

Welsh Bridge Union

Players Responsibilities

1. All players indicating an interest in playing for Wales must be members of the Welsh Bridge Union in good standing, and qualify to represent Wales under the current International regulations of the World Bridge Federation, the European Bridge League, and Bridge Great Britain. The rules regarding eligibility differ slightly between organisations and players should view the relevant website:
BGB - www.bridgegreatbritain.org
EBL – www.eurobridge.org
WBF- www.worldbridge.org
2. Players may be required to provide written evidence of their qualification criteria to the Selection Committee, for example a photocopy of a birth certificate, or evidence of residency.
3. All Players selected to represent Wales are reminded that they become ambassadors for Wales and Welsh Bridge and should conduct themselves accordingly.
4. Players should know the rules, display good sportsmanship and irreproachable ethics, and maintain correct standards of dress and deportment at all levels of competition.
5. They must obey the Competition Rules and Regulations in full. These are usually found at the appropriate websites above. For WBU competitions, the Rules may be found at the WBU website www.wbu.org.uk, or notified to the players.
6. Players participating in a Trial are automatically assumed to be available for the event that they are aiming to be selected. If players have other aims or cannot participate in certain events, they should make this known as soon as possible to the Selection Committee.
7. Players participating in a Trial are expected to complete all parts of the Trial process, except where they have been specifically exempted by the Selection Committee.
8. All pairs intending to play a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) or Brown Sticker Convention must contact the Selection Committee to ensure that the appropriate notification including (when required) a viable defence is provided.
9. Players should participate in any public presentation of matches arranged by the WBU, including internet, video, TV, radio or any other media.
10. Players may be photographed at any time during the Trials and agree to the use of photographs or any other recordings to publicise the Trials, Welsh Bridge, and bridge in general, and for any other reasonable purpose of the WBU.
11. Smoking in the playing area is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area during a match to smoke. In the Trials there is an automatic penalty of 1VP for the first breach of this regulation, and an escalating scale of penalties for further transgression.
12. In many International events consumption of alcoholic beverages in the playing area is prohibited and no player may leave the playing area during a match to consume alcohol, with VP or other penalties being applied for transgression. In Trials this

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restriction may be relaxed, particularly towards the end of the day, with the Tournament Director's permission.

13. Use of mobile phones, pagers or similar electronic equipment is severely restricted. For the Trials, these must be switched off during play, and any breach of this regulation will earn an automatic 2VP penalty. In other competitions, restrictions may be more severe, and penalties may include monetary fines that must be paid by the offending player(s).
14. Training of Pairs: The Selection Committee may suggest methods of improvement to pairs, for example: allocation of mentors, training matches with post-match commentary, training materials, training days and courses, and participation in certain UK or European events. The Selection Committee has a Training Budget available for this purpose, but some costs may have to be met by the players.
15. If a Non Player Captain (NPC) or Player Captain (PC) is part of the team, then Players must respect his/her authority to make decisions for the team and give the NPC/PC their full support.
16. Selected players are expected to practice assiduously with their partners before the event. During the event they should give their full attention and effort at all times, and if they feel unable to do this (for example due to illness) they should inform the Captain immediately.
17. If the Selectors have not already done so, a Player Captain should designate a Vice-Captain to deal with matters where the PC is personally involved.
18. Captains should produce a written report to the Selection Committee after the event has been concluded. This should contain details of venue, competition, results, problems, issues and recommendations. Such reports are confidential between the Selection Committee and the Captain, but may be viewed by the WBU Management Committee.
19. Where players are representing Wales as pairs or individuals, a short written report should still be sent by the player(s) to the Selection Committee after the event. Such reports are confidential between the Selection Committee and the players, but may be viewed by the WBU Management Committee.
20. Players in breach of the above regulations may be sanctioned and/or disbarred from participating in Trials or representative events by the Selection Committee with the possibility of an appeal to a panel that would be appointed by the Management Committee.

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