

Contract Bridge Association of Ireland

LADY MILNE TRIALS

Supplementary Information

Date: September 17th to September 18th 2021.

Venue: T.C.C.B.C. Templeogue, Dublin 6W.

Entries for the Lady Milne Trials 2021 have been received from teams as listed below. Based on the entry received, the International Committee (I.C.) have decided to run the event over just one weekend. The Tournament Director, Fearghal O'Boyle, has carried out the draw and the Schedule is

Double Round Robin (6x16 board matches)
2 hours and 10 minutes per match

Second named team submits lineup first

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sessions of Play</i>	<i>Teams</i>
<i>Friday 17 Sept.</i>		<i>Match 1</i>	<i>4 vs 1</i>
	<i>18.00 – 20.10</i>		<i>3 vs 2</i>
		<i>Match 2</i>	<i>2 vs 4</i>
	<i>20.25 – 22.35</i>		<i>3 vs 1</i>
<i>Saturday 18 Sept.</i>		<i>Match 3</i>	<i>4 vs 3</i>
	<i>10.00 – 12.10</i>		<i>2 vs 1</i>
		<i>Match 4</i>	<i>4 vs 2</i>
	<i>12.25 – 14.35</i>		<i>1 vs 3</i>
<i>----- Lunch -----</i>			
		<i>Match 5</i>	<i>3 vs 4</i>
	<i>15.20 – 17.30</i>		<i>1 vs 2</i>
		<i>Match 6</i>	<i>1 vs 4</i>
	<i>17.45 – 19.55</i>		<i>2 vs 3</i>

Unless otherwise notified to the Tournament Director (T.D.) the first named person listed in each team is designated as captain. If requested by the I.C., all teams playing in the trials are obliged to play in matches covered on BBO.

Teams

1	Gilda Pender & Siobhan Part, Jeannie Fitzgerald & Joan Kenny
2	LizAnn O'Reilly & Marian Croke, Maria Whelan & Eileen O'Donovan
3	Ann O'Connell & Valerie Burke-Moran, Dolores Gilliland & Lucy Phelan, Carol Ann Cummins & Sandra Newell
4	Brid Kemple & Kathleen Vaughan, Aoife MacHale & Antoinette McGee

Each team will play two 16 board matches against each other team as per schedule below.

Every player on a team-of-six must play in at least three (3) of the matches.

Qualification

The winning team at the end of the Complete Round Robin will be nominated to represent the CBAI in the Lady Milne Trophy in 2022.

If the winning team consists of four players, an additional pair will be added by the I.C. following discussion with the captain of the winning team. The additional pair will be chosen by the I.C. from amongst the pairs that played in the Lady Milne trials, after consultation with the winning team. The reserve pair will be chosen in the same way.

Captain

NPC to be appointed by the I.C., following consultation with the winning team.

Teams of Four

Please note that if a Team of Four wishes to add another pair to their team at this stage (ie before 17th September), they can do so with the approval of the I.C. assuming players have sufficient National Point holdings etc)

General

The I. C. will decide on all matters affecting these trials and reserves the right to modify the Conditions of Contest at any time after its publication but before the beginning of these trials. After the start of these trials, only on the initiative of the Chief Tournament Director may changes be proposed to the I.C., who will then decide whether or not to implement such amendments.

Entering or being accredited to attend these trials means that everybody concerned with such entry or accreditation (Organisations, Teams and Individuals) knows and agrees to abide by the Conditions of Contest of these trials.

International Committee:

Ranald Milne (Convenor), Elva Gannon, Lucy Phelan, Micheal O'Briain, Derek O'Gorman.

8th September 2021

Supplementary Conditions of Contest

Special conditions

In an effort to minimise the risks associated with Covid 19, the I.C. has decided to use Perspex screens for these trials. The screens will be on large tables and made opaque at the top so that partner's face cannot be seen. This is an untried solution and we ask participants to make allowances if difficulties present themselves. The T.D. has been authorised to make any adjustments to the rules of play that seem sensible once play begins.

- Trays for Bidding Cards cannot be used but players will be able to see bids when they are made
- All four players will be able to see Alerts when they are made by the bidder's partner
- No spoken explanations of bids can be made – all must be written by the bidder's partner and shown through the Perspex to whomever is entitled to ask (according to standard rules of alerting). Every effort must be made to ensure that the bidder is unable to see the explanation
- As each player is in their own section of the table they need not wear a mask but must do so when moving around
- One set of new cards will be played at each table in each match – so no interchanging of boards
- Only North should touch the boards, holding the board steady while the others extract their cards
- Each player will use the same bidding box throughout
- The Bridgmate will be used only by North and should be sanitised with wipes provided at the start of every match
- Hand Sanitiser can be brought and used by individual players; some will be available onsite.

Kibitzers will not be permitted. Tea / Coffee / Water will be provided.

2. Late Arrival and Slow Play

Any Pair not seated and ready to play at the start of a session will cause their team to be fined 1 VP and a further VP for every five (5) minutes thereafter. At the end of the allocated time the Director **must** impose, for any table still in play, a fine of 1VP for any delay up to five (5) minutes, and an additional fine of 1VP for each further delay of five (5) minutes or part thereof. For delays of more than twenty (20) minutes the I.C. may impose a more severe penalty. The penalties are per table and will be shared equally by both teams if they are considered to bear equal responsibility for overrunning. Appeals against penalties for slow play may be based only on a question as to the Tournament Director's findings of fact.

3. Seating Rights and Line Ups

The second named team submits their line-up first

4. Electronic Equipment

Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing room and be visible at the table at all times. Any player leaving the playing table prior to completion of the session must leave their mobile phone and electronic devices at the table. Any player or captain breaching these regulations will cause their team to be fined 2 VPs for each offence. This penalty is automatic. A second violation will also result in the player being prohibited from playing and/or captain not being admitted into the playing area for the next match. Players expecting an urgent call may leave their mobile phone with the T.D. who will notify that player of any call. Any spectator whose mobile phone or electronic equipment is activated in the playing area will be asked to leave the playing area until the end of that session.

5. Fouled Board

A board is considered "fouled" if the Tournament Director determines that one or more cards were misplaced in the board in such a manner that contestants who should have direct comparison did not play the board in identical form. If in a team event, a pre-duplicated board is wrongly dealt and Law 13 applies in such a way that the board cannot be played, the board is considered to be a fouled board. A board is not considered fouled, if the boards played in the same match are identical even though that board may differ from the like numbered board played in simultaneous matches.

In general, a fouled board should be replayed through the substitution of a new board. In addition, penalties will apply in certain circumstances (see below*). Replays through the substitution of one new board shall not be permitted after the result of a session may be known to the contestants, as to which circumstances the Tournament Director's decision shall be binding. If a board is fouled and the non-offending teams are unable to play that board or a substitute board then they will receive 3 IMPs on the board. (subject to a maximum of 2 x 3 IMPs in any 12 board stanza)

*If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault, that side shall be subject to a procedural penalty.

6. Scoring

The difference in the total point score on each board is converted to International Match Points ("IMPs") per W.B.F. scale. Scoring will be Imps converted to VPs as per W.B.F. 'continuous' VP scale for twenty-four (24) board matches. This will be posted by the T.D. at the venue.

Bridgemates will be used to enter the results of the boards played. It is North/South's responsibility to enter those results and East/West should check this input. The Bridgemate score will be the score used as the official record. At the end of each session the T.D. will produce Match records for each team which will be deemed the Match Score.

An error may be corrected if notified to the T.D. For all matches in the trials, the correction period is fifteen (15) minutes from when the Tournament Director's printout is available.

If two teams are tied the result is determined by:-

1. The result of the direct match. If still tied by VPs then by the numbers of IMPs in the match. If the IMPs are the same then
2. The IMP quotient (total IMPs won divided by total IMPs lost) in all matches played by the tied teams. If a tie still remains
3. The higher margin of IMPs earned against the next highest-ranking team that both have played and so on. Which failing, then by the toss of a coin.

If more than two teams are tied then they are ranked according to the number of VPs obtained against each other. If more than two are still remain tied then from (2) above will apply

7. Substitutes

Subject to the permission of the I.C., a team of four players may be allowed to play an eligible substitute for up to two sessions (stanzas) in emergency circumstances. The I.C. may, in exceptional emergency circumstances, give permission to substitute for one extra session. A request for a substitute for what the I.C. considers a convenience reason will not be approved. A substitute may not play in more than one partnership. A substitution, which in the opinion of the I.C. significantly affects the strength/weakness of a pair, is unlikely to be approved. If a suitable substitute cannot be found for a session, that team will automatically concede a walk-over to the opposing team. Substitutes will not be allowed on teams of six players. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the T.D. is empowered to make emergency substitutions. Substitutes may not be a member of another participating team in the trials.

8. Appeals :- Review Procedure

Appeals will be heard by a "Reviewer" appointed by the I.C. The time limit for seeking a review is 30 minutes after the ruling has been given and the cost is €50.

The Reviewer will check that the T.D. has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorised information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable other players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the T.D. was within the bounds of reasonableness.

The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the T.D. to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

If in the opinion of the Reviewer there is insufficient basis for requesting the review one or both of the following sanctions may be applied:

- (i) Forfeiture of the monetary deposit.
- (ii) 2 Victory Points deducted from the score of the appealing side.

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