannot be described adequately in the space provided on the WBF Convention Card, a reference number should be placed prominently at the appropriate place on the Card; a Supplementary Sheet bearing that reference number, and containing the complete explanation must be submitted along with the Card.

11.4 **Changes to Cards/Supplementary Sheets**

(a) Any changes to the duly submitted (as per section 11.2) Card and/or Supplementary Sheets must be submitted in official form (see (d) below) as early as possible for everyone's benefit, but in any event not later than 20th June 2009. These changes (which may be clarifications amendments, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions) must be first approved by the BFAME President or his designee.

On-site, changes to systems will be approved or required by the Tournament Appeals Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

- (b) In order for a change to be implemented, it must be duly approved, signed, and dated by the Chief Tournament Director, and then circulated to all relevant teams in timely fashion. Such circulation may be done by mailing by the BFAME, or by manual distribution on site at the Captains' Meeting, or through Captain's mailboxes on site. In order for a change to be approved before arrival in Amman, Jordan must reach Mrs. Nuha Hattar, Chief Organizer by 20th June'09. Otherwise, official approval will be given only on site.
- (c) Approval for a change may be given or refused in whole or part by the BFAME and may be given subject to conditions. One such condition will usually be that any such change cannot be implemented in the course of a particular round robin or in the course of a particular stage of the event, with possible prejudice to unprepared opponents being a particularly important negative factor. Clarifications and improvements to presentation will not be considered as substantives changes.
 - (i) A new page of the Convention Card/Supplementary Sheet that reflects the proposed change.
 - (ii) A separate printed/legible hand written in BLOCK LETTERS/typed sheet describing completely the proposed change and referring to the place(s) on the new pages where they can be found and any cross-references to Supplementary Sheet notes.
 - (iii) Two fax numbers for communication should this be necessary. (phone numbers only for emergencies).

11.5 **Special Responsibility for HUM, RED and BROWN STICKER**

With regard to HUM, RED and BROWN STICKER systems/conventions, there is a special responsibility for users to explain their methods in sufficient detail (as per the Guide to Completion and the CCE), the first time that Cards are submitted. If these submissions are inadequate, the pair may be barred from using those inadequately described methods for the entire tournament and for at least the first round robin. These penalties are quite severe, but with the duly executed distribution of these Conditions and all significant materials by the BFAME, no pair will be permitted to claim ignorance of this special responsibility. The NBO, the Captains and the players are jointly responsible for contacting the BFAME, should there be any problems in obtaining the necessary tournament information in timely fashion. If these materials are received late, it is the responsibility of both parties concerned to so inform the BFAME as soon as possible.

12. **SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR TEAMS USING HUM SYSTEMS**

12.1 **Highly Unusual Methods**

Highly Unusual Methods are utilized in any System which exhibits one or more of the following features as a matter of partnership agreement:

- a) A pass in the opening position promises the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, and the player who passes may hold a queen or

more above average hand strength (i.e. an average hand contains 10 high card points).

- b) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
- c) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values of a king or more below average strength.
- d) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit; or either length in a specified suit or length elsewhere.

12.2 **Submission of HUM Systems**

The team captain of any team containing one or more pairs intending to use a HUM System shall send a full copy of any HUM System in English, together with the Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets, to Mrs. Nuha Hattar, Chief Organizer 10th June'09. Failure to comply with this regulation or poor presentation of the System may result in such pair or pairs not being permitted to use HUM System, as the Tournament Appeals Committee shall in its discretion determine. In making any such determination, the Tournament Appeals Committee may apply Section 11.2.1. It is highly recommended that a full copy of a HUM System, in English, also be filed at the Convention Card Desk, at the Championship site, by the time of the Captains' meeting on Friday 26th June'09.

12.3 **Regulations for Pairs using HUM Systems**

If a team includes any pair using a HUM System, it will be subject to the following regulations:

- a) The pairs using HUM Systems should be available at least 15 minutes before the scheduled beginning of matches or sessions, to supply any information and clarification that may be requested by the opponents.
- b) When a team that includes a pair using a HUM System (whether or not such pair will play) is opposing a team that has no such pair, the HUM System team will always be the Visiting Team. No special seating rights or line-up restrictions shall apply when two teams containing pairs using HUM Systems (regardless of line-up) oppose one another.
- c) The team opposing a team which includes one or more pairs using a HUM System will submit three copies (clearly legible) of their defences (if any) to the HUM System in writing, at line-up time for the match; these defences shall be filed at the Convention Card Desk and supplied by the captain to the captain of the opposing team. In preparing these defences pairs using Green, Blue or Red Systems are allowed to change their systems including opening calls. Pairs using HUM Systems are not allowed to change their opening calls.
- d) The pair using a HUM System must inform the opponents in writing (hand-written, 2 clearly legible copies) about their counter-defence at the table, prior to the start of the session. In preparing their counter-defence, the pair using the HUM System is not permitted to change any of the highly artificial aspects of its system.

12.4 **Written Defences**

- a) Notes on the defence against HUM Systems and on defence against the defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems and may be used by both pairs at the table, during the period when the aperture of the screen is closed and, also, for the purpose only of responding to a

question, when the screen is open. See also Section 16 of the General Conditions of Contest for BFAME Championships.

- b) A pair may prepare written defences against the artificial elements of a Red System or the Brown Stickers elements of any system (See the WBF System Policy, attached). Also these defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' Systems (see 13.4(a).

13. **LENGTH OF MATCHES**

Each 16 board matches in the qualifying round-robin will be played straight through and will be completed giving 8 ½ minutes playing time with screens, within (2) two hours and (20) twenty minutes, and the same would apply to each of the 16 board segment of Semi-Finals and Finals; after that, teams judged guilty of slow play will be subject to penalty (see section 17). Additional time will not be allowed for teams playing on Vu-Graph; neither will extra time be granted because of the use of bidding boxes, screens, discussions of systems or for other similar reasons. Vu-Graph presentation for any match or sessions will not start until The Chief Tournament Director notifies the Chief Commentator or his designee.

Similarly for 16 board matches the total time would be 136 minutes or 2hours 20 minutes.

14. **TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES**

14.1 **Two Teams**

If two teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken as follows (in the sequence shown):

- a) IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:
- b) Victory Points earned by the tied teams in the combined matches they played against each other, in that particular event. If the tie remains, then:
- c) IMPs earned by the tied teams in the combined matches they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- d) Total points earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- e) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in the match they played against each other. If the tie remains, then:
- f) One board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

14.2 **Three Teams:**

If three teams are tied with the same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following.

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event. If one tie still remains it shall be broken in accordance to Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the other two in the matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and, if necessary, the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- c) If one of the teams earned more VPs against one of the remaining teams and tied with the other in the matches it played between them in that particular event, it shall be declared winner and the tie between the

remaining teams shall be broken, if necessary, in accordance to Sub-section 14.1.

- d) If one team has been beaten by the other two teams in matches it played against them in that particular event, it shall be ranked third in the tied positions and the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken in accordance with the following:
- e) Highest net total IMPs earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- f) Highest net total points earned by the tied teams in the matches they played against each other. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- g) Total points quotient earned in all matches played by the tied teams. If one tie still remains it may be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1. If the three teams remain tied, then:
- h) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

14.2 **Four Teams:**

If four or more teams are tied with same number of Victory Points at the end of the round-robin, the tie shall be broken according to the following.

- a) IMP quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1 and 14.2, if appropriate. If there are more that three teams that remain tied after use of IMP quotients, then:
- b) If one of the teams earned more VPs against each of the remaining tied teams in that particular event or if it has, uniquely, tied one and defeated the other tied teams, it shall be declared winner and the ties for the remaining teams will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.2, if appropriate. If there are more than three teams that remain tied, then:
- c) Total points quotient in all matches played by the tied teams in that particular event, shall govern. Any ties remaining will be broken in accordance with Sub-section 14.1 and 14.2, if appropriate. If there are more that three teams that remain tied after the application of total points quotient, then:
- d) One-board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

14.3 **Finals**

In the finals, if a tie exists at the end of the match, it will be resolved by playing eight additional boards. Should a tie still exist, eight more boards will be played. If a tie still exists, one board (“sudden death”) matches will determine the winner.

15. **DISQUALIFICATION**

In the case of a team being disqualified, all matches it played prior to its disqualification may in the discretion of the BFAME Council be declared void and the scores earned by its opponents in those matches be cancelled or varied.

16. **CURTAIN CARDS**

At the start of each match, or session of a match, which is played with the same set of boards in both rooms, each player is required to write the name of his NBO on a Curtain Card. At the conclusion of play of the first board, in each room of a match, each player should place the Curtain Card on top of the bridge hand so that it may be read after

playing cards have been returned to the duplicate board. After the boards are moved to the other table in the match, each player shall examine the Curtain Card in pocket of the designated position. If the Curtain Card names the NBO of the opponents the play proceeds. If the Curtain Card names the player's own NBO or an NBO other than that of the opponents, the Tournament Director must be summoned forthwith, before the playing cards are removed from the duplicate board. Failure to follow this procedure will result in penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee.

Note: Curtain Cards may not be in use if the Chief Tournament Director so decides.

17. **PENALTIES**

The schedule of penalties which follows is supplemental to the International Code. All infringements of the International Code will be dealt with in accordance with the International Code. Monetary fines shall be paid in US Dollars, or the equivalent in local currency. Monies assessed shall be turned over to the Tournament Director for transmittal to the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee. Upon publication of these Conditions of Contest no further warning is required (whether from the Director or otherwise) prior to the application of any penalty under the provision of the International Code or of these Conditions of Contest.

Victory Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the Round-Robins. The VP penalties shall not affect individual matches for purposes of tie-breaking procedures in any manner, but may determine a team's ranking and affect carry-over. Penalties assessed in IMPs shall be deducted from the score of the offending team at the conclusion of the match during which the penalty was imposed, before its VP score is calculated. However the score of the non-offending team shall not be affected, except in the knockout semifinals and final matches.

17.1 **Failure to File Systems in a Timely Fashion.**

Any team containing a partnership that, for any reason, has failed to comply with the time requirements of Section 11.2 shall (in addition to the requirements of Section 11.2.1):

- a) not be provided with a copy of the Systems of opposing teams unless and until either the President or the Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee has been provided with the required number of copies of the System used by that team's own pairs; and
- b) be subject to a decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee who may forbid the team to use specific conventional understandings not submitted in accordance with these Conditions of Contest. If a disallowed convention is used, the Tournament Appeals Committee may impose penalties at its discretion; and
- c) be fined US\$ 50.00 to be paid prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

17.2 **Failure to Submit Line-up on Time**

If a Captain fails to submit line-ups in accordance with Section 9:

- a) for the first such offence a warning shall be issued by the Tournament Director;
- b) for the second offence there shall be a fine of US\$10;
- c) for the third offence there shall be a fine of US\$20 and for each subsequent offence there shall be a fine of US\$30;

- d) penalties are cumulative.

When failure to provide the line-up in a timely fashion is due to late filing by the captain of the opposing team, penalties under this Section shall be imposed only on the captain of the team whose duty it was to file line-up first. The captain of the other team shall have five minutes after the filing by the offending team's line-up to file his own. If, after filing of the line-up by the offending team, the captain of the non-offending team exceeds the filing deadline, or the extra five minutes allocated in the foregoing, whichever is later, this captain too is deemed guilty of late line-up filing and is subject to penalty under this Section.

17.3 Lateness

Any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of a match or a session of a match will be assessed a penalty according to the following scale;

During the Round-Robins

0+ - 05 minutes late -	warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
5+ - 10 minutes late -	1 VP
10+ - 15 minutes late -	2 VPs
15+ - 20 minutes late -	3 VPs
20+ - 25 minutes late -	4 VPs
Over 25 minutes late -	at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the BFAME Council.

During the Finals

0+ - 5 minutes late -	warning to captain(s) (after the second warning the provision for 5+ minutes late shall apply)
5+ - 25 minutes late -	1 IMP plus an additional 1 IMP for each full minute or part there beyond 5 minutes.
Over 25 minutes late -	at the discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by the BFAME Council.

17.4 Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the time play in such match or session is started by a Tournament Director. If play continues after the time allowed by Section 13 of these Conditions then either or both of the pairs shall be subjected to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

17.4.1 Excess time apportioned to a pair in the Round-Robin

0+ - 05 minutes late -	1 VP
5+ - 10 minutes late -	1½ VPs
10+ - 15 minutes late -	2 VPs
15+ - 20 minutes late -	2½ VPs
20+ - 25 minutes late -	3 VPs

Over 25 minutes late - at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by BFAME Council.

Example: If a 16 board session took 2 hours and 35 minutes (excess of 15 minutes) and pair A is held responsible for 9 extra minutes and pair B for 6 extra minutes total penalty will be 2 VPs; pair A receiving 1.2 VPs penalty and pair B 0.8 VP penalty. In any case if the Tournament Director judges that one match will be so delayed that it would disturb the starting time of the next round, he may truncate it, reducing the number of the boards played: if this happens the match will be scored only with boards played at both tables, but the same conversion scale will be used as that used for the complete matches.

17.4.2 Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Finals:

0+ - 25 minutes late - 1 IMP for each minute or part thereof

Over 25 minutes late - at the Discretion of the Tournament Appeals Committee; may include recommendation of forfeit of match or more severe action by BFAME Council.

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the President shall determine responsibility for slow play. A partnership which considers its opponents are playing slowly shall inform the Tournament Director who may appoint a monitor if he thinks it is necessary; the partnership is only protected from the time at which the Tournament Director is informed. A Director may install a monitor without request of the players.

17.5 **Fouled Board**

See Section 13 of the General Conditions of Contest for explanation. If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to procedural penalty.

17.6 **Frivolous Appeal**

Forfeiture of the deposit of US\$ 50 if the Tournament Appeals Committee determine the appeal to be without merit ("frivolous :). See Section 19 of the General Conditions of Contest.

18. **VERIFICATION OF SCORES**

18.1 **Table Result Card**

An official Table Result Card must be filled in by the North or South player at each table, for each match and sessions thereof. Team captains will determine and agree upon the scores for each match and segments thereof. At the conclusion of each match, or session of a match, the Tournament Director shall post an official result on the official score-board. The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified in Section 19.1 of the General Conditions of Contest; and thereafter, the results will be final, with the following exceptions:

- a) awaiting decision of the Tournament Appeals Committee on a filed appeal;
- b) completion of play or replay boards where such replay has been directed by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

18.2 **Score Corrections**

- a) Score corrections may be made as sanctioned in Law 79 and in Laws 69 and 71.
- b) In the case of an discrepancy between the official result of the match, or a session of a match, as agreed upon in the official Table Score Card and the official Score Board, the correction period is extended until the end of the phase of the event where the discrepancy occurred. (For this purpose, the meaning of "phase of event" is the round-robin matches and in the knockout semifinals and finals matches).
- c) Since Bridge mates are being used, score corrections would be allowed without any penalties any number of times before the end of the match by calling the TD, for doubtful entries not verified by opponents. However, for corrections made after the end of the match and before start of the next match, penalties would be applied as decided by the BFAME Council which will be duly notified.

An error described in Law 79 may be corrected till the start of the first round next day during the round-robins. In the Semifinals and Finals matches, this correction period ends (30) thirty minutes after the final result has been posted/published.

19. **DUPLICATED BOARDS**

Duplicated boards will be used throughout these Championships, whenever possible.

20. **ATTENDANCE IN PLAYING ROOMS**

Subject to any supplementary regulations made by the BFAME Council before these Championships begin, except by special permission of the President, only the following are permitted to enter the playing rooms:

- a) participants assigned to play in that room;
- b) Tournament Directors;
- c) personnel needed to operate these Championships, including assigned recorders, scorers, timers, caddies and Vu-Graph personnel;
- d) the President;
- e) Chairman of the Tournament Appeals Committee;
- f) members of the Tournament Appeals Committee who are on duty;
- g) staff personnel for provision of refreshment and room cleaning, if necessary;
- h) "Officials on duty" appointed for a specific session or sessions by the President.
- i) a maximum of two members of the Daily Bulletin staff to be named by its Editor.

21. **SMOKING PROHIBITED**

Smoking in the playing area and toilets is strictly prohibited. Teams of players offending this regulation will be penalized with 0.5 VP for each such violation.

22. **MOBILE TELEPHONES PROHIBITED**

Mobile telephones will not be allowed in the playing area and toilets. Teams of players offending this regulation will be penalized with 2 VPs.

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MONDAY, 29th JUNE'09

(Round 10) 10:30-12:50 Repeat of Round # 5

(END OF SECOND ROUND-ROBIN)

[IN THE THIRD ROUND ROBIN, THE SAME SCHEDULE AS THAT OF FIRST OR SECOND ROUND ROBIN WITH NEW TEAM NUMBERS AS PER RANKING AT THE END OF SECOND ROUND ROBIN]

(Round 11) 14:30- 16:50 Repeat of Round # 1.

(Round 12) 17:30- 19:50 Repeat of Round # 1.

Repeat of Round # 2.

Repeat of Round # 2.

Repeat of Round # 3.

TUESDAY, 30th JUNE'09

(Round 13) 10:30- 12:50 Repeat of Round # 3.

Repeat of Round # 4.

(Round 14) 14:00- 16:50 Repeat of Round # 4.

Repeat of Round # 5.

(Round 15) 17:30- 19:50 Repeat of Round # 5

(END OF THIRD & FINAL ROUND ROBIN FOR WOMEN & SENIORS)

Repeat of Round # 6

WEDNESDAY, 1st JULY'09

(Round 16) 10:30- 12:50 Repeat of Round # 7

11:00- 14:00 2nd BFAME Council meeting

(Round 17) 14:30- 16:50 Repeat of Round # 8

(Round 18) 17:30- 19:50 Repeat of Round # 9

(END OF SECOND & FINAL ROUND ROBIN FOR OPEN TEAMS)

THURSDAY, 2nd JULY'09

10:00 - Captains meeting

10:30-12:50 Semi Final (1st 16-board segment)

14:30-16:50 Semi Final (2nd 16-board segment)

17:00-20:00 First session Friendship Open Pairs

17:30-19:50 Semi Final (3rd 16-boards segment)

FRIDAY, 3rd JULY'09

10:30-12:50 Semi Final (4th 16-board segment)

14:30-16:50 Semi Final (5th 16-board segment)

17:00-20:00 Second session Friendship Open Pairs

17:30-19:50 Semi Final (6th 16-board segment)

SATURDAY, 4th JULY'09

10:00 - Captains meeting

10:30-12:50 Final (1st 16-board segment)

14:30-16:50 Final (2nd 16-board segment)

15:30-18:30 Third session Friendship Open Pairs

19:30 - Prize Giving & Victory Banquet

(END OF FINALS)**NOTE:**

1. The BFAME President will allocate team numbers, 1 to 10 for Open and 1 to 6 for the Women and Seniors as referred to above to the participating teams, upon random draw by him in the BFAME Council meeting on Friday 26th June'09.
2. Each 16-board match whether in the double/triple round-robin or the knock out stage must completed within 140 minutes (or 2 hours and 20 minutes) of the scheduled starting time of each match.
3. Thus the average duration of each board played with screens would be slightly more than the WBF allocated 8 ½ minutes.
4. The above schedule of matches will come into effect upon approval of the Conditions of Contest by the BFAME Council and shall be accordingly published in the Daily Bulletin.

Raw Score to Imp Conversion Scale

Diff.	Imps	Diff.	Imps
0-10	0	600-740	12
20-40	1	750-890	13
50-80	2	900-1090	14
90-120	3	1100-1290	15
130-160	4	1300-1490	16
170-210	5	1500-1740	17
220-260	6	1750-1990	18
270-310	7	2000-2240	19
320-360	8	2250-2490	20
370-420	9	2500-2990	21
430-490	10	3000-3490	22
500-590	11	3500-3990	23
		4000 +++	24

VICTORY POINTS	IMP DIFFERENCE	IMP DIFFERENCE
	<u>16 Board matches</u>	<u>20- Board matches</u>
15 – 15	0 – 2	0 – 2
16 – 14	3 – 7	3 – 8
17 – 13	8 – 11	9 – 12
18 – 12	12 – 15	13 – 16
19 – 11	16 – 19	17 – 21
20 – 10	20 – 23	22 – 36
21 – 9	24 – 27	27 – 31
22 – 8	28 – 31	32 – 36
23 – 7	32 – 36	37 – 41
24 – 6	37 – 41	42 – 47
25 – 5	42 – 46	48 – 53
25 – 4	47 – 52	54 – 59
25 – 3	53 – 58	60 – 65
25 – 2	59 – 64	66 – 73
25 – 1	65 – 71	74 – 79
25 – 0	72 - ++	80 - ++