



Chinese Taipei Contract Bridge Association

2019 Asia City Bridge Open Tournament

Dear Bridge Players,

On behalf of the Chinese Taipei Contract Bridge Association (CTCBA), it is my pleasure to invite you and your team to the first 2019 Asia City Bridge Open Tournament, which will be held from the 8th to 10th, November.

The venue for the first 2019 Asia City Bridge Open Tournament will be Kaohsiung City which is known for its warm climate and warm hospitality. I hope that you plan to participate and believe that all who attend will enjoy the competition as well as the culture of Taiwan.

Directions to the tournament location are enclosed, along with pertinent registration information. Again, we are excited to welcome you to the 2019 Asia City Bridge Open Tournament.

We look forward to seeing you in Kaohsiung!

Kind Regards,

Ching-Liang Wu, President, CTCBA





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Conditions of Contest

The tournament will follow the WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017. Unless stated explicitly, the General Conditions of Contest governing APBF tournaments will also apply.

Systems & Conventions

HUM and Brown Sticker Conventions are not allowed for all the matches. All pairs are required to bring 2 copies of completed WBF convention card to the tournament. Pairs failing to do so may incur penalties.

Alerts and Explanations

The APBF Alerting Policy will be adopted. It is the responsibility of the alerting player to alert promptly and clearly. No explanation should be made unless requested by an opponent.

Entry Fees

NTD 5,200 per team

Prizes(NTD)

Winner	2nd	3rd	4th
50,000 NTD	20,000 NTD	10,000 NTD	5,000 NTD

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Seating

Teams play according to the schedule. Home tables are fixed and pre-assigned.

The Home Team sits NS in the Open Room, and EW in the Closed Room.

The Visiting Team sits NS in the Closed Room, and EW in the Open Room.

So NS always play at their home table at each round. Team matches schedule will posted before each round.

Procedural and Disciplinary Penalties

The procedural penalty will be imposed for violation of Law 90 or tournament regulations.

Penalty is 1 VP for Swiss team event and 3 IMP for quarter-final, semi-final and final team

matches. In performance of duty to maintain order and discipline, a Tournament Director(TD) can assess disciplinary penalties which is 2 times larger than procedural penalty.

Late Start

0 - 5 mins.

1st offence: warning

2nd offence or + : 1 VP each

5 - 10 mins. 1 VP

10 - 15 mins. 2 VPs

15 - 20 mins. 3 VPs

20+ mins. Walkover

Slow Play

The time allowed for each match or session shall be computed from the moment when play in a match or session is announced by a Tournament Director. If play continues beyond the time allowed, either one or both of the pairs will be subject to penalty, according to the amount of delay for which such pair was judged responsible, as follows:

Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Swiss or Round Robin

0-5 minutes: warning; 5-10 minutes: 2 VPs

Beyond 10 minutes: the Head Tournament Director will terminate the match forthwith and the result will be scored using the VP table for 9 boards, irrespective of how many boards were actually played.



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Excess time apportioned to a pair during the Knockout Phase; 0-15 minutes: 1 IMP and 1 IMP for each minute beyond 15 minutes. The Head Tournament Director could also shorten the match.

A Tournament Director or an official appointed by the Head Tournament Director shall determine the responsibility of slow play. A partnership which considers opponents are playing slow shall inform the Tournament Director who may appoint a monitor. The partnership is only protected from the time at which the Tournament Director is informed. A Tournament Director may install a monitor without request by the players. In case of forfeiture of a match the Head Tournament Director may recommend more severe action by the Championship Committee.

Request for Appeal Procedure

A request for appeal of the TD's ruling must be lodged with the TD within 30 minutes of the posting of the official score for the match. The request must be submitted with a deposit of NTD 1,500, to the TD for delivery to the Appeal Committee. The deposit will be forfeited if the Appeal Committee found the appeal to be frivolous, otherwise it will be refunded.

Screens and Bidding Boxes

Bidding boxes will be used throughout Open Tournament events. Screens will be used in the quarter-final, semi-final and final team matches.

Smoking

By government regulation, smoking is prohibited in the playing area.

Electronic Devices

During the matches, all the electronic devices including mobile phone should be turned off. Violations will be penalized.