



THE IRISH BRIDGE UNION
INTERNATIONAL TRIALS 2018
EUROPEAN SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
Ostende, Belgium
9th June – 16th June 2018

1. Dates - 16th – 18th March 2018
2. Venue - Templeogue Bridge Centre, Templeogue
3. Entries have been accepted from four teams as below. The teams will play a triple round robin of 16 board direct matches in accordance with the time table set out below. The TD has redrawn for team numbers and they are shown below. We would remind all players that you must play at least fifty per cent of the boards played by your team to be eligible for a place on the Senior Team.
4. A tie between two teams will be broken by the result of the total VP's obtained by each team in the direct matches between those teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches will be taken into consideration to break the tie. Where more than two teams have the same number of VPs the tie will be decided by the result of the matches between those teams. If one of the teams has defeated all the other teams involved in all matches played against the tied teams, it will be ranked ahead of the others regardless of the number of VPs obtained. The other tied teams will be ranked according to the VPs obtained in the matches between them. If a further tie should still exist, then the IMP quotient of all matches will be taken into consideration to break the tie.
5. The winning team will be invited to represent Ireland. If a team of four qualify, the third pair will be selected by the International Committee, after consulting the winning team, from the entrants for the trials.
6. **Substitutes** will only be allowed at the discretion of the International Committee and in extreme emergencies and only for teams with four members. All substitutes must be qualified under the age requirements. The substitution will not be approved if in the opinion of the committee the team would be strengthened by the substitution. If a team is unable to provide a suitable substitute in any match the Tournament Director will award a score of 12/0 VP, or the non-offending team's own average VP or the average VPs conceded by the offending team whichever is greater, in favour of the non offending team. The Tournament Director is empowered to make emergency substitutions. No substitute may play on more than one team or play more than 16 boards in the trials.
7. Each pair participating in the trials must have two copies of their system available to present to their opponents before a session of play begins. **The WBF Convention Card must be used.** The card can be downloaded from the Ecats website <http://www.ecatsbridge.com/documents/wbfinfo/systemsinfo/conventioncards.asp> and hard copies are available from the CBAI Office. Failure to fulfill this obligation or presentation of a card that in the opinion of the Tournament Director is insufficiently detailed will render teams liable to automatic penalty of 1 VP per match for each match that the card is not available.

8. We have been not been notified of any pairs wishing to play a Brown Sticker System by the 2nd March, so none will be permitted in the trials.
9. No seating rights apply. Each team will give its line up to the TD not less than 10 minutes before the start of each round.
10. Slow play / late arrival will be penalised in accordance with regulations to be posted in the playing rooms. Screens will be used and the EBL regulations regarding their use will apply.
11. An appeals committee panel will be selected by the Tournament Director if required. Appeal Fee €50 will be returned if the appeal has merit. Should a further right of appeal be needed, that will be heard by the IBU International Committee, less any members who are playing or who have played, even as short term substitutes.
12. **Mobile phones** and other electronic devices must be **SWITCHED OFF** in the playing area and toilets. A 2 VP penalty will be levied for a first offence and similarly for a second offence. Any further offence will be treated very severely by the TD. Should any player need to have their phone on for any reason, please give it to the TD and explain the situation.
13. The International Committee is empowered to alter the time, dates and venue, and to decide on all matters affecting these trials that for one reason or another are not already covered in these notices. Each player who has entered is undertaking to represent Ireland if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.

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Timetable for Trials

			<i>Table 1</i>	<i>Table 2</i>	<i>Table 3</i>	<i>Table 4</i>
Friday						
16 March	14.00 - 16.10	Round 1	1 v 2	2 v 1	3 v 4	4 v 3
	16.30 - 18.40	Round 2	1 v 3	3 v 1	2 v 4	4 v 2
Saturday	10.00 - 12.10	Round 3	1 v 4	4 v 1	2 v 3	3 v 2
17 March	12.30 - 14.40	Round 4	1 v 2	2 v 1	3 v 4	4 v 3
	15.10 - 17.20	Round 5	1 v 3	3 v 1	2 v 4	4 v 2
	17.40 - 19.50	Round 6	1 v 4	4 v 1	2 v 3	3 v 2
Sunday	10.00 - 12.10	Round 7	1 v 2	2 v 1	3 v 4	4 v 3
18 March	12.30 - 14.40	Round 8	1 v 3	3 v 1	2 v 4	4 v 2
	15.10 - 17.20	Round 9	1 v 4	4 v 1	2 v 3	3 v 2
		Trials End				

Teams

1. Donal Garvey, Pat Quinn, Enda Glynn & Gay Keaveney
2. Adam Mesbur, Nick FitzGibbon, Micheal O'Briain, Padraig O'Briain, Ranald Milne & B J O'Brien
3. Martin Carroll, John G Kennedy, Mark Burke & Gordon Lessells
4. Ian Hamilton, Howard Kent-Webster, Hastings Campbell, Sam Hall, Greer MacKenzie & Ian Lindsay