

THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST FOR 2011 UNITED STATES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

*Adopted by the Board of Directors
of the United States Bridge Federation*

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I. AUTHORITY AND OVERVIEW

These Conditions of Contest may not be changed after commencement of play except for emergencies.

The 2011 United States Junior Bridge Championship (USJBC) is held under the authority of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF). The USBF will nominate the winning team to represent the USA in the competition for the 2012 Patiño Cup (under 26 World Junior Bridge Championship) to be held July 24-Aug. 4 in Tai Cang, China. If the USBF Board of Directors believes there is any reason not to nominate all of the players on the winning team to represent the USA for the 2012 Patiño Cup, the Board will submit the name(s) of any players about whom the Board has questions to the USBF Credentials Committee for review. The Credentials Committee review shall be limited to the players' ethics, conduct, deportment, and hygiene and shall not take into consideration their bridge ability. A team with a player who is later not invited or approved by the WBF and/or the USBF for any reason (such as residency, conduct, ethics, hygiene, etc.) may be disqualified.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Teams may comprise 4 to 6 members, who must be born in 1987 or later. Teams may designate a nonplaying captain (NPC). Teams and each player on the team must have registered by Sept. 18, 2011, on the USBF website www.usbf.org. Players are not required to pay USBF active member dues.

The 2011 USJBC will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26, 2011, at the Fall NABC in Seattle. Play will start about 1 PM and 7:30 PM each day, with the exact schedule to be determined by the DIC in consultation with the USBF tournament chair.

Augmentation

If a team with fewer than 6 players qualifies to compete for the Patiño Cup, that team shall first select a nonplaying captain who must be approved by the USBF Board of Directors. After such selection and approval, the team, with its npc's agreement, shall select additional player(s) so that the team has 6 players who were born in 1987 or later. The additional players must be approved by the USBF Board of Directors.

Training Program

Team members are expected to be dedicated to becoming better bridge players. Players are expected to practice regularly with their partners and to take advantage of opportunities for practicing and learning. A player's failure to participate in training scheduled by the NPC or the USBF may result in that player's removal from the team.

Play at World Championship

Every member of any US junior team who complies with the requirements will be afforded the opportunity and be expected to play the number of boards required for medal eligibility.

III. EVENT FORMAT

Three teams have entered the event. On Day One each team will play 28 boards against each other team, 14 against each other team in each of two sessions (during each session, there will be a break for comparisons after 7 boards have been played against each of the other two teams). At the end of Day One, the teams will be ranked by total net IMPs. If the leading (1st place) team has won both of its matches and that 1st-place team's net IMPs (summing across both matches) is +30 or better (further from zero), that team will be USA1 for the Patiño Cup in the 2012 Junior World Championships, and the remaining two teams will play two 32-board sessions on Day Two, with full carryover from their segments on Day One. The winner of that match will be USA2 in the 2012 Junior World Championships.

If, after Day One, the conditions described in the previous paragraph are not met, then all three teams continue in the afternoon session on Day Two, playing 14 additional boards against each other team, with full carryover from their matches on Day One. At the end of the first session on Day Two, the 1st place team (according to net IMPs) is the winner of the trials and USA1 for the 2012 Patiño Cup if that team is leading both of its matches, and the two remaining teams play an additional 32 boards, again with full carryover from previous segments between those two teams. If no team is leading both of its matches at the end of the 3rd session, all three teams continue and play another 14 boards against each other team in the evening of Day Two. At the end of that final session, the teams are ranked by net IMPs; the 1st place team is USA1, and the 2nd place team is USA2 for the 2012 Junior World Championships. Whenever a team is declared USA1 before the end of the second day, the results of that team's matches against the other two teams are no longer relevant.

If the final match ends in a tie, the tied teams will play successive 8-board segments until the tie is broken.

IV. INTERPRETATION OF CONDITIONS.

Interpretation of Conditions

These Conditions of Contest are to be interpreted in their entirety, which includes the USBF General Conditions of Contest. No section or appendix of these conditions shall be interpreted in such a manner as to render any other section or appendix to be meaningless.

The DIC, in conjunction with the USBF tournament chair, shall make any necessary interpretations of these conditions or resolution of matters not included in these conditions.

Omissions.

The omission of a condition, restriction, rule, or regulation in one section or paragraph of the conditions which condition, restriction, rule, or regulation is expressly stated in another section of the conditions is deemed intentional.

Decision makers shall be guided by similar WBF and ACBL policies, procedures or regulations, as well as the Laws of Duplicate Bridge when ruling on matters or issues not expressly addressed in these conditions.