

PCU INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BRIDGE TROPHY 2019

Rules and Regulations

- A. **Type of tournament:** The tournament will be held as a **Duplicate bridge** tournament between 8 teams, who all face each other in round robin format. Each session will be 16 gifts.
- B. **Eligibility:**
- Teams consist of 4 (to 6) players.
 - A team must field a minimum of two players per team that are or were active students or staff members at the participating universities or university colleges in the academic years 2017-2018 or 2018-2019.
- C. **Ranking System:** During the matches, every team will write down the score on the score sheet and enter the score into a bridgemate. During half time and after full time scores are compared to determine the final score into IMP's and VP's. The following system shall be applied in order to determine the ranking:
1. total of VP's after 7 matches
 2. If equal, the total number of IMP's after 7 matches
 3. If equal, the mutual result
 4. If the ranking still cannot be determined, it will be determined by allotment
- If the final ends in a draw (VP'S), the total number of IMPS is decisive. If equal, the ranking before the final will determine the winner.
- D. The general regulations published on the website of the World Bridge Federation (<http://www.worldbridge.org>) will apply to this tournament, as amended and advised by the PCU Committee. Please take attention to following supplementary rules:
- Always be on time!
 - Slow play will not be tolerated
 - Remain seated until the change is announced!
 - Bridge mates will be used at all events.
 - The use of the stop card is obligatory!
 - When the bidding is finished, please leave all the bidding cards on the table until the opening lead is done and his partner has no further questions about the bidding.
 - Make your opening leads faced down!
 - Leave the boards, the bidding boxes and the score sheets on the table.
 - Be nice to your partner, opponents, officials of the tournament and others...
 - Follow the ALERT procedure!
 - If you play any convention that might require defense by the opponents, be ethical and pre-alert.
 - If you play any signal that is not considered as standard, be ethical and explain this to opponents.
 - Always provide full information about any convention you play when asked by the opponents.
 - HUM and brown stickers are not allowed (please check with TD if you are not sure about conventions you use).
 - Psychics in forcing strong openings are not allowed!