



ENGLAND

Teams Trial for 2024 World Bridge Games Seniors series

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. Definitions

1.1 The Conditions of Contest for the trial for the 2024 World Bridge Games England seniors team comprise the General Conditions of Contest and these Specific Conditions of Contest. This document should be read in conjunction with the General Conditions of Contest.

1.2 Where the General Conditions of Contest and these Specific Conditions of Contest are in conflict, the Specific Conditions of Contest will take precedence.

2. Scope of the Trial

2.1 The trial for the 2024 World Bridge Games England seniors team consists of one stage, played as far as possible under international championship conditions, to select one team to

represent England in the Seniors category of the World Bridge Games, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October and November 2024.

2.2 The winning team in the trial will earn selection to the England Seniors team for the championship. If the winning team consists of fewer than six players, additional players may be added to the team with the approval of the Selection Committee.

3. Entry fee

3.1 The entry fee for the trial is £600 per team.

4. Eligibility

4.1 All players must meet the eligibility conditions laid down in Section 4 of the General Conditions of Contest.

4.2 Any player unsure of their eligibility should contact Gordon Rainsford at gordon@ebu.co.uk

4.3 If a player loses either their good standing or their eligibility during the course of the season, then that player will be disqualified from further participation in the trial and from ultimate selection to represent England.

5. Registered players and substitutes

5.1 Sections 6 and 7 of the General Conditions of Contest shall apply to this event in their entirety.

6. Timetable and format

6.1 The trial will be held from Saturday 8th June – Sunday 9th June 2024.

6.2 The venue for the trial will be: West Midlands Bridge Club.

6.3 The two-team trial will consist of a head-to-head match of 112 boards played in 8 sets of 14.

The schedule of play is:

Date	Stanza	Start	Finish
8 June	1	10:30	12:30
	2	12:45	14:45
	3	15:30	17:30
	4	17:45	19:45
9 June	5	10:00	12:00
	6	12:15	14:15
	7	15:00	17:00
	8	17:15	19:15

6.4 The Director of the trial may bring forward starting times of sessions with the agreement of the players, or may delay starting times of sessions for appropriate reasons (for example, if a ruling is required before a session starts).

6.5 Scoring will be by total IMPs.

7. Systems and partnership understandings

7.1 Systems and conventions which are authorised at 'EBU Level 5' are permitted throughout, whether or not categorised by the WBF as 'Brown Sticker' or 'HUM'. Other Brown Sticker methods and HUM systems are not permitted.

8. Late arrival, withdrawal or slow play

8.1 Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the General Conditions of Contest shall apply to this trial, and penalties for late arrival will be applied based on the round being abandoned if a pair is more than 70 minutes late, since the rounds are of 16 boards.

9. Board requirements

9.1 Every player in a team must play in at least four of the eight 16-board segments making up the event. The selection of any player who fails to satisfy this requirement will be subject to the approval of the Selection Committee.