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1 Scope

These Rules and Regulations are established by the Expanded Committee of Bridge Great Britain (BGB) and shall apply to all matches in the Home International Series.

All issues and difficulties raised prior to an event will be resolved by BGB. During an event the Chairman of Appeals will determine how any problems are to be resolved.

All events sponsored by BGB are played under the most recent version of the International Code "Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge", with such modifications as have been approved by the WBF Laws Commission. Rules and Regulations whose special provisions supplement the Laws will be interpreted, where necessary, as provided in the EBL Commentary on the Laws.

2 Programme

BGB shall arrange the programme of matches which shall take place on set dates during a single competition year. A competition year runs from 1st July to 30th June of the following calendar year.

Any disputes will be resolved by the Expanded Committee of BGB.

In extreme circumstances, and on the joint application of all the countries concerned, BGB may permit a match to be rescheduled. This must be within four weeks of the due date. If the match cannot be rescheduled in good time BGB will award a match score as it sees fit.

3 Entry

The Home International Series comprises the Camrose Trophy (Open Teams), The Lady Milne Trophy (Women's Teams), the Junior Camrose Trophy (Under 25s) and the Peggy Bayer Trophy (Under 20s).

Participating NBOs are the English Bridge Union, the Northern Ireland Bridge Union, the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland, the Scottish Bridge Union and the Welsh Bridge Union.

To participate in the Home International series each NBO is required to pay an entry fee to Bridge Great Britain at the start of the competition year.

Each NBO may enter one team in each event.

Each country entered must play against each other such country. Entry and subsequent refusal to play shall result in disqualification.

If a team withdraws from any of the Home International Series it will not be replaced. Matches will be rescheduled appropriately.

Each team may have up to six playing members, plus a non-playing captain.

4 Eligibility

Each nominated player must be a member of the NBO for which he is selected to play, and must satisfy one of the following criteria to qualify to represent that NBO

- a) he was born in the country governed by that NBO
- b) he has a natural parent who was born in that country (parents by legal adoption replace natural parents, but parents by marriage do not)
- c) he has been a bona fide resident of the country governed by that NBO for at least two years prior to nomination
- d) he has previously represented that NBO as a resident and has since moved away, but retains membership of that NBO and has not subsequently represented any other country.

4.1 Proof of Eligibility

It is the responsibility of each NBO to ensure that all selected players are eligible to represent it, and to provide evidence if required to do so by BGB (prior to a match) or a Chairman of Appeals (during a match). Failure to prove eligibility may result in disqualification.

4.2 Change of eligibility

No player may seek to play for more than one country for events in the same season.

If a player satisfies eligibility conditions for more than one country he must state which NBO he wishes to represent at the start of the competition year on or before 1st July.

Once registered with one NBO a player is eligible to represent only that NBO until he notifies BGB of his desire to change allegiance.

A player may change allegiance from one NBO to another by registering the change with both NBOs and the Secretary of BGB at the start of a new competition year. He may not represent his new NBO until two full competition years have elapsed since he represented another NBO.

Playing in a Transnational event organised by the EBL or WBF, or representing another NBO in a friendly match does not affect eligibility. Representing Ireland in an EBL or WBF event does not affect eligibility to represent the CBAI or NIBU in the Home International series. Representing Great Britain in such an event does not affect eligibility to represent England, Scotland or Wales.

4.3 Junior categories

Players in the Junior Camrose must be under 25 years of age, and players in the Peggy Bayer Trophy must be under 20 years of age, on the 1st of January preceding the event.

A Junior in full-time education may represent the NBO of his place of education provided he has not sought to represent another NBO earlier in that competition year (starting 1st July). This eligibility lasts until the end of the competition year in which his full-time education ceases, or his place of full-time education changes to another NBO. The requirement to wait for the statutory two competition years when changing NBO of allegiance is waived for a Junior taking up or losing eligibility based on place of education. Under no circumstances may a player represent more than one NBO in any one competition year.

5 Organisation of matches

5.1 General Procedures

The organising NBO is responsible for providing copies of the Laws, these Rules and Regulations, copies of the "Statement of Procedure in BGB Appeal Committees" and other relevant documents. The Secretary of BGB will provide a copy of these Rules and Regulations for the Chairman of Appeals.

5.2 Venue and Facilities

The host NBO is responsible for hiring a suitable venue, and for arranging for sufficient staff to run the event to the standard required. Details on the level of staffing and job descriptions can be obtained from the Secretary. Playing facilities should include two or more separate playing rooms (NOT one large room divided by screens). One room shall be designated "Open", to which spectators may be admitted, and the other "Closed" from which all but participating players and authorised personnel are excluded. A designated area will be provided for Line-up.

The host NBO may charge spectators for admission to the match.

5.3 Vu-Graph

A Vu-Graph presentation shall be made of play in the Closed Room. If the host NBO does not wish to provide this facility they must apply to BGB for dispensation, which will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

Match Managers should be aware that vu-graph is primarily for the benefit of spectators, and should seek to ensure that all countries get a reasonable allocation of vu-graph time. For the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer it is traditional that all countries appear on vu-graph during the first few matches, and thereafter as the results dictate.

BGB supports public presentation of matches on the internet. Internet broadcasts may be made from more than one room, and all teams must be prepared to play in such rooms as and when required,

5.4 Officials

Matches shall be organised by a Match Manager appointed by the host NBO. He is responsible for the venue, provision of equipment and facilities, recorders, stewards, hand and scoring records.

For all Home Internationals a Tournament Director is required to attend in each room.

A Director in Charge will be nominated by the host NBO and endorsed by the Visitor(s). His name shall be submitted to BGB for approval at least one month in advance of the match. Assistant Directors shall be appointed by the host NBO in consultation with the Director in Charge.

A Chairman of Appeals shall be appointed by BGB. His duties are to represent BGB, and to form and chair Appeals Committees. He has plenary powers to resolve problems that may arise during a match, and may override the Match Manager. He shall investigate any complaints regarding conduct, and report on any incident that may give rise to disciplinary procedures.

5.5 Hospitality

A reasonable level of hospitality is expected of the host NBO. They should ensure that there is adequate provision of refreshments for players and officials during and after play and organise a Closing Ceremony at which the results will be announced and opportunity afforded to the visiting Captain(s) to express their appreciation.

If possible teams should be provided with a private area for scoring.

The host NBO is not responsible for hotel expenses of the visiting teams, which must be settled on departure. If the maximum hotel rates exceed the figures determined annually by the Committee, the host NBO shall pay any excess.

The host NBO shall be responsible for organising transfer from the nearest reasonable point of arrival, provided it is informed of travel arrangements at least seven days in advance. In the event of any disagreement, the decision of the Chairman of Bridge Great Britain shall be final. In the case of the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies, it is expected that competitors are met at the point of arrival, and suitable arrangements made for their departure.

The rates applying to the year 2006 are £80 per person per night on a bed, breakfast and dinner basis in respect of the Camrose and Lady Milne Trophies, and £55 per person per night for bed, breakfast and dinner, which may be calculated on a shared room basis, in respect of the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies. In the event that any host NBO fails to comply with this, the other NBOs may apply to BGB for the difference between the stated cost and the actual cost. Hosts of a home international match are requested to inform other NBOs of any unusual or unexpected arrangements with a hotel venue, such as payment constraints.

The travelling expenses of the Chairman of Appeals will be borne by BGB. If the Chairman of Appeals does not belong to the host NBO, BGB will play all his expenses.

All other expenses are the responsibility of the host NBO.

6 Teams

Each NBO shall inform both BGB and the host NBO of the names of the Captain and members of each team at least 14 days before the start of each match.

If a country has submitted the names of fewer than six players a fifth or sixth player may be added prior to the commencement of the second play period.

Subject to the approval of the Chairman of Appeals, the members of a team may be changed up to the posting of the line-up for the first session of the event, but not thereafter.

Immediately before the commencement of the first session the Captain of each team shall nominate to the Director the members of his team. Thereafter no substitute or reserve player shall be permitted to play.

In the case of the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer Trophies, it is permitted that a “floating pair” be selected to play in either event.

7 Match Rules

All conversation at the table shall be in English.

7.1 Open Room

No player may leave the Open Room until the play session is completed unless accompanied by a person designated by the Director, nor may he watch play at other tables. No spectator may enter the Open Room while play is in progress.

If a spectator leaves the Open Room while play is in progress he may not return until the play session has been completed. Non-playing captains are prohibited from entering the Open Room once play has commenced in the Closed Room.

7.2 Closed Room

Only the following personnel are authorised to be present in the Closed Room.

- a) Participants assigned to play in the Room
- b) Tournament Directors on duty
- c) Personnel needed to ensure the smooth running of the match
- d) The Chairman of Appeals
- e) Hotel staff for the provision of refreshments etc.
- f) A maximum of two journalists accredited by the Chairman of Appeals, who must remain in the Closed Room for the duration of the session.

Once play has been concluded in the Closed Room, players may leave when permitted to do so by an authorised official.

7.3 Vu-Graph Closed Room

The presentation shall show play at one table in a Closed Room, which shall be completely separate from all other play areas.

All teams must participate in the public presentation when and as often as required.

All the Rules for the Closed Room apply except that journalists may not be present.

7.4 Spectators

It is the duty of the match manager to make spectators aware of their responsibilities.

During play in the Open Room they must refrain from mannerisms or remarks, and must not converse with a player or display any reaction to bidding or play. Spectators are permitted to observe the cards of one player only.

They should be seated behind that player and may not get up to walk round the table, or seek to look at the cards of any other player.

Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake, nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.

Non-playing members of a team are not allowed to watch their team-mates playing at the tables.

A player is responsible for the actions of any spectator who is associated with him (as distinct to a spectator casually attracted to the table by his presence there).

The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.

7.5 Smoking, Alcohol and Mobile Phone Regulations

There shall be no smoking or consumption of alcohol in the playing areas. This may include the lobby in the immediate vicinity of the actual playing rooms, the toilets adjoining the playing rooms which are designated for the use of the players, and any other rooms/lobby areas to be decided on site. Such areas will be identified to the participants by the Match Manager. The ban on consumption of alcohol in the playing areas also applies to tournament staff.

During a play session no player may leave the playing area in order to smoke.

Alcohol, mobile phones, pagers or other electronic equipment may not be brought into the playing area. Any player or team official bringing such an item into these areas will result in his team being fined 2VP. The penalty is automatic. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area.

The Chairman of Appeals may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

7.6 Non-playing Captain

A Non-playing Captain (NPC) may watch a pair in play at a table designated by the Director, but he may not watch at any table where play is publicly presented by Vu-Graph or similar techniques.

An NPC who has watched his pair in play and who then leaves the table shall not return (except with the prior agreement of the Director), nor shall he approach any other table in play until the next scoring interval.

An NPC may not converse with players once any player has withdrawn a hand from the board to be played until play has been completed. Only then may he call the Director to make a protest or request a ruling. He may, however, act during the auction or play for any of the following reasons:

- a) To cause a decision as to whether his side will request a ruling to be deferred
- b) To protect the rights of his team if he believes them to have been jeopardised
- c) To curtail unnecessary discussion
- d) To restrain inappropriate behaviour by a member of his team
- e) To ensure that a non-playing pair is not watching their teammates in play
- f) To require that a Director is called to the table, but only for the purposes of implementing one or more of the above listed rights.

The Captain is not permitted to suggest tactics during the course of a session, nor to draw attention to the state of the match.

7.7 Appeals

All appeals must be made by the Team Captain.

The time limit within which an appeal may be lodged will be specified by the Director in Charge, normally the 30-minute provision of Law 79C.

An Appeals Chairman may consider the appeal alone. If he/she wishes to take advice he/she may do so. He/she may co-opt up to 2 persons to constitute an Appeals Committee. Unless such persons are clearly independent of any interest in either Country involved in the Appeal, the Appeals Chairman should seek the approval of the captains of the teams party to the appeal. If this is not given then he/she must hear the appeal alone.

The decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final.

Any complaints regarding the composition or procedures of the Committee shall be referred to BGB, which shall act as the National Authority.

7.8 Hand Records

Each hand shall be recorded in a separate recording area accessible only to authorised personnel.

Hand copies should be available after each ten boards, and complete records of bidding and play produced on site for each Captain and the Secretary of BGB, if time allows.

Subject to adequate security, hand copies may be released to vu-graph commentators at the commencement of each stanza.

8 Rules of Play

8.1 Computer Dealing

Computer dealing is mandatory. The Chairman of Appeals must be satisfied as to the arrangements for computer dealing and the production of boards and hand records, but does not have to be physically present. Dealing may be undertaken up to three days before the match, under secure conditions reported to the Chairman of Appeals.

8.2 Bidding Boxes

The use of bidding boxes is mandatory.

Calls made using cards are treated under the Laws in the same way as spoken calls. A call is considered to have been made when the call is removed from the bidding box with apparent intent (but the Director may apply Law 25). A call may be changed without penalty under Law 25A if:

- (i) The change is solely due to the player having taken out the wrong card in error, and
- (ii) He changes, or attempts to change it, instantly when he realises that he has removed the wrong card by mistake.

The Match Manager or Tournament Director may instruct that the final call is displayed on the board in the centre of the table.

8.3 Late arrival

Any team not seated and ready to play at the start of a session will be fined 1VP and a further VP for every five minutes thereafter. If any team has been late at the commencement of a session the fines for slow play in the same round will be based on the time at which all players were seated at the table and ready to play.

8.4 Slow Play

At approximately half way, and approximately 10 minutes before the end of play, the Director is required to notify each table of the time remaining. Failure of the Director to meet this requirement will not absolve the players from penalty.

At the end of the allocated time the Director must impose, for any table still in play, a fine of 1VP for any delay up to five minutes, and an additional fine of 1VP for each further delay of five minutes or part thereof. A 1 VP fine will be levied on each team unless the Director considers only one pair to be at fault, in which case only the offending pair shall incur a 1VP fine.

Where the same pair incurs a subsequent fine, this shall automatically be increased by 50%, and the Director will normally exercise his authority to require the withdrawal of that partnership for the next session.

To give effect to such decision the Director shall inform the Team Captains of it.

For substantial or repeated delays the Director should impose a more severe penalty, or refer the facts to the Chairman of Appeals.

Appeal against fines for slow play may be based only on a question as to the Director's findings of fact.

They do not apply to the Peggy Bayer Trophy, where any penalty will be at the discretion of the Director in Charge.

8.5 Replaying a stanza which has been played at the same polarity in both rooms

Where a stanza has been played at the same polarity in both rooms, the Chairman of Appeals, in consultation with the Match Manager, will decide whether there is time to replay the stanza. If there is insufficient time, each team *will be fined 3VP for the unplayed stanza. (In the Lady Milne, Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer both teams receive a score of 12 VPs for the unplayed match).*

8.6 Systems

A team of six players are restricted to a maximum of four systems.

One copy of each system must be sent to the Secretary of the opposing NBO(s) so as to reach him not less than ten days before the event. Alternatively, systems can be submitted electronically to Linda Greenland at deri31@ntlworld.com. Once their own systems have been submitted, it will be available to players to download their opponents' systems.

A minimum of twelve copies of systems for the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer must be produced by the Friday Captains' Meeting, whether or not the players are present, failing which the pair(s) will be required to play "Simple System".

In the Camrose and Lady Milne, failure to comply within the specified period will result in the players being restricted to WBF Category 3 for the first play period.

Systems should be accurately and legibly typed or printed to a standard that permits a legible photocopy, on one Convention Card, together with a maximum of two A4 sized supplementary sheets.

The Convention Card Editor, supplied by the WBF, may be downloaded from www.eurobridge.org or <http://bridge.ecats.co.uk> and used to generate Convention Cards.

No change in basic methods or material change to a system or convention during an event is permitted without the approval of the Director in Charge. Permission will normally be given provided that the Director is assured that neither the original submission nor the change is made to gain an unreasonable advantage, and that the change is made to a method in common use.

8.7 Permitted Systems and Defences

The Camrose Series is considered to be a Category 1 event as defined within the WBF Systems Policy. The Lady Milne Trophy is a Category 2 event, and the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer are Category 3 events. Details of the WBF Systems Policy can be found on the BGB website: www.bridgegreatbritain.org. Thus Highly Unusual Methods (HUMs) are not permitted in the Lady Milne, Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer. They are permitted in the Camrose Series, but full details must be provided to the opposing team(s) a full 28 days in advance of the match.

Where a team has a pair or pairs using a HUM system that team loses seating rights whenever these pair(s) are selected to play. Opponents may bring written defences to the HUM system to the table as an aide memoire.

A pair may prepare written defences against the Brown Sticker elements of any system. Such defences will have to be given to the opponents (two clearly legible copies) prior to the start of the match. Written defences against Brown Sticker conventions are deemed to be part of the opponents' convention card. The two members of a partnership are restricted to a single system in any one weekend, and both must play the same system and conventions in bidding and play.

8.8 Alerting

EBL Alerting Regulations apply as follows:

Any call which:

- (i) has a special or artificial meaning, or
- (ii) whose partnership meaning may not be understood by the opponents

is a conventional call which must be brought to the immediate attention of the opponents through the use of the 'alert procedure'. The 'alert procedure' is as follows:

The partner of the player who makes a conventional call alerts his right-hand opponent by placing the alert card over his partner's last call; the alerted player must acknowledge by returning the alert card to his opponent. It is the obligation of the player making an alert to ensure that his right-hand opponent has noticed that an alert has been made.

8.9 Scoring

At the end of each session North and East at each table must agree the scores and initial the official table scorecard.

The Captains of the respective teams must agree the score at the completion of each play session and sign an official results slip.

Protest time concerning the result is 30 minutes after the end of each play period.

If at the end of protest period no protest has been lodged, the posted result shall become the official result of the match except in these circumstances:

- a) There is a pending appeal
- b) There is to be an adjustment in respect of fines
- c) Where a replay of one or more boards has been directed and is still in progress.

8.10 Master Point Awards

For each player who plays at least one-third of the boards, Master Point Awards for the Camrose Trophy, Lady Milne Trophy and Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer Trophies, awarded at the discretion of each Home NBO, are as follows:

Camrose Trophy:

For each 32-board match won (having played at least 16 boards):

2 nationals plus 2 nationals for each 64-board encounter won (i.e. a maximum award of 12 nationals for the weekend).

Where there is a tie in Victory Points both teams receive the award for winning.

Lady Milne Trophy:

To the overall winners: 10 nationals per player

To the overall runners-up: 5 nationals per player

Where there is a tie in Victory Points both teams receive the award for winning.

Junior Camrose Trophy:

To the overall winners: 2 nationals per player

To the overall runners-up: 1 national per player

Peggy Bayer Trophy:

To the overall winners: 200 Local points

To the overall runners-up: 100 Local points

Where there is a tie in Victory Points both teams receive the award for winning.

9 Conduct

9.1 Standard of Dress

Players are expected to adhere to a standard of dress and personal grooming suitable for the venue (normally a high-class hotel).

9.2 Disciplinary Powers

The Chairman of Appeals may at his discretion investigate any matter touching upon or arising out of the Laws, the Proprieties of the Game, or these Rules and Regulations. This shall be the case irrespective of the way in which such a matter has come to his attention.

Consequent upon the findings of such investigation he is empowered:

- a) to impose such penalty as he shall decide in respect of the score or the participation of any individual, pair or team in that match
- b) to award an adjusted score on any board involved

The powers of the Chairman of Appeals shall extend to the suspension or disqualification of any pair or players, or disqualification of a team.

This in no way affects the powers of the Director to maintain discipline.

9.3 Disciplinary proceedings

All complaints about a player's behaviour shall be reported to the NBO of the player involved for further action as appropriate.

9.4 Penalties

Breaches of these regulations by a player or non-playing captain where a penalty is not otherwise provided shall carry an automatic fine of 1 VP.

10 Reports

It is essential that immediately the match is completed and the final score agreed, the BGB Secretary shall be informed of the result by telephone, including the IMP and VP scores for each stanza of the match. The following reports should then be sent to the Secretary of BGB:

- a) A statement from the Match Manager, signed by all the Captains, the Chairman of Appeal and the Director in Charge and containing the following information:
 - match details and report on the venue
 - names of all players in each team and their Captain
 - line-up forms
 - name of Director in Charge
 - results of each play period and the overall match
- b) A confidential report from the Director in Charge, concerning observations and/or recommendations regarding the venue and facilities.
- c) A confidential report from the Chairman of Appeals, together with copies of all Appeals Forms and rulings made during the event.

All reports should be printed in dark ink so as to facilitate photocopying.

11 Championship Table and Trophies

Each NBO shall be credited with the number of Victory Points gained in each of the matches.

The winners of the Trophies shall be the countries with the greatest number of Victory Points gained over the series. In the event of two or more countries gaining an equal number of VP the Trophy shall be held jointly by such countries.

BGB shall be responsible for insuring the Trophies.

The Trophies shall be in the custody of the winning team for 12 months.

The NBO of the winning team shall be responsible for the engraving at the expense of BGB, and for bringing the Trophy to the presentation match of the next season.

12 Special Regulations – Camrose Trophy

12.1 Format

Matches are played on two weekends, with each country completing two 64-board matches against two of the other countries on each weekend.

Each weekend consists of 10 play sessions of 16 boards. Each country plays eight sessions and sits out two.

Teams will consist of a maximum of 6 players.

A random draw will be made annually in April. The draw for 2006 is as follows:

- Team **A**: Scotland
- Team **B**: Wales
- Team **C**: Republic of Ireland
- Team **D**: England
- Team **E**: Northern Ireland

12.2 Seating rights

The team printed first in the schedule sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match.

Seating rights alternate between the two teams. In the first and fourth stanzas the Captain of the second-named team nominates his pairs first; in the second and third stanzas the first-named Captain nominates first.

Line-ups must be submitted at least five minutes before a stanza is due to begin.

A designated area shall be provided for Line-up.

12.3 Schedule

The time allowed for a 16-board session shall be 2 hours, with a 15-minute scoring break between matches. The host nation shall organise a buffet-style meal at 17.30 on Friday.

1st weekend:	Friday:	19.30	<i>A v B</i>	<i>C v D</i>	E sits out		
		21.45	<i>E v A</i>	<i>B v C</i>	D sits out		
	Saturday:	10.30	<i>A v B</i>	<i>D v E</i>	C sits out		
		12.45	<i>E v A</i>	<i>C v D</i>	B sits out		
		15.00	<i>B v C</i>	<i>D v E</i>	A sits out		
		17.15	<i>A v B</i>	<i>C v D</i>	E sits out		
		10.15	<i>E v A</i>	<i>B v C</i>	D sits out		
	Sunday:	12.30	<i>A v B</i>	<i>D v E</i>	C sits out		
		14.45	<i>E v A</i>	<i>C v D</i>	B sits out		
		17.00	Presentation of teams				
		17.15	<i>B v C</i>	<i>D v E</i>	A sits out		
		20.00	Reception & prizegiving dinner				
		2nd weekend:	Friday:	19.30	<i>E v C</i>	<i>D v B</i>	<i>A sits out</i>
				21.45	<i>A v D</i>	<i>B v E</i>	<i>C sits out</i>
	Saturday:	10.30	<i>C v A</i>	<i>D v B</i>	<i>E sits out</i>		
		12.45	<i>A v D</i>	<i>E v C</i>	<i>B sits out</i>		
		15.00	<i>C v A</i>	<i>B v E</i>	<i>D sits out</i>		
		17.15	<i>E v C</i>	<i>D v B</i>	<i>A sits out</i>		
		10.15	<i>A v D</i>	<i>B v E</i>	<i>C sits out</i>		
	Sunday:	12.30	<i>C v A</i>	<i>D v B</i>	<i>E sits out</i>		
		14.45	<i>A v D</i>	<i>E v C</i>	<i>B sits out</i>		
		17.00	Presentation of teams				
		17.15	<i>C v A</i>	<i>B v E</i>	<i>D sits out</i>		
		20.00	Reception & prizegiving dinner				

12.4 Fixtures

Year	Date	Host country
2006	6 th – 8 th January	Republic of Ireland
	3 rd – 5 th March	Wales
2007	5 th – 7 th January	England
	2 nd – 4 th March	Scotland
2008	11 th – 13 th January	Northern Ireland
	7 th – 9 th March	Republic of Ireland
2009	10 th – 12 th January	Wales
	6 th – 8 th March	England
2010		Scotland
		Northern Ireland

12.5 VP Scale (32 boards)

IMPs	VPs
0 – 3	15 – 15
4 – 10	16 – 14
11 – 16	17 – 13
17 – 22	18 – 12
23 – 28	19 – 11
29 – 34	20 – 10
35 – 40	21 – 9
41 – 46	22 – 8
47 – 52	23 – 7
53 – 58	24 – 6
59 – 65	25 – 5
66 – 73	25 – 4
74 – 82	25 – 3
83 – 91	25 – 2
92 – 100	25 – 1
101 or more	25 – 0

13 Special Regulations – The Lady Milne Trophy

13.1 Format

Each NBO shall play two matches against each other NBO over one weekend. Each match shall be between teams of four over **16** boards with Imp scoring converted to VP according to the WBF published scale.

Where five teams are involved each team will take it in turn to sit out. The other four will play simultaneously, using the same deals.

As soon as the number of teams is known, the draw shall be undertaken publicly by the BGB Secretary for the order of play and seating rights, with the conditions that:

- a) The host nation shall be 'C'.
- b) The Chairman of Appeals may designate as 'E' a team arriving late because of travel problems.

13.2 Seating Rights

The Captain of the second-named team shall place his players first by filling out a line-up form not less than ten minutes before the start of a session. They sit North-South in the Closed Room and East-West in the Open Room. The other captain shall then complete his form. A designated area shall be provided for Line-up. Line-ups must be submitted by the due time.

In the event that only four teams are participating in the Lady Milne the schedule will be adjusted to nine matches by omitting the Saturday morning

session. Each team shall play three matches against each other team. Seating rights alternate for the first two matches, and for the third match they will be decided by a blind line-up.

13.3 Schedule

The time allowed for a 16-board session shall be 2 hours, with a 15-minute scoring break between matches. The host nation shall organise a buffet-style meal at 17.30 on Friday.

Friday:	19.30	A v B	C v D	E sits out
	21.45	E v A	B v C	D sits out
Saturday:	10.30	A v D	E v B	C sits out
	12.45	C v A	D v E	B sits out
	15.00	B v A	D v C	A sits out
	17.15	A v B	C v D	E sits out
Sunday:	10.15	D v A	B v E	C sits out
	12.30	A v E	C v B	D sits out
	14.45	A v C	E v D	B sits out
	17.00	C v E	D v B	A sits out
	20.00	Reception & prizegiving dinner		

13.4 Fixtures

Year	Date	Host country
2006	31 st March – 2 nd April	Northern Ireland – Rosspark Hotel, Ballymena
2007	13 th – 15 th April	Wales
2008	12 th – 14 th April	Scotland
2009	18 th – 20 th April	Republic of Ireland
2010		England

13.5 VP Scale (16-board matches)

IMPs	VPs
0 – 2	15 – 15
3 – 7	16 – 14
8 – 11	17 – 13
12 – 15	18 – 12
16 – 19	19 – 11
20 – 23	20 – 10
24 – 27	21 – 9
28 – 31	22 – 8
32 – 36	23 – 7
37 – 41	24 – 6

42 – 46	25 – 5
47 – 52	25 – 4
53 – 58	25 – 3
59 – 64	25 – 2
65 – 71	25 – 1
72 +	25 – 0

14 Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer Trophies

14.1 Schedule

The schedule shall be similar to the Lady Milne except that play will not begin till Saturday morning. Matches shall be of 12 boards.

As soon as the number of teams is known, the draw shall be undertaken publicly by the BGB Secretary for the order of play and seating rights, with the condition that the host nation shall be 'C'. A designated area shall be provided for Line-up. Line-ups must be submitted by the due time.

The time allowed is 96 minutes and these are the recommended timings:

Saturday morning/afternoon

11.00	12.36	AvD	EvB	C sits out
13.00	14.36	CvA	DvE	B sits out
14.50	16.26	EvC	BvD	A sits out
16.40	18.16	BvA	DvC	E sits out

Saturday evening

20.00	21.36	AvE	CvB	D sits out
21.50	23.26	DvA	BvE	C sits out

Sunday morning/afternoon

11.00	12.36	AvC	EvD	B sits out
13.00	14.36	CvE	DvB	A sits out
14.50	16.26	AvB	CvD	E sits out
6.40	18.16	EvA	BvC	D sits out

Dinner and Closing Ceremony 19.30

It is recommended that the hosts do not provide free alcohol at the closing dinner.

Adjustments to the schedule in the event of only four teams participating, and regulations concerning lineups shall be the same as for the Lady Milne. (see 13.2).

14.2 Fixtures

Year	Date	Host country
2006	18 th – 20 th February	Scotland
2007	17 th – 19 th February	Republic of Ireland
2008	16 th – 18 th February	England
2009	21 st – 23 rd February	Northern Ireland
2010		Wales

13.5 VP Scale (12-board matches)

IMPs	VPs
0 – 1	15 – 15
2 – 6	16 – 14
7 – 9	17 – 13
10 – 12	18 – 12
13 – 16	19 – 11
17 – 20	20 – 10
21 – 24	21 – 9
25 – 28	22 – 8
29 – 32	23 – 7
33 – 36	24 – 6
37 – 40	25 – 5
41 – 45	25 – 4
46 – 50	25 – 3
51 – 55	25 – 2
56 – 61	25 – 1
62 +	25 – 0