

# ***Contract Bridge Association of Ireland***

## ***Lady Milne Trophy Trials 2006/2007***

### ***Preliminary Information***

1. **The Lady Milne Trophy competition will involve matches against England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to be played over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2007 in Wales.**

#### **2. TRIALS**

(a) Entries are invited from pairs who are interested in representing the CBAI in this event.

(b) Pairs trials with Butler Method of scoring will be held on **9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in Templeogue Bridge Centre, Dublin 6W.**

A round robin format will be used where each pair will play every other pair at least once. Starting times and lengths of matches will be determined by entry.

(c) The pairs finishing in the first three places in the Trials will be invited to represent the CBAI in the Lady Milne Trophy competition. The pair finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place will be nominated as the reserve pair, should one of the pairs in the first three places be unable to play.

#### **3. QUALIFICATION**

Each player must hold a minimum of **25 National Points or have won 15 National Points during the last 3 years.** Derogations from these conditions may be given by the International Sub-Committee and players seeking such derogation should submit application to the Committee for consideration detailing the principal reasons why they consider such derogation should be allowed.

#### **4. ENTRIES**

Entries accompanied by the entrance fee €120 **per pair** must be submitted to CBAI National Headquarters on or before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

#### **5. SUBSTITUTES**

Substitutes will be allowed in exceptional circumstances subject to the approval of the International Sub-Committee. A substitution, which in the opinion of the Sub-Committee significantly affects the strength/weakness of a pair, is unlikely to be approved and save for serious illness or similar unforeseen circumstances, no substitute will be permitted to play more than 25% of the Boards. If a suitable substitute cannot be found for a match or a session the Tournament Director will award a score of 18/0 out of 30, or such higher percentage as the non-offending pair achieves in the competition.

#### **6. SYSTEMS**

All players participating in the Trials **must** have 2 copies of their systems available to present to their opponents before a session of play commences. Failure to fulfil this obligation or presentation of a system that in the opinion of the International Sub-Committee is insufficiently detailed will render pairs liable to automatic penalty of 1 V.P. per match. **H.U.M. systems are not permitted. Details of any Brown Sticker conventions to be used should be submitted in the appropriate format when entering for the trials.** Blank forms for the submission of these conventions are available from CBAI National Headquarters. Failure to submit same with the entry will result in the System or Convention being prohibited.

#### **7. GENERAL**

The International Sub-Committee is empowered to make the necessary draws, fix the length of matches, alter any of the arrangements or conditions including times, dates and venues and to decide on all matters affecting these trials.

#### **International Sub Committee**

Michael O'Connor – Convenor, Clare Pippet, Seamus Dowling