

THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST FOR 2011 UNITED STATES U21 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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I. AUTHORITY AND OVERVIEW

These Conditions of Contest may not be changed after commencement of play except for emergencies.

The 2011 United States U21 Junior Bridge Championship (U21USJBC) is held under the authority of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF). The USBF will nominate the winning team to represent the USA in the competition for the 2012 Damiani Cup (under 21 World Junior Bridge Championship). If the USBF Board of Directors believes there is any reason not to nominate all of the players on the winning team to represent the USA for the 2012 Damiani Cup, the Board will submit the name(s) of any players about whom the Board has questions to the USBF Credentials Committee for 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. 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.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Teams may comprise 4 to 6 members, who must be born in 1992 or later. Teams may designate a nonplaying captain (npc). Teams and each player on the team must have registered by Sept. 30, 2011, on the USBF website www.usbf.org. Players are not required to pay USBF active member dues.

The trials will be held in two parts: an online trials to reduce the field to two teams, and final where the two finalists will compete in person. The online portion of the U21USJBC will be held on BBO Nov 6, 2011. The two teams that advance from this online portion of the trials will play the finals at a time and place to be determined. The winner of the finals will represent the USA in the competition for the 2012 Damiani Cup during the summer of 2012 (exact dates and place to be determined).

Augmentation

If a team with fewer than 6 players qualifies to compete for the Damiani Cup, that team shall first select a nonplaying captain who must be approved by the USBF Board of Directors. After such selection and approval, the team, with its npc's agreement, shall select additional player(s) so that the team has 6 players who were born in 1992 or later. The additional players must be approved by the USBF Board of Directors.

Training Program

Team members are expected to be dedicated to becoming better bridge players. Players are expected to practice regularly with their partners and to take advantage of opportunities for practicing and learning. A player's failure to participate in training scheduled by the npc or the USBF may result in that player's removal from the team.

Play at World Championship

Every member of any US junior team who complies with the requirements will be afforded the opportunity and be expected to play the number of boards required for medal eligibility.

III. EVENT FORMAT

Four teams have entered the trials. Teams will be seeded by the average number of ACBL masterpoints of the team members, with platinum points counting triple. The semi-finals, to be played on BBO, Nov. 6, 2011, consist of 64-board matches, with the team seeded first playing the team seeded fourth, and the team seeded second playing the team seeded third. The first set of 32 boards on BBO on Nov. 6 will begin at 1:15 PM EST; the second set of 32 boards will begin about 5:30 PM EST. The winners of these semi-final matches play an in person 64-board match for the U21 US Junior Bridge Championship at a time and place to be determined.

If any match ends in a tie, the tied teams will play successive 8-board segments until the tie is broken.

IV. INTERPRETATION OF CONDITIONS.

Interpretation of Conditions

These Conditions of Contest are to be interpreted in their entirety, which includes the USBF General Conditions of Contest. No section or appendix of these conditions shall be interpreted in such a manner as to render any other section or appendix to be meaningless.

The DIC, in conjunction with the USBF tournament chair, shall make any necessary interpretations of these conditions or resolution of matters not included in these conditions.

Omissions.

The omission of a condition, restriction, rule, or regulation in one section or paragraph of the conditions which condition, restriction, rule, or regulation is expressly stated in another section of the conditions is deemed intentional.

Decision makers shall be guided by similar WBF and ACBL policies, procedures or regulations, as well as the Laws of Duplicate Bridge when ruling on matters or issues not expressly addressed in these conditions.