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Selection Method for the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022

Background

It has been approved by the Asian Games Organizing Committee that Contract Bridge will be one of the non-Olympic sports events in the coming 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 ('the Games'), which will be held at Hangzhou, China from 10th September to 25th September 2022.

The Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association (HKCBA) has informed the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong China (SF&OC) that HKCBA intends to take part in the Games and will be nominating athletes and officials to enter the Games.

Series available

Here are the tentatively scheduled series:

1. Men's Team
2. Women's Team
3. Mixed Team

Please understand that the official details about each sport event have yet to be released and the events held will be subject to final confirmation by the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Organising Committee ('the Committee'). HKCBA will keep all members posted in case of any changes taken place.

Nomination of athletes to SF&OC by HKCBA

There will be two stages for selection of the nominees by HKCBA as followed:

Stage 1: Trials (Aug 2021 to Dec 2021)

Tentative schedule	Particulars
August 2021	Trial for Men's Team and Women's Team
October 2021	Trial for Mixed Team

Eligibility to participate in trial:

1. All registration for the trial must be in a team of 6 players;
2. All players are ordinary members of HKCBA for the last consecutive 2 years;
3. All players must possess HKSAR passports; and

4. All players are fulfilling one of the following requirements from the prior Asian Game to the registration deadline of selection trial:
- i. Have accumulated at least 3 Placement Point in HKCBA master point system;
 - ii. Finalist of IF or AF events for representing HKCBA, which includes:
 - World Bridge Games (Open, Women and Mixed Teams)
 - Asia Cup (Open, Ladies and Mixed Teams)
 - Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships (Open, Ladies and Mixed Teams)
 - iii. Ranked 1st – 8th in World Youth Bridge Team Championships (Junior Team)

HKCBA will hold trials for Men’s Team and Women’s Team and the athletes from the two highest ranking teams will be shortlisted to participate in Stage 2. Once an athlete has been shortlisted, the athlete will not be able to participate in the trial for Mixed Team.

Similarly, athletes from the two highest ranking teams in trial for Mixed Team will be shortlisted to participate in Stage 2.

Suggested Tournament Format for Trial:

No. of Entry (Teams)	3	4	5 or 6	7 or 8	9 or more
Qualifying Rounds (6 days)					
No. of Round Robin	12	6	3	3	3
No. of boards per round	12	16	20	16	16
Knockout (2-4 days)					
	2 nd vs 3 rd		1 st vs 2 nd , 3 rd vs 4 th		
No. of boards	128		96		
			Loser from 1 st vs 2 nd vs winner from 3 rd vs 4 th		
No. of boards			96		

Stage 2: Training programme lead by an independent coach (Jan 2022 to Mar 2022)

The 12 athletes from each series will form 6 fixed partnerships and play extensive number of boards and the independent coach will observe the athletes to advise a score based on ethics, commitment and actual performance.

Stage 3: Nomination of athletes (Apr 2022)

HKCBA will compute a score of each partnership based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight
Results in international/regional events (from starting date of prior Asian Games to deadline of nomination to SF&OC)	30%
Results in training matches and exercises	30%
Score advised by the independent coach	40%

HKCBA will rank the 6 partnerships in each series based on the score and nominate the first 3 partnerships to the SF&OC to participate in the corresponding event. In case of there is any rejection of partnership by the SF&OC, HKCBA will submit the 4th partnership and in similar manner to the 6th partnership.

The scoring benchmarks will be discovered publicly on the HKCBA website shortly.

List of international/regional events

World Bridge Team Championships

- Bermuda Bowl – Open Teams
- Venice Cup – Women’s Team
- Wuhan Cup – Mixed Teams

World Bridge Game

- Vanderbilt Trophy – Open Teams
- Torlontano Trophy – Women’s Teams
- World Mixed Teams Championships

World Bridge Series

- Rosenblum Cup – Open Teams
- McConnell Cup – Women’s Team
- World Transnational Mixed Teams

Transnational Open Team Championships

Asia Cup

- Open Teams
- Ladies Teams
- Mixed Teams

Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships

- Open Teams
- Ladies Teams
- Mixed Teams

Appeal procedures

The Appeal Committee shall handle any appeals or complaints against the selection results of the HKCBA. Appeal must be delivered to the Appeal Committee in written and clearly stated the proof of the selection is against the announced criteria or lack of sufficient information for evaluation under the present selection Method.

The Appeal Committee will review the appeal in accordance with the scoring benchmarks and criteria of the selection, inquiry with the independent coach and/or any other factors that may lead to unfairness. The Appeal Committee, after inquiry, might adjust the ranking of the partnerships. A written report will be issued to each appeal or complaint filed.

Further enquiries

For further enquiries, please approach the Asian Games sub-committee of HKCBA at asian.game.selection@hkcba.org