



# 17<sup>TH</sup> HCL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP



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**PRIZE MONEY: ₹1.8CR (\$250,000)**

AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | JW Marriott Hotel, Aerocity, New Delhi

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## About the HCL International Bridge Championship

Bridge is a strategy game that teaches one to be of a tougher mindset, to use one's intellect to maximum capacity, communicate powerfully, and to pursue victory diligently. It is these qualities that make Bridge a perfect fit for HCL.

HCL has been strongly supporting the game in India since 2003 through the HCL International Bridge Championship held every year in New Delhi, India. The Championship is the premier Bridge tournament in the country and the biggest in terms of prize money and participation levels. The 2018 Championship had a prize purse of ₹18 million and witnessed participation from over 850 players from 162 teams. International teams having players from USA, Poland, Italy, Bulgaria, Russia, Netherlands, Israel, Sweden, Iceland, South Africa, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, Denmark, Romania, Japan, Thailand, Jordan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh have participated in the last two editions of the Championship.

The 17<sup>th</sup> HCL International Bridge Championship will be held from August 5-10, 2019 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Aerocity, New Delhi. The total prize money is ₹18 Million (USD 250,000), one of the highest across any Bridge tournament worldwide.

The championship will have three main events:

- Team of Four Gold - Winners will be awarded the 'Naresh Tandan Trophy'
- Team of Four Silver - Winners will be awarded the 'Mohini Tandan Trophy'
- Open Pairs - Winners will be awarded the 'Neena Bonarji Trophy'

This year onwards, we are also adding another event – “Team of Four Bronze” to encourage newcomers to the game.



# The Program

Monday, August 5, 2019 

Time in hours	Activity
	<p><b>Note: There will be 3 parallel team events in Gold, Silver &amp; Bronze categories. See the criteria for Silver &amp; Bronze category participation in the “Notes for Participants”.</b></p> <p><b>TEAM OF FOUR SILVER &amp; BRONZE EVENTS - SWISS LEAGUE</b> (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)</p> <p>0930 - 1000 Director's announcements &amp; draw for Team of Four Silver &amp; Bronze events.</p> <p>1000 - 1130 Round 1</p> <p>1145 - 1315 Round 2</p> <p>1315 - 1415 Lunch break</p> <p>1415 - 1545 Round 3</p> <p>1600 - 1730 Round 4</p> <p>1730 - 1800 Tea break</p> <p>1800 - 1930 Round 5</p> <p><b>TEAM OF FOUR GOLD EVENT - SWISS LEAGUE</b> (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)</p> <p>1000 - 1030 Director's announcements &amp; draw for Team of Four Gold Event</p> <p>1030 - 1200 Round 1</p> <p>1215 - 1345 Round 2</p> <p>1345 - 1445 Lunch break</p> <p>1445 - 1615 Round 3</p> <p>1630 - 1800 Round 4</p> <p>1800 - 1830 Tea break</p> <p>1830 - 2000 Round 5</p>

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 

Time in hours	Activity
	<p><b>TEAM OF FOUR SILVER &amp; BRONZE EVENTS - SWISS LEAGUE Continues</b> (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)</p> <p>1000 - 1130 Round 6</p> <p>1145 - 1315 Round 7</p> <p>1315 - 1415 Lunch break</p> <p>1415 - 1545 Round 8</p> <p>1600 - 1730 Round 9</p> <p>1730 - 1800 Tea break</p> <p>1800 - 1930 Round 10</p> <p><b>TEAM OF FOUR GOLD EVENT - SWISS LEAGUE Continues</b> (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)</p> <p>1030 - 1200 Round 6</p> <p>1215 - 1345 Round 7</p> <p>1345 - 1445 Lunch break</p> <p>1445 - 1615 Round 8</p> <p>1630 - 1800 Round 9</p> <p>1800 - 1830 Tea break</p> <p>1830 - 2000 Round 10</p> <p>2000 - 2030 <b>Captain's Meet for the Top 16 qualifying teams of the GOLD &amp; SILVER event for the Pre-QF knock out and for the Top 8 qualifying teams of the Bronze event for the QF knock out.</b></p>

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 

Time in hours	Activity
	<b>TEAM OF FOUR GOLD &amp; SILVER - KO Pre-Quarter Finals (4*14 Boards)</b>
1000 - 1200	Session 1
1215 - 1415	Session 2
1415 - 1515	Lunch break
1515 - 1715	Session 3
1715 - 1745	Tea break
1745 - 1945	Session 4
	<b>TEAM OF FOUR BRONZE - KO Quarter Finals (3*10 boards)</b>
1000 - 1120	Session 1
1130 - 1250	Session 2
1300 - 1420	Session 3
	<b>TEAM OF FOUR BRONZE - KO Semi Finals (3*10 boards )</b>
1515 - 1635	Session 1
1650 - 1810	Session 2
1825 - 1945	Session 3
	<b>OPEN MP PAIRS - ELIMINATION 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)</b>
1030 - 1300	Session 1
1300 - 1400	Lunch break
1400 - 1630	Session 2
1630 - 1700	Tea break
1700 - 1930	Session 3
2000 onwards	<b>Cocktails and Dinner (hosted by HCL)</b>

Thursday, August 8, 2019 

Time in hours	Activity
	<b>TEAM OF FOUR GOLD AND SILVER - KO Quarter Finals (4*14 boards)</b>
1000 - 1200	Session 1
1215 - 1415	Session 2
1415 - 1515	Lunch break
1515 - 1715	Session 3
1715 - 1745	Tea break
1745 - 1945	Session 4
	<b>TEAM OF FOUR BRONZE - Final (4*12 boards)</b>
1015 - 1155	Session 1
1210 - 1350	Session 2
1350 - 1450	Lunch break
1450 - 1630	Session 3
1630 - 1700	Tea break
1700 - 1840	Session 4
	<b>OPEN MP PAIRS - ELIMINATION 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)</b>
1030 - 1300	Session 1
1300 - 1400	Lunch break
1400 - 1630	Session 2
1630 - 1700	Tea break
1700 - 1930	Session 3
	<b>MP PAIRS STRATA II (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)</b>
1100 - 1415	Session 1
1415 - 1515	Lunch break
1515 - 1830	Session 2

**Friday, August 9, 2019** 

Time in hours	Activity
	<b>TEAM OF FOUR GOLD AND SILVER – KO Semi Finals (4*14 boards)</b>
1000 - 1200	Session 1
1215 - 1415	Session 2
1415 - 1515	Lunch break
1515 - 1715	Session 3
1715 - 1745	Tea break
1745 - 1945	Session 4
	<b>OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 3 and IMP PAIRS - ELIMINATION</b> (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 - 1300	Session 1
1300 - 1400	Lunch break
1400 - 1630	Session 2
1630 - 1700	Tea break
1700 - 1930	Session 3

**Saturday, August 10, 2019** 

Time in hours	Activity
	<b>TEAM OF FOUR GOLD AND SILVER – Finals (4*14 boards) and Play-off</b>
0900 - 1100	Session 1
1115 - 1315	Session 2
1315 - 1400	Lunch break
1400 - 1600	Session 3
1610 - 1810	Session 4
	<b>OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL (GOLD AND SILVER) – Barometer Scoring</b>
0930 - 1300	Session 1
1300 - 1400	Lunch break
1400 - 1745	Session 2
	<b>IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)</b>
1000 - 1330	Session 1
1330 - 1430	Lunch break
1430 - 1745	Session 2
	<b>IMP PAIRS STRATA – II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)</b>
1030 - 1330	Session 1
1330 - 1430	Lunch break
1430 - 1730	Session 2
1830 onwards	<b>Prize Distribution and Closing Ceremony</b>

## Prize Money

Break-up of the total prize money as per different categories



Rank	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Rank	Open Pairs Gold	Open Pairs Silver	IMP Pairs	MP Pairs Strata-II	IMP Pairs Strata-II
1st	3,000,000	1,200,000	150,000	1st	1,000,000	150,000	150,000	60,000	60,000
2nd	1,500,000	720,000	90,000	2nd	750,000	90,000	90,000	40,000	40,000
3rd	750,000	360,000	45,000	3rd	600,000	75,000	75,000	30,000	30,000
4th	600,000	240,000	45,000	4th	400,000	50,000	50,000	20,000	20,000
5th to 8th	360,000	150,000	20,000	5th	300,000	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000
9th to 16th	150,000	60,000		6th	240,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	10,000
17th to 20th	50,000	20,000		7th	180,000	15,000	15,000	7,500	7,500
				8th	130,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
				9th	90,000				
				10th	60,000				
				11th	45,000				
				12th	30,000				
				13th to 16th	15,000				
				Pairs	12,000				
				Elim-1 & 2 (1st & 2nd)	8000				
				Best Mixed & Ladies pair	12,000				
					8000				
Total	8,690,000	3,680,000	410,000		3,965,000	440,000	440,000	187,500	187,500
Grand Total									18,000,000

All figures are in Indian rupees.

Note 1 For international players, the final prize money will be converted as per the prevailing foreign exchange rates of the day. TDS will be deducted as per the prevailing Indian Income Tax rules.

Note 2 There are two prizes each in the Best Mixed and Ladies Pairs categories of the Open MP Pairs event. For this, pairs must reach the Open MP Pairs final or 3rd elimination of the MP Pairs event.

*\*at current foreign exchange rate of 1US\$ - ₹71.14*

## Entry Fees

- Team of Four Gold – ₹ 10,000 for 4 member team and ₹ 1,500 for additional member
  - Team of Four Silver – ₹ 7,000 for 4 member team and ₹. 1,000 for additional member
  - Team of Four Bronze – ₹ 5,000 for 4 member team and ₹ 1,000 for additional member
- Note: In the Team of Four Gold and Silver events, the 16 teams qualified to play the KO stage will pay an additional ₹ 3,000 per team, whereas for the Bronze event, the 8 teams qualified to play the KO stage will pay an additional ₹ 2000 per team.
- Open MP Pairs – ₹ 4,000 per pair
  - Open MP Pairs Strata II – No entry fee for this event if the pair has played in Open Pairs as partners. For new entries, entry will be ₹ 1000 per pair.
  - IMP Pairs – ₹ 2,000 per pair
  - IMP Pairs Strata II – ₹ 1000 per pair
- Note: There will be a 50% concession on entry fee to a team / pair consisting of all under-30 players.

**Important notes for the participants:**

- In the Silver event, a team can have only one “National Master” level player. A player above the rank of “National Master” will not be allowed to participate in the Silver event.
- All foreign teams will participate in the Gold event only, unless the tournament committee allows them to participate in other categories.
- For participation in the Bronze event, a team can have maximum 2 players with a maximum of 200 Total MPs (Federation & Local inclusive) to their credit and the remaining players should not have more than 100 Total MPs.
- Tournament Committee has the rights to reject a player’s entry to the Bronze event, in case it is found that the player is experienced enough in the Bridge circle but wants to participate in the category just because he / she is fulfilling the 0-200 MPs criteria.
- The Bronze event will be played only if there are a minimum of 24 teams participating in the event. In case the number is less than 24, the participating teams of the Bronze category will be merged with the Silver event and no separate prizes for the Bronze event will be given.
- The MPs to be considered for participation in the Silver and Bronze events will be as on 31st July, 2019.
- This year onwards, the Top 26 pairs from Elimination-3 round of MP Pairs will qualify for MP Pairs Gold final, whereas pairs ranked 27-52 will play in the MP Pairs Silver final. The rest of the Elimination-3 qualifiers will be seeded to the IMP Pairs final.
- No entries for team events will be accepted after the stipulated closing time of 2000 hrs. on Friday, August 02, 2019.

**All teams are advised to register their entries in advance on website. The following persons can be contacted for any clarification:**

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- Closing time for MP Pairs entries is 1430 hrs. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019
- Closing time for MP Pairs Strata II entries is 2030 hrs. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019
- Closing time for IMP Pairs entries is 2030 hrs. on Thursday, August 8, 2019.
- Closing time for IMP Pairs Strata II entries is 2030 hrs. on Friday, August 9, 2019.
- Sponsor will have a quota of 2 pairs, directly seeded to the MP Pairs Gold Final.
- Participating players are required to take their seats as per the program; failure to do so will result in penalty.
- Displaying of properly filled convention cards at the table is compulsory. Copies of blank convention cards will be made available at the venue.
- Players will be provided lunch at the venue. Tea/coffee and snacks during scheduled tea breaks, will also be provided.
- Players are requested not to bring tea/coffee/cold drinks/lunch inside the playing arena.
- For assistance in hotel accommodation, please contact:  
For Pride: Sandeep Rajput (9871252622), Email: reservations.aerocity@pridehotel.com, CC: dos.delhirso@pridehotel.com  
For Pullman/ Novotel: Aman Chawla (9643100649), Email: aman.chawla@accor.com
- The applicable Conditions of Contest (COC) will be circulated before the start of the tournament.  
The tournament will follow the WBF - 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- The Organising Committee has the right to change the tournament schedule and format, if deemed necessary.
- All prize money will be credited to the winner bank accounts within 15-20 days of the final day of the tournament.
- Registration will be opened online and the entry fees will be collected through an online payment gateway till 2000 hrs. on Friday, August 02, 2019.

**Organising Committee****ORGANISING MEMBERS**

Chairperson - Mrs. Kiran Nadar

Co-Chairman – S. Sundareshan

(President, BFI)

Organising Secretary - Subhash Gupta

Head of Operations – T.C. Pant

Marketing, Administration – Rakesh

Kalra, S.S. Mishra and Rajat Chandolia

**TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT**

In-charge – T.C. Pant and Sudhir Aggarwal

Bulletin – Dr. Subir Roy and team

Website – Sudhir Aggarwal

Bridgemates & Scoring - Sudhir Aggarwal, Srinivasan Iyengar,

Prithvi Singh and Kaustubh Deodhar

Dealing - Chetan Raval, SRC Sekar and team

Vu-Graph & Live Streaming – Bharat (Buddy) Shah and team

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS**

Chief Tournament Director (CTD) – M.B.V. Subrahmanyam

Joint CTD – Pranab (Ranju) Bhattacharya and Team of TDs

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