
**THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR
2016 SENIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE
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 emergency changes.

The 2016 Senior United States Bridge Championship (SUSBC) is held under the authority of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF). The USBF has agreed to nominate the winning team as the USA Senior representatives to compete in the 2016 World Bridge Games. This World Championship is scheduled to take place from September 3-17, 2016, in Wroclaw, Poland. 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 to represent the USA, the Board will submit the name(s) of any players about whom the Board has questions to the 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. Normally, the USBF Board will only follow this procedure based on behavior at or after the Senior USBC or information received after the Senior 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.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Eligibility

Teams may consist of 4, 5, or 6 members, and may have a designated non-playing captain. All playing members of a team must have been born on or before December 31, 1956.

B. Fees.

Fees are an event entry fee of \$360 per team and session fees of \$150 per team per session (\$300 per day). Payment of \$810 is due by the guaranteed entry date; that payment consists of the event fee plus advance payment of session fees for the first 3

sessions of play (which will almost always be the first stage of play). The event fee is refundable only if a team withdraws before the guaranteed entry date, if a team that has entered the Senior USBC qualifies for the 2016 Open or Women's team for the World Bridge Games, or if a team's membership is reduced to fewer than 4 because players qualified for the 2016 Open or Women's team for the World Bridge Games. The advance payment of session fees is refundable if a team withdraws at any time prior to the start of play.

C. Dates

The 2016 Senior USBC will begin Friday, June 17, 2016 and end Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

D. Site and Hotel

The site of the 2016 Senior USBC is the Grand Hyatt located in Denver, CO. The room rate is \$169 per night and includes internet access.

E. Captain's Meetings and Schedule of Play

Play will commence at 10:00 AM on each day. There will be a Captain's Meeting at 9:45 AM on June 17th. Further Captain's meetings will be held at the discretion of the DIC.

F. Conditions of Contest

The event is governed by this document and by the [USBF General Conditions of Contest](#).

III. SIZE OF FIELD AND EVENT FORMAT

There are 14 teams in the 2016 Senior USBC. The event is straight single elimination KO, starting with the Round of 16. The top two teams have a bye to the Quarterfinal. Each stage of the event is a 90 board match played over 1 and ½ days.

IV. FORMAT

V. INTERPRETATION OF CONDITIONS.

A. Interpretation of Conditions

On matters involving the interpretation of these conditions or treatments of matters not included in these conditions, the DIC shall make any necessary interpretations after consultation with the SITTC Conditions of Contest Committee.

B. Headings for Convenience.

Headings are for convenience only and are not to be considered for purposes of interpreting the conditions.

C. Conditions Interpreted in Entirety.

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.

D. 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, regulations and the Laws of Duplicate Bridge when ruling on any issues not expressly addressed in these conditions.