

BERMUDA 2021 CACBF TRIALS - CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. GENERAL ORGANISATION OF COMPETITION

The Trials are organised by the Board of Governors of ACBL Unit 198 ("the Board") on behalf of the Bermuda Bridge Federation and will be held to provide a competitive basis on which the Board will select the National Team or Teams to represent Bermuda at the CACBF Zone 5 Championship to be held **on line** between 25 and 31 October (inclusive). A copy of the Schedule for the CACBF Championship is attached to these Conditions.

Scheduling of the Trials. The trials will be played on Saturday 4 September 2021 at 10.00 a.m. (two sessions, short lunch break) as a 2-session Pairs event scored using IMPs.

Entries must be made by **WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2021** by signing the Sign-Up sheet on the ACBL Notice Board at the Bermuda Bridge Club. Entrant pairs are asked to indicate the categories (Open, Ladies, Senior, Mixed) for which they wish to be considered.

Entry fee is \$60 per pair payable at commencement of the Trials.

Should there be fewer than four entered pairs, the Trials will not be held and it will be at the discretion of the Board whether or not one or two teams selected from the entered pairs will receive the BBF sanction to participate in the Championship.

The teams will be selected to represent Bermuda by reference to their success in the Trials. Teams of two or three pairs may be selected at the discretion of the Board. The Team formed from the leading pairs in the Trials will be expected to represent Bermuda in the Open Competition. If eligible, however, the members of that Team may seek the permission of the Board to represent Bermuda in the Mixed, Ladies or Senior Competition instead, in which case the next most successful eligible pairs will be selected as the Open Team. Thereafter, at the discretion of the Board, teams may be appointed to the remaining categories if the Board is satisfied that there has been an effective level of competition for those places in the trials.

In the event that trials take place, it is envisaged that only players who have participated in the Trials will be considered for any of the teams that may ultimately be sanctioned. In the event of a team losing a member through unforeseen circumstances after the team has been appointed, however, the Board may require the team to withdraw, but may instead choose to appoint a suitably experienced player who has previously represented Bermuda to fill the vacancy.

In the event of a tie, the results between the tying pairs will be used to break the tie.

All entrants must be prepared to play in the Online Championship if selected. If any selected pair subsequently becomes unable to fulfil this commitment, their place will go to the next highest placed eligible and available pair in the Trials.

Players must be prepared to play with any other member of the team, at the direction of the Captain, and to play in any team for which they are selected and for which they have

indicated they wish to be considered.

All entrants will be required to sign a copy of these Conditions of contest confirming they have read and will abide by the Conditions and are eligible (see below) to compete in the Championship.

In the event of any dispute or issue arising from these Conditions, the decision of the Board will be final.

Transnational teams. Any players of the rank of Life Master or above (or equivalent) and whether or not they enter the trials, may form teams to enter the CACBF Transnational teams competition being held from 28-31 October, provided they are not appointed to a Bermuda Mixed Team . The entry fee for this competition is \$400 per team which must be met by the participating players.

2. ELIGIBILITY

A. RESIDENCY QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible to enter the Trials, each player must comply with the WBF residency rules applicable to the CACBF Championship.

Accordingly, each player must

- i. not have represented any other Country (i.e. National Bridge Organisation) in the two years immediately preceding the Championship;
- AND
- ii. be a bona-fide resident of Bermuda.

To be considered a bona-fide resident of Bermuda for this purpose, the following list of criteria must be satisfied, in whole or in substantial part.

The player should:

- i. reside in Bermuda for at least one-half of the year prior to the Championship, or not have lived in any other country for a longer period than in Bermuda during the previous two years
- ii. be a registered member in good standing of ACBL Unit 198
- iii. be a registered voter of no country other than Bermuda
- iv. maintain a valid driver's license or identity card or similar document issued by Bermuda
- v. either own real estate or rent a residence in Bermuda.

If any prospective entrant is in doubt as to their eligibility under these criteria, they should apply to the Board for confirmation of their eligibility prior to entering the Trials. The Board may require evidence in support of eligibility.

B. BRIDGE QUALIFICATIONS

Entrants must have attained their ACBL Life Master designation and one of the pair should hold a minimum of 500 MP. A player who holds an International equivalent designation and level of experience may also apply to the Board for permission to enter the Trials.

C. SENIOR TEAM AGE QUALIFICATION

To participate in the Senior Competition at the Championship, all players in the team must be 62 or over, or attain the age of 62 during the calendar year 2021.

Final decisions as to eligibility of entrants rest with the Board.

3. PREPARATION FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Due to the unusual circumstances caused by the Covid pandemic, there will not be the usual interval between trials and the Championship for the Teams to practice together over several months.

The Board nevertheless expects to see pairs selected to represent Bermuda working on their partnerships in a committed fashion so far as possible. In particular, since the Championships will be held on the RealBridge platform, teams will be expected to take advantage of familiarisation opportunities on that platform which may be arranged by the CACBF or the Bermuda Bridge Club.

Each team appointed will be invited to propose one of their number as (playing) Captain to assist the Team members with their preparation for and participation in the Championship. The Captain will be expected to arrange and oversee Team practice and should after the Championships submit a short report to the Board bringing to the attention of the Board any matters which may assist the Board in future.

It is also likely that the CACBF will require each player in the Championships to have a video link while playing – Captains should ensure that all the team members have the necessary technology before the Championships start.

4. PLAY DURING THE TRIALS

A. CONVENTION CARDS

All pairs must provide their opponents with two copies of their convention card prior to the start of the round. Details on how convention cards should be posted and shared are awaited from the CACBF.

B. SYSTEMS

No Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) as defined by the World Bridge Federation will be allowed in the Trials. All other systems and conventions will be allowed subject to being recorded on convention cards as appropriate.

C. MASTERPOINT AWARDS

No Masterpoints will be awarded.

D. RULINGS AND DISPUTES

Procedural and legal matters arising during the Trials will be under the control of the Director in Charge of the Trials (Jack Rhind). Any appeal against a ruling shall first be made to the Director in Charge and subsequently may be appealed to the Board, who shall appoint a Committee to hear the matter and whose decision shall be final.

5. FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP

No personal financial sponsorship will be provided.

The entry fees for all teams sanctioned by the Board will be paid by ACBL Unit 198.

By order of the Board of Governors of ACBL Unit 198 and the Bermuda Bridge Federation.

Wendy Gray
President
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CACBF Championships October 2021 – Schedule published by the CACBF

Monday 25th

10:00 ADT Round Robin 1 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

13:00 ADT Round Robin 2 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

16:00 ADT Round Robin 3 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

Tuesday 26th

10:00 ADT Round Robin 4 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

13:00 ADT Round Robin 5 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

16:00 ADT Round Robin 6 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

Wednesday 27th

10:00 ADT Round Robin 7 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

13:00 ADT Round Robin 8 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

16:00 ADT Round Robin 9 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams

Thursday 28th

10:00 ADT Semi-Final 1 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams, Match 1 for Trans National Teams

13:00 ADT Semi-Final 2 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams, Match 2 for Trans National Teams

16:00 ADT Final 1 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams, Match 3 for Trans National Teams

Friday 29th

10:00 ADT Final 2 for Open, Ladies and Senior Teams, Match 4 for Trans National Teams

13:00 ADT Round Robin 1 for Mixed Teams, Match 5 for Trans National Teams

16:00 ADT Round Robin 2 for Mixed Teams, Match 6 for Trans National Teams

Saturday 30th

10:00 ADT Round Robin 3 for Mixed Teams, Match 7 for Trans National Teams

13:00 ADT Round Robin 4 for Mixed Teams, Match 8 for Trans National Teams

16:00 ADT Round Robin 5 for Mixed Teams, Semi-Final 1 for Trans National Teams

Sunday 31st

10:00 ADT Round Robin 6 for Mixed Teams, Semi-Final 2 for Trans National Teams

13:00 ADT Final 1 of Mixed Teams, Final 1 for Trans National Teams

16:00 ADT Final 2 of Mixed Teams, Final 2 for Trans National Teams

NB “ADT” is local time in Bermuda on these dates.