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Information Letter n.1

Dear President and Friend,

42nd WORLD BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Bowl
10th WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Organised by the World Bridge Federation
In cooperation with the Bridge Federation of India

I am very pleased to confirm that the 42nd World Bridge Team Championships and the 10th World Transnational Open Teams Championship will be held at

ITC GRAND CHOLA
No. 63, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai- 600032
Chennai, India
26th September – 10th October 2015

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Trophy

Format of the Championships

All three Championships will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. At the end of the round-robin the eight highest ranked teams will be admitted to the knock-out stages. Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final KO matches will be played.

Timetable

42nd World Bridge Teams Championship
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- Teams Registration Saturday 26th September (starting 10.00 hrs.)
- Captains meeting Saturday 26th September at 17.00
- Opening Ceremony Saturday 26th September at 20.00
- Round Robin 1st Match Sunday 27th September at 11.00
- Round Robin Last Match Saturday 3rd October at 17.10
- Captains Meeting (Qualified Teams) Saturday 3rd October at 19.45
- Quarter-final Sunday 4th – Monday 5th October
- Semi-final Tuesday 6th – Wednesday 7th October
- Final & Playoff Bermuda Bowl Thurs. 8th – Fri.9th (end P.O.) – Sat.10th October
- Final & Playoff Venice Cup & d’Orsi Thursday 8th – Friday 9th October
- Prize-giving & Closing Ceremony Saturday 10th October at 19.45 hrs.

Right to enter

Zonal Qualified teams for all three championships (in addition to the Host Teams):

- Zone 1 – 6 teams
- Zone 2 – 3 teams
- Zone 3 – 2 teams
- Zone 4 – 2 teams
- Zone 5 – 1 teams
- Zone 6 - 3 teams
- Zone 7 – 2 teams
- Zone 8 – 2 teams

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second to Zone 6. Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

To be eligible for participation in the 2015 World Teams Championships each player, non-playing captain, coach, trainer and other team official must comply with the Competitors Commitment & the WBF Laws and Rules & Regulations. In addition the players and non-playing captains must comply with the conditions of eligibility set forth in the WBF Eligibility Code.

Eligibility for participation in Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup

The NBOs participating in the World Bridge Games in Lille 2012 in the Open Teams and/or in the Women Teams, with their National Teams, are eligible to qualify to participate respectively in the Bermuda Bowl and/or Venice Cup 2015

NBOs which did not participate in the Open Teams in the World Bridge Games in Lille 2012 may have restored their eligibility to participate the Bermuda Bowl in Chennai 2015 by having participated with at least one (1) team in the Roseblum Cup or at least one (1) pair in the World Open Pairs held in Sanya in 2014.

NBOs which did not participate in the Women Teams in the World Bridge Games in Lille 2012 may have restored their eligibility to participate the Venice Cup in Chennai 2015 by having participated with at least one (1) team in the McConnel Cup or at least one (1) pair in the World Women Pairs held in Sanya in 2014.



10th World Transnational Open Teams Championship

The 10th World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting at 10.00 in the morning on Sunday 4th October. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards).

The Quarter Final will be played on Wednesday 7th October, the Semi Final on Thursday 8th October and the Final on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October. If 120 teams or more enter the Championship, the KO stage (phase) will commence with a round of 16 on Tuesday 6th October.

The World Transnational Open Teams Championship is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having a unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vu-graph presentation. Players wishing to compete in this Championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of August 2015. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament.

Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & d'Orsi Seniors Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge provided they enter as a complete team. Players eliminated from the Quarter-final can drop in the WTOTC free of charge provided they enter as a complete team.

General Information

Registration of Teams for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Senior's Bowl

All entries to the Championships **must be submitted electronically via the WBF website (not by email) by 30th June 2015**. It is very important that this deadline is respected..

The link to the registration pages will be found at www.worldbridge.org after 1st April 2015.

Registration of Players' Names



Registration of players and NBO Delegation members **must be sent by 15th July 2015 via the WBF website (not by email). The link to these registration pages** will be found at www.worldbridge.org after 1st April 2015.

Registration of Teams for the Transnational Open Teams Championship

Registration of teams should be made before 1st September 2015 wherever possible. Entries will be accepted later provided there is sufficient space at the venue. Entries from teams eliminated from the main Championship events may be made on site. All entries are subject to approval by the Credentials Committee.

Entry Fees & Payment

Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Bowl	US\$ 4.500 before on 1st July
World Transnational Open Teams	US\$1.500 on or before 1st September

The entry fees **must be paid by bank transfer to**

Crédit Suisse SA
, Rue du Lion d'Or 5-7 , P.O. Box 5722, 1002 Lausanne, Switzerland
US Dollar Account
IBAN: CH31 0483 5154 6496 9200 1
Account n° : 0425-1546496-92-1
SWIFT : CRESCHZZ80A
Clearing : 4835 (to be indicated)

If the bank requires the name and address of the recipient this is:

World Bridge Federation
Maison du Sport International
54 av. de Rhodanie
1007 Lausanne
Switzerland

Players eliminated from the Round-Robin and Quarter-final of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Trophy may form new Transnational teams and will receive free entry provided no players who have not participated in these events are added.



In the event that a team is made up from players who have not participated in the three main events, with players from these events added to the team, the charges will be as follows:

A team with four new players & one or two eliminated players:	US\$ 1.500
A team with three new players & up to three eliminated players :	US\$ 1.200
A team with 2 new players & up to four eliminated players :	US\$ 800
A team with 1 new player & up to five eliminated players :	US\$ 400

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including the Eligibility Code, Anti-doping Regulations, Disciplinary Code, and the Dress Code are published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF website at www.worldbridge.org.

Systems Registration

Systems for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & D’Orsi Senior Bowl **have to be registered with the World Bridge Federation Systems Administrator by 15th July 2015** to:

anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com

The conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration. No HUM, or Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted at any stage of the Round Robin in either the Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup nor will they be permitted at any stage of the Senior Bowl or the World Transnational Open Teams.

Pairs wishing to register Brown Sticker conventions or HUM systems for use in the KO phase must register these, together with the relevant BS forms, by 15th July 2013

No extension to this deadline will be accepted. Players using BS or HUM systems will lose their seating rights.

The Venue & Main Hotel

Every competition will be played at the ITC Grand Chola which is also the Main Hotel of the Championship.

This is a delightful and luxurious hotel offering excellent facilities. As a fascinating throwback to a vibrant period in Indian history, ITC Grand Chola stands for timeless beauty and luxury. Built in the midst of the business hub of Guindy and located on Mount Road, ITC Grand Chola in Chennai is in close proximity to many key areas of Chennai and is just 8 km away from the domestic and international airport. This luxury hotel which exceeds the grandeur of existing luxury hotels in Chennai is also an ideal destination for both business and leisure sojourns. The well-connected roads and transportation system enable easy accessibility to commercial points and key areas in the city.



Hotel Reservations

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) agreed special preferential rates for the ITC Grand Chola:

**Website Link: www.itchotels.in/wbtc2015
Promo code: ITCBF1**

I strongly recommend making your room reservations as soon as possible in order to ensure that you obtain the required accommodation.

The LOC is also arranging special preferential rates in other hotels and details of these will be published on the WBF website in due course.

Further Information

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Being sure of your support and cooperation, I am confident we will enjoy once again all together another great bridge event.

Yours sincerely,

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