

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

- 1 - The tournament is run of 3 sessions of 24 to 28 boards.
- 2 - Systems according to the EBL Systems Policy (no brown or yellow stickers).
- 3 - Time of play is 7 minutes per board. The Tournament Directors will deal with late play using all necessary means to avoid damage to other contestants and to keep the rhythm of the tournament. Regulatory smoking policies may be applied.
- 4 - Ranking will be established by matchpoints, with scoring across the field. Two results will only be considered a tie if the matchpoints are exactly the same for both.
- 5 - Each time that an opponent is seriously inconvenienced by an incomplete convention card, the offending side will be awarded a penalty of 10% of the top, regardless of any further adjustments on the board.
- 6 - The Chief Tournament Director is allowed to apply law 12C3, in accordance with the orientations of the WBF on the matter. Appeals will be judged if at all possible at the end of each session. A deposit of 35 Euros will always be required from the appealing part. The deposit will be forfeited if the appeals committee judges the appeal to be frivolous or unjustified.
- 7 - Players are not allowed to choose prizes. Should a contestant be entitled to more than one prize, the following rules will apply in succession:
 - The prizes for the highest ranked pairs.
 - For all other non-cumulative prizes, the one with the highest commercial value (as judged by the Organization) will be attributed.
 - Should the commercial value be equal, the one that appears *first* in the official list.
- 8 - The time limit for correction of results is until next session begins (30 min after the posting of frequencies, for the last session).
- 9 - The Regulations inserted in the official program and the Portuguese Tournament Norms will apply as a complement to the International Code of Bridge and the present Conditions of Contest. In case of conflict, priorities are: 1) International Code ('97 edition), Code of Practice and WBF adendas; 2) Conditions of Contest; 3) Regulations; 4) General Portuguese Tournament Norms.
- 10 - The Chief TD will decide on doubtful cases, after consulting with the Organization.

Chief Tournament Director