



Royal Belgian Bridge Federation

International Selections

Procedure



- Registration by pair 11/09/2015
- Pairs selection
 - Day 1 27/09/2015 20 pt
 - Day 2 11/10/2015 30 pt
 - Day 3 24/10/2015 50 pt
 - Day 4 15/11/2015 30 pt
 - Day 5 29/11/2015 20 pt
 - Day 6 13/12/2015 50 pt
- Teams selection
 - First weekend 06-07/02/2016
 - Second weekend 13-14/02/2016



Seniors





Royal Belgian Bridge Federation

National Teams Competition

Regulations

Adjustment to the existing regulations - Why?



L'arbre cachait la forêt – Men kon door de bomen het bos niet meer zien

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Chapter 1

- Algemene organisatie

- Organisation Générale



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- CD = competition director = Thierry Mullens
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- Results : 0473/205473

Chapter 2

- Financiële verplichtingen

- Obligations financières



- Registration fees
 - Nat III 200 €
 - Nat II 240 €
 - Nat I 280 €
 - Honor 320 €

Must be payed at the latest on September 15

- Deposit
- Fines

Chapter 3

- Admin. verplichtingen
- Obligations administr.



- Team registration
only online on the RBBF website
at the latest on June 1
- Transfer
responsibility of the leagues
- Player registration (chapter 6)
- Convention cards (chapter 6)

Chapter 4

- Logistieke verplichtingen

- Obligations logistiques



Chapter 5

- Verloop vd competitie

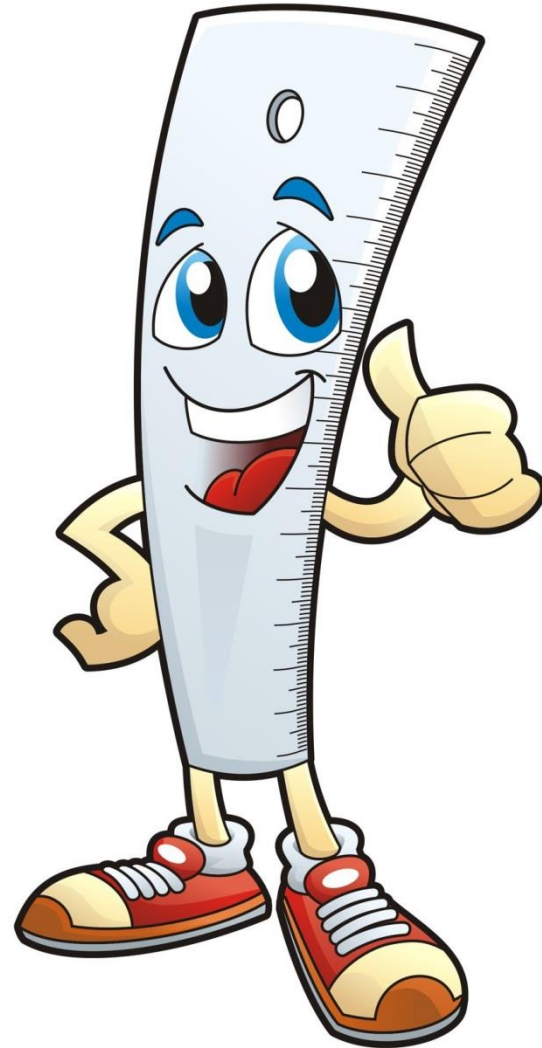
- Déroulement de la comp.



- General proceedings of the competition
 - score system, ranking,
 - divisions, series,
 - calendar,
 - number of matches,
 - ascendants, descendants
- Protected days
- Change of date, change of place
- Withdrawal of a team

International continuous VP scale

- 20 – 0
- In all national divisions



National I

- 8 teams
- 14 matches (7 home & 7 away)
- 1 match a day
- 2 x 20 deals = 40 deals
- Starting time : 13u
- Max 7 players
(chapter 6)

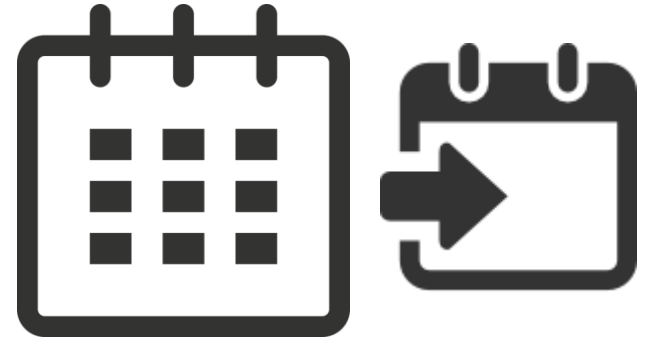


Protected days

- Honor :
 - Not applicable
- Nat I :
 - Last 2 matches
- Nat II & III :
 - Only the last match



Change of date

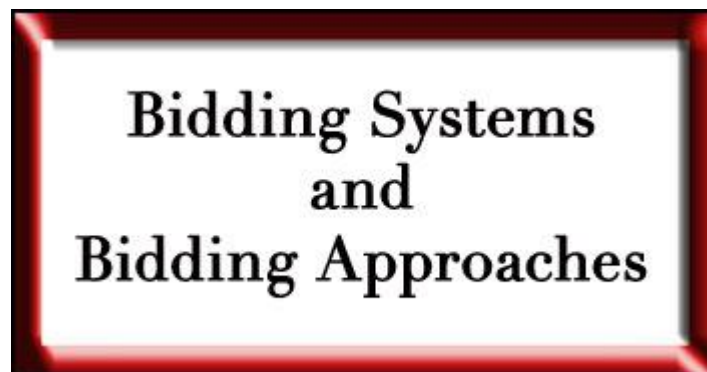


- Honor :
 - Not allowed
- Nat I :
 - / Advance : allowed, no restrictions
 - \ Postpone : **allowed**
to play before the **next** competition day
- Nat II & III :
 - / Advance : allowed, no restrictions
 - \ Postpone : **allowed**
to play before the **second next** comp day

Chapter 6

- Spelers, systemen en systeemkaarten

- Joueurs, systèmes et feuilles de conventions



- Article 27 : Players



- Article 28 : Conventions



- Article 29 : Convention Cards



National I

- 8 teams
- 14 matches (7 home & 7 away)
- 1 match a day
- 2 x 20 deals = 40 deals
- Stating time : 13u
- **Max 7 players**



Player registration

- Honor & National I
 - titulars list
- National II & III
 - **players list**



- Mandatory data :
 - Family name
 - First name
 - Licence number
 - Email adres of all players offline
 - Mobile phone number of the captain
 - Email adres of the captain
- Preffered but not required :
 - Tel number of all players offline
 - Date of birth offline



- **Not published on the website**
 - Acces only for administrators
 - Used only for championships purposes
- Published on the website

HUM & Brown Conventions



Highly unusual 😊



Brown Conventions

Special requirements
(in accordance to the international regulations)



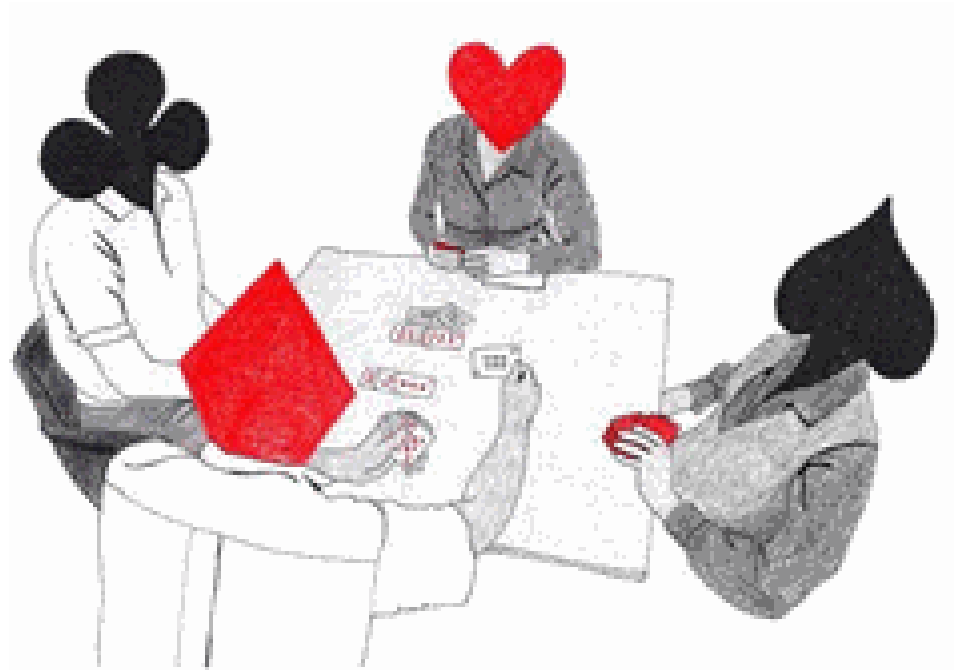
convention cards

- Honor & Nat I
= Obligatory (21 d < competition)
Changes are applicable only after 7 days.
- Nat II & Nat III
= Obligatory (21 d < competition)
Changes or new cards are applicable only after 7 days.
In case of **force majeure** the CD must be contacted immediately.

Chapter 7

- Verloop van de wedstrijd

- Déroulement de rencontre



Normal



Problem



Forms



- Contest sheets

new sheets for all divisions on the [website](#)

ps : if < boards than normal



enter the result → the CO or TD will calculate the proper result

- Forms for ruling : 3 forms needed

1. Contest sheet(s)

2. Seperate ruling form

new forms on the [website](#)

3. Convention cards

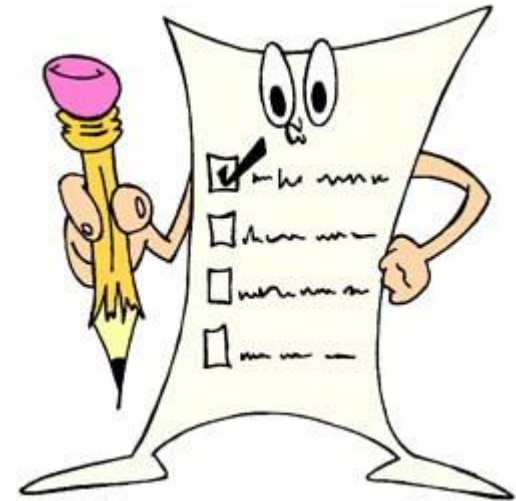
All forms must be sent to the CO by mail or through the website !



What to do?

In case of :

- Convention card
 - not published in time
 - or
 - not available



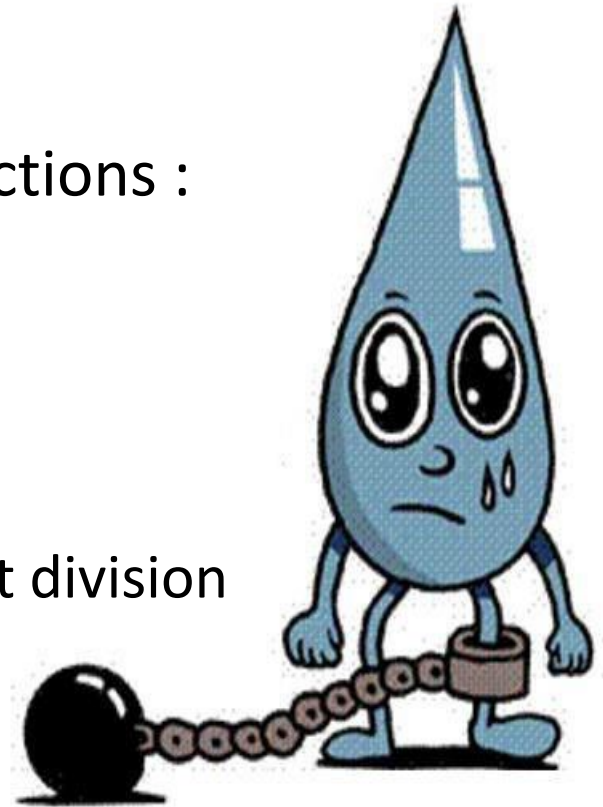
⇒ restrictions

Restrictions

- Use a convention card of another pair that was uploaded in time

or

- Play a system with the following restrictions :
 - Concerning the bidding system :
green bidding system only
 - Concerning the conventions :
only the usual conventions used in that division

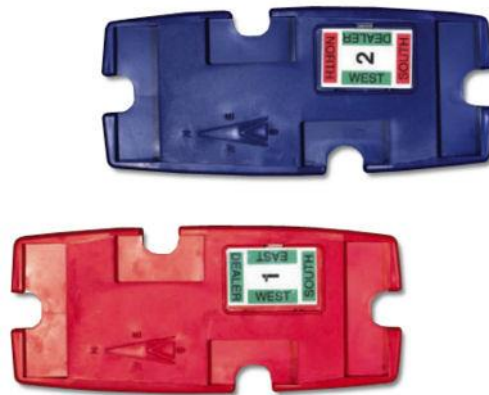


What to do?

In case of :

- No convention card
- Fouled boards

ex : a number of boards played in the same direction by both pairs of the team



- $\leq \frac{1}{4}$ of the boards not comparable
 \Rightarrow no extra boards to play
- $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$ of the boards not comparable
 \Rightarrow extra boards to play until $\frac{3}{4}$ of the boards are comp.
- $> \frac{1}{2}$ of the boards not comparable
 \Rightarrow all boards are canceled, and whole match should be replayed



In case of :

- No convention card
- Fouled boards
- Late start
- Absent team
- Stoppage of the match
- Nuisance or noise
- Force Majeure



The Purpose =

To play the game as much and as often as possible

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This means : whenever there is the possibility and the time to play, the game should be played!

/ full match (choice of the non-violating team)
\ reduced match

- A valid result can be calculated on condition that at least half of the boards can be played (counted at 8 min. per board)
 - ex : Nat II, phonecall after 20 min, arrival 50 min late
 $50/8=6 \rightarrow 26$ boards can be played
- If there is a delay of time, the delayed team must contact their opponents within the hour, otherwise they will be considered absent

To play the game as much and as often as possible

If the match cannot be played (completely), the captain of the non-violating team can accept to play or continue the game another day

(except for matches on the protected days)

Note: penalty for the violating team (chapter 8)

Attitude :

- On one hand more flexible to play
- On the other hand a more severe attitude towards “force majeure” (see also chapter 9)

What to do?



In case of :

- “Force Majeure”  contact the CD



Conditions & procedure → chapter 9

Chapter 8

- Overtredingen en sancties

- Infractions et sanctions



General Principles

Distinction between 3 types of violations




1. Administrative violations
2. Game related violations
3. Severe violations with forfeitscore



- **Administrative violations**

No influence on the game






- First violation
 **warning**
- Second violation
 1 VP penalty
- Third violation, etc
 2 VP penalty

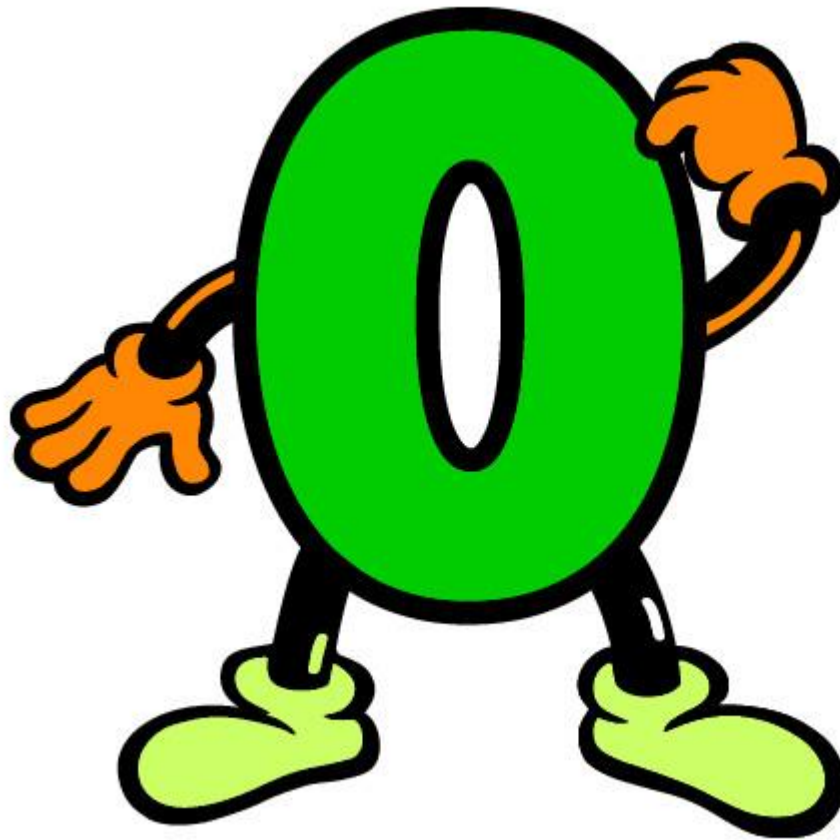
- **Game violations**

Violations related to or with possible influence on the game



- First violation
 1 VP **penalty**
- Second violation, etc
 3 VP penalty
- Transfer to another date
 3 VP penalty

- Forfait



Chapter 9

- Juridische procedures

- Procedures juridiques



- Force Majeure



- Appeal



- Cassation



**Legal
&
Ethical
Issues**



- Ethics & Discipline



A fact can be considered as “force majeure” under the following conditions :

- An unpredictable and unavoidable event,
- No responsibility of the player(s) or the team involved
- Insurmountable

making the compliance with the rules impossible

To be receivable :

- Meet the correct description
- Follow the correct procedure :



- ✓ Immediate report to the CD
- ✓ Sufficiently motivated request
(written demand within 24h to the CO)

Appeal and Cassation

For the procedure to follow for appeal and cassation we refer to the committees responsible.





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