

PAPHOS CLUB GOLD POINT PAIRS COMPETITION

NOVEMBER 2ND 2024

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Organisers The event is being organised by the Cyprus Bridge Federation, who have the sole and full responsibility for all matters pertaining to it.

Venue The Paphos Gardens Hotel.

Schedule of Events
9.30 am - Registration
10.00 am - Morning session
2.00 pm - Afternoon session
5.00 pm - Awards

Movements

The movement will consist of:

- One Mitchell movement in the morning session.
- Two Howells in the afternoon session, one between N/S pairs of the morning session and the second between E/W pairs of the morning session. The afternoon results will be combined to give one result for the afternoon.
- Finally the afternoon and morning results will be combined to generate overall placings.

The number of boards per round will be decided by the director and will depend on the number of participating pairs. The number will be announced prior to the start of the competition.

Masterpoint awards

The Cyprus Bridge Federation is awarding both Gold and Silver masterpoints to the event. The awards are as follows:

- For the winners four Gold MPs per player. In addition, silver MPs in accordance with the CBF's appropriate table, subject to the number of participants
- For the second pair two Gold MPs per player. In addition, silver MPs in accordance with the CBF's appropriate table, subject to the number of participants

- For the third pair one Gold MP per player. In addition, silver MPs in accordance with the CBF's appropriate table, subject to the number of participants

In addition to the above, there will be awards of:

- Silver MPs per pair for each session, in accordance with the appropriate club scale multiplied by two

All the above awards are subject to the CBF's Masterpoint scheme rules.

Entry Fees

€10 per player

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the competition players will need to be paid up 2024 CBF members.

SUPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

General

If an issue is raised that is not clearly or adequately covered in this document, then the provisions of the White Book of the English Bridge Union (EBU), used with the kind permission of the EBU, will apply.

Disclosure of systems

The European Bridge League's Systems Regulations and Systems Policy apply to this event. Consequently, **HUM** (Highly Unusual Methods) Systems are not permitted but **Brown Sticker Conventions** are permitted.

Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in the auction and in their carding. All players are expected to have with them a suitably completed convention card, to be made available for inspection by their opponents.

All players are reminded of the need to provide **full disclosure** concerning their methods to their opponents. Failure to abide by this rule may result in the offending pair being fined and their opponents receiving an adjusted score.

Players are encouraged to call the tournament director if they consider that their opponents are playing an unauthorised system. Players discovered playing unauthorised systems will be subject to penalty and required to stop playing such systems with immediate effect. Repeated offences may result in their expulsion from the event.

The tournament director and the tournament appeals committee are empowered to impose penalties for any breach in disclosure. A decision on such a matter by the tournament appeals committee is final. A decision on such a matter by the tournament director may in certain clearly defined instances, be subject to appeal to the tournament appeals committee, using the normal procedures for the filing of appeals.

Dealing

The boards will be pre-dealt and duplicated.

Appeals and score corrections

All contestants are encouraged to check their results carefully and to report immediately to the director any error that they feel has occurred.

The score correction period for player errors expires at the completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred or 30 minutes after the completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is the earlier.

For director errors, the correction period expires 24 hours after the completion of the event. The CBF committee, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a director error at a later time.

For qualifying events, the score correction period for both player and director errors expires one hour before the start of the final or 24 hours after completion of the qualifying session(s), whichever is earlier. The carryover score (if there is any) for qualifiers may be corrected at any point before the start of the final.

The appeal period of or for a director's ruling expires 30 minutes after the completion of the session or at the starting time of the next session, whichever is earlier.

When lodging an appeal, the appellant must deposit the sum of €10 with the tournament director. This deposit will be refunded unless the committee determines that the appeal was substantially without merit, in which case the deposit will be forfeited.

The CBF has a standing Appeals Committee. The appeals committee will examine each issue that is referred to them.

A pair should notify the director about filing an appeal within the above time limits. In the first instance, such notification need not be in writing, but it should be committed to the appeals committee on the official appeals form as soon as is practicable with the help of the tournament director who made the ruling and the form when completed should be given to the tournament director who will hand it to the head of the appeals committee.

The tournament director states the facts (board identification and as relevant the auction and/or play), what happened at the table, the ruling and who made the appeal. Involved pairs may add their remarks to the statement of the tournament director and may state whether they wish to make an oral statement to the appeals committee.

On receipt of the duly completed appeals form the tournament director will determine the time of hearing and as soon as possible inform members of the appeals committee and pairs involved in appeal about time and place of hearing.

The decisions of the appeals committee will be written on the appeals form and handed to the tournament director for him to notify the pairs concerned.

Ties

Ties are allowed in this event for all positions. In case of a tie, each tied pair is awarded the masterpoints appropriate for that position.

Line-Ups
In each round, the pairs will draw for their initial seating positions. Thereafter, their seating position will depend on the movement in operation.

Changing a player in a pair
Once the competition has started, it will not be possible to change a player in a pair. However, subject to the tournament director's approval, it may be possible to change a player in a pair that has submitted an application of participation before the competition has started.

Length of Matches
The time allowed to complete any session will be 7 and a half minutes per board.

Verification of Scores
A electronic BridgemateS will be used for the official recording of scores throughout the event.

The recording is the responsibility of the pair sitting North-South at each table. The North-South pair at each table will be responsible for the keying of the scores into the Bridgemates and East-West has the obligation to check the input and to accept the result. Repeated violation of correct entering procedures may be subject to penalties.

An agreed-upon score that is proven to be erroneous to the complete satisfaction of the tournament director may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the scores are published at the end of the match or round or session.

Thereafter, the results will be final, except in the case of awaiting decision of the tournament appeals committee on a filed appeal. Obvious errors by the organisation will be corrected within a reasonable time frame.

Penalties and Fines
Monetary fines shall be paid in Euros. Monies collected shall be turned over to the tournament director for transmission to the organisers.
Match Point penalties, where applicable, shall be deducted from the score of the offending pair at the conclusion of each session. These match point penalties may affect a pair's final ranking.

Late Arrival
Any pair not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time of a session will be assessed a penalty that will be decided by the tournament director
If the delay, in the tournament director's opinion is excessive, he may decide to remove the pair from the competition, awarding appropriate scores to the other pairs.

Slow play
The tournament director will normally issue warnings when pairs are in danger of penalties for slow play. If, despite these warnings, pairs finish late, they will receive a warning in the first instance. Thereafter, the director will penalise each pair who is responsible for slow play.
An absence of warning does not diminish the responsibility of the players or their liability to be fined.

If a pair should claim that the responsibility for the slow play is with their opponents, they will do so by calling the tournament director who will take any corrective measures that are necessary in his opinion, including, at his discretion, the designation of a monitor at the table for as long as he considers desirable.
Penalties imposed by the tournament director in accordance with this section are final.

Fouled Boards
Each individual player is responsible for seeing that his own cards are returned to the appropriate pocket on the board. The pair (which includes either player) responsible for fouling a board will be assessed a penalty that will be decided by the tournament director.

At all times, before looking at his cards, each player should count them. If a board arrives at a table with the wrong number of cards in a pocket, the tournament director must be called before play commences. He will adjust the cards.

Bidding Boxes
The use of bidding boxes is mandatory throughout. Calls are made by the player placing his selected call in front of him. A player's first call should be to the left with subsequent calls overlapping neatly and evenly to the right. When the auction has been completed the players shall replace the bidding cards in the respective pockets of the bidding boxes.

Alerting
The EBL 'Alerting Policy' applies. Any call which: (i) has a special or artificial meaning, or (ii) which has a partnership meaning that may not be understood by the opponents, is a call that must be brought to the immediate attention of the opponents through the use of the 'alert procedure'.

Use of the Stop Card
Use of the stop card is highly recommended.

Looking at partner
Players are requested not to look at their partners during the play of a hand. The object is to avoid any suggestion of unethical communication.

Discussions
As a matter of propriety and in order to save time, players are enjoined during the play, to avoid discussions with partner or argument with opponents. In case of a dispute a player's proper recourse is to call the tournament director.

Any discussion at the table should be in a language understood by all four players.

Non-smoking
Smoking in the building is prohibited. Any player smoking in the building could cause his pair to be fined 10% of match points available, plus a fine of €10. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area is prohibited. No alcoholic beverages can be placed on the table or under it. But players may leave the playing area in order to consume alcohol.

Violating this regulation could cause the offender's pair to be fined 10% of match points available, plus a fine of €10. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones shall be turned off (not just put on silent mode) in the playing area.

Any player caught with a mobile phone turned on, ringing or not, could be fined €10. Players who at all costs must be available on mobile phone shall submit their phone to the tournament director for standby.

Spectators

Spectators are not permitted to consume any alcoholic drinks in the playing area, nor may they bring turned on mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic equipment. Spectators contravening any of these regulations will be required to leave the playing area immediately and will not be permitted to return for the remainder of the event without specific permission from the tournament director. The tournament director may, at his discretion, prohibit a spectator from bringing other equipment into the playing area.