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**UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION  
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST FOR  
THE 2024 SENIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*Adopted by the Board of Directors of the  
United States Bridge Federation*

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# 2024 Senior USBC Conditions of Contest

## I. AUTHORITY AND OVERVIEW

These Conditions of Contest may not be changed after commencement of play except for emergency changes. The General Conditions of Contest for USBF events apply to this event but are subject to these Conditions of Contest.

The 2024 Senior United States Bridge Championship (USBC) is held under the authority of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF). The USBF has agreed, unless special conditions arise, to nominate the winning team for the 2024 World Bridge Games. This World Championship is scheduled to take place October 21-Nov. 3, 2024, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Under current USBF procedures, if the USBF Board of Directors believes there is any reason not to nominate all of the players on the winning team for the World Bridge Games, the Board will submit the name(s) of any players about whom the Board has questions to the Credentials Committee for its review. The Credentials Committee review shall be limited to the players' ethics, conduct, deportment and hygiene and shall not take into consideration their bridge ability. Normally, the USBF Board will only follow this procedure based on behavior at or after the USBC or information received after the USBC.

A team with a player who is later not invited or approved by the WBF and/or the USBF for any reason (such as residency, conduct, ethics, hygiene, etc.) may be disqualified should it win the 2024 Senior USBC.

## II. GENERAL INFORMATION

### A. Registration

Teams enter the event by registering online on the USBF.org website. This link will only work if you are logged in to the USBF site.

#### 1. Guaranteed Entry Date

To assure entry in the 2024 Senior USBC, teams must enter on or before 11:59 pm EDT on Monday, April 8, 2024.

#### 2. Late Entry Date

Teams may continue to enter until 11:59 EDT on Monday, May 17, 2024, but only if it does not change the schedule for the event. Thus, if there are 8 teams entered on April 8, no additional entries will be accepted. If there are between 9 and 15, or fewer than 8, teams entered on April 8, additional entries will be accepted until there are 16 (or 8) teams entered.

Entries after April 8, 2024 will be accepted on a provisional basis, subject to review to determine whether they change the schedule. If all late entries cannot be accepted, later entries will be rejected before earlier ones. Roster Changes

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### **1. Before Play Starts**

Registered teams may add or subtract players as they wish, (advising the USBF by [sending an email to the USBF Secretary](#)), until April 15, 2024 if there is an online stage, or until May 17, 2024 if there is not an online stage.

### **2. Between Online and Face-to-Face**

After completion of the online stage, teams that are qualified for the Knockout stages of play may make roster changes only subject to the rules set forth in the General Conditions of Contest.

### **3. During the KO Stages**

No roster changes are allowed after the KO has commenced. Substitutes may be allowed subject to the provisions of the General Conditions of Contest.

## **B. Date, Schedule, and Length of Matches**

### **1. Online Stages of Play**

If more than 16 teams have entered, there will be an online stage to reduce the field to 16 teams. See Section III.A for the format of the online stage.

### **2. Face-to-Face Stages of Play**

If 9 or more teams have entered the event, there will be 4 face-to-face 2-day stages of play: Round of 16, Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final. See Section III.B for format of the Round of 16 with 9-15 teams.

## **C. Prepaid Entry and Fees**

The advance entry fee for the 2024 Senior USBC is \$500 per team, which covers any online stages as well as the start up costs for the face-to-face stages. The advance entry fee is due by April 8, 2024 and is fully refundable if a team withdraws before April 8, 2024 or if a team withdraws after April 8, 2024 and is replaced, or if a team withdraws after April 8, 2024 and that improves the format.

There will be a \$450 per team per day entry fee for the face-to-face Round of 16 and Quarterfinal stages of the event.

There will be a \$600 per team per day entry fee for the face-to-face Semifinal and Final stages of the event.

## **D. Site and Hotel Reservations**

The site of the 2024 Senior USBC is the Hyatt Regency located in Schaumburg, IL. The room rate is \$141 plus tax per night and includes internet access. There is no charge for early departure. Reservation website is linked from the [usbf.org](http://usbf.org) website

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### E. Captain's Meeting(s)

The Director In Charge (DIC) or DIC's designee may convene a captain's meeting before the online stage, the Round of 16 stage, and any other stage. Topics may include: use of electronic devices, conditions clarifications, seed selection, seating, system summary form, convention cards, tampering, reporting of scores, score corrections and slow play procedures. All Captain's Meetings will be held on Zoom.

## III. FORMAT

### A. Format of Online Stages

The stages of the 2024 Senior USBC before the Round of 16 will be played online, and will reduce the field to 16.

The online stage will be as follows, based on the number of teams to be eliminated:

If 1 team is to be eliminated, the bottom 2 teams based on seeding points will play a 64-board KO match between April 9 and April 15, 2024. If the teams cannot agree on a date, the match will be played on April 10th.

If 2 teams are to be eliminated, the bottom 4 teams will play a double elimination KO with 60 board matches between April 9 and April 15, 2024. If the teams cannot agree on dates, the matches will be played on April 10, 11, and 12.

If more than 2 teams are to be eliminated, the bottom 10 teams will play a Round Robin to eliminate enough teams to leave 16.

### B. Format of Face to Face Stages

If 14 or more teams have entered the event, there will be face-to-face 2-day, 120-board Round of 16, Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final matches. With 14 or 15 teams entered, the top 1 or 2 teams will have a bye to the Quarterfinal.

If 9-13 teams have entered the event, the first 2 days will be a complete Round Robin to qualify the top 8 teams for the Quarterfinal.

The format of the Round Robin will be:

9 or 10 teams, 9 matches of 11 boards each. With 9 teams, each team will have one sit out match;

11 or 12 teams, 11 matches of 9 boards each. With 11 teams, each team will have one sit out match;

13 teams, 12 matches of 8 boards each, scheduled as 13 matches, each team will have one sit out match;

In all cases, the 2024 Senior USBC will end on May 26, 2024.

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### **C. Setting the Bracket for Knockout Rounds**

The bracket is set before the start of the first knockout round. The bracket is determined based on the procedures set forth in the USBC General Conditions of Contest.

## **IV. INTERPRETATION**

### **A. Interpretation of Conditions**

On matters involving the interpretation of these conditions or treatments of matters not included in these conditions:

1. Prior to April 8, 2024, the Conditions of Contest Committee and ITTC Technical & Advisory Committee (TAC) shall make determinations.
2. After April 8, 2024 but before May 17, 2024, the DIC shall make determinations after consulting with the TAC. Appeals from the DIC's decision may be made to the Tournament Appeals Committee.
3. Beginning May 17, 2024, the DIC shall make such determinations. Appeals from the DIC's decision may be made to the Tournament Appeals Committee.