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**THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST FOR
2020 MIXED 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 2020 Mixed United States Bridge Championship (MUSBC) is held under the authority of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF). The USBF has agreed to nominate the winning team as the USA representative to compete in the 2020 World Mixed Team Championship. This World Championship is scheduled to take place from xxx in xxx.

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 teams 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 MUSBC or information received after the MUSBC.

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, with no more than 3 players of each gender, and may have a designated non-playing captain. Each pair must consist of one woman and one man. No player who has qualified for the 2020 World Open Teams is eligible.

B. Dates

The 2020 MUSBC will begin Saturday, May 15, 2020 and end on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 if exactly 4 teams enter, on Thursday,

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May 21st of 5-8 teams enter and on Saturday, May 23rd if more than 8 teams enter.

C. Registration.

Teams must register by midnight EDT on Saturday, April 25, 2020 to guarantee entry in the MUSBC. You must be logged in to the USBF site to register a team. Additional entries will be accepted until midnight EDT on Monday, May 11th, 2020 if it doesn't change the starting date of any stage of the event or cause there to be a bad number of teams in the Round Robin.

Teams may add or subtract players as they wish (advising the USBF by sending [email to the USBF Secretary](#)) until May 14, 2020.

Any team that is reduced to fewer than four players because of qualification for the Open Teams may withdraw from the MUSBC and receive a refund of both the event fee and the advance payment of session fees.

D. Fees.

Fees are an event entry fee of \$360 per team and session fees of \$600 per team for the 2-day Round Robin and \$200 per team per session (\$400 per day) for KO stages. Payment of \$960 is due by the guaranteed entry date; that payment consists of the event fee plus advance payment of the Round Robin session. The event fee is refundable only if a team withdraws before the guaranteed entry date, or if a team that has entered the MUSBC qualifies for the 2020 Bermuda Bowl, or if a team's membership is reduced to fewer than 4 because players qualified for the 2020 Open Teams. The advance payment of session fees is refundable if a team withdraws at any time prior to the start of play.

E. Site and Hotel

The site of the 2020 MUSBC is the Hyatt Regency located in Schaumburg, IL. The room rate is \$136 per night and includes internet access.

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F. Captain's Meetings and Schedule of Play

Play will commence at 10:00 AM on each day with the further schedule to be determined by the DIC. There will be a Captain's Meeting at 9:45 AM on May 16th. Further Captain's meetings will be held at the discretion of the DIC.

G. Conditions of Contest

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

H. Seeding

There will be no seeding. See section IV. A below for setting the KO bracket.

III. SIZE OF FIELD AND EVENT FORMAT

If there are exactly 4 teams entered, the event will consist of 120 board Semifinal and Final knockout matches.

If there are 5-8 teams entered, the event will start with a 2 day Round Robin, which will reduce the field to 4 teams. Teams that finish lower than 4th will be eliminated. The event will continue with 120 board Semifinal and Final knockout matches.

If there are 9 or more teams entered, the event will start with a 2 day Round Robin, which will reduce the field to 8 teams. Teams that finish lower than 8th will be eliminated. The event will continue with 120 board Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final knockout matches.

A. Setting the Bracket

If the event starts with 4 teams, bracket positions will be assigned by random draw.

If the event starts with 5-8 teams, the winner of the Round Robin will be assigned bracket position 1 and will select its Semifinal opponent from the teams that finished 3rd and 4th in the Round Robin. The team that finished 2nd in the Round Robin may make itself eligible to be selected by the Round Robin winner. The 2 remaining teams will be assigned bracket positions 2 & 3.

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If the event starts with more than 8 teams, the winner of the Round Robin will be assigned bracket position 1 and will select its Quarterfinal opponent from the teams that finished 5th through 8th in the Round Robin. Teams that finished above 5th in the Round Robin may make themselves eligible to be selected.

The team that finished 2nd in the Round Robin will be assigned bracket position number 2 and will select its Quarterfinal opponent from the remaining teams that finished 5th – 8th. The other remaining teams may make themselves eligible to be selected.

The two teams that finished highest in the Round Robin will be randomly assigned bracket positions 3 & 4 and the other 2 teams will be randomly assigned bracket positions 5 & 6.

B. Carryover

There will be no carryover from Round Robin matches to Knockout matches, except to break ties before the Final.

IV. INTERPRETATION OF CONDITIONS.

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 25th, the MITTC Conditions of Contest Committee shall make determinations.
2. From April 25th through the end of the event, the DIC shall make any necessary interpretations after consultation with the MITTC 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

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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.