

# Welsh Bridge Union

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## Player (and NPC) Responsibilities

1. All players indicating an interest in playing for Wales must be members of the Welsh Bridge Union in good standing, and qualify to represent Wales under the current International regulations of the World Bridge Federation, the European Bridge League, and Bridge Great Britain. The rules regarding eligibility differ slightly between organisations and players should view the relevant websites:
  - BGB - [www.bridgewebs.com/bgb/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bgb/)
  - EBL – [www.eurobridge.org](http://www.eurobridge.org)
  - WBF - [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)
2. Players may be required to provide written evidence of their qualification criteria to the Selection Committee, for example a photocopy of a birth certificate, or evidence of residency.
3. All Players selected to represent Wales are reminded that they become ambassadors for Wales and for Welsh Bridge and should conduct themselves accordingly.
4. Players should know the rules, display good sportsmanship and irreproachable ethics, and maintain correct standards of dress and deportment at all levels of competition.
5. Players should wear “official” team clothing, where it is available or where it is required by the Event rules. (see <http://www.eurobridge.org/regulations/other-codes-and-regulations/dress-code/>).
6. Players must obey the Competition Rules and Regulations in full. These are usually found at the appropriate websites listed above. For WBU competitions, the Rules may be found at the Welsh Bridge Union website (<https://welshbridgeunion.org/>) or otherwise notified to the players.
7. Players participating in an official Trial are automatically assumed to be available for the event for which they are aiming to be selected. If players have other aims, or cannot participate in certain events, they should make this known as soon as possible to the Selection Committee. The Premier League may not be considered as an official “Trial”, although the results will be considered by the Selectors in selection decisions.
8. Players participating in a Trial are expected to complete all parts of the Trial process, except where they have been specifically exempted by the Selection Committee.
9. Players participating in a Trial are expected to offer their services to act as reserves or as NPC for the event under consideration.
10. Players and the NPC are expected to familiarise themselves with the Conditions of Contest for the appropriate event.
11. All pairs intending to play a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) or Brown Sticker Convention must contact the Selection Committee to ensure that

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the appropriate notification, including (when required) a viable defence, is provided.

12. Players should be available to participate in any public presentation of matches arranged by the WBU, including internet, video, TV, radio or any other media.
13. Players may be photographed at any time during the Trials and agree to the use of photographs or any other recordings to publicise the Trials, the Welsh Bridge Union, and bridge in general, and for any other reasonable purpose of the WBU.
14. Smoking in the playing area is prohibited. A player may not leave the playing area during a match to smoke. In the Trials there is an automatic penalty of 1VP for the first breach of this regulation, and an escalating scale of penalties for further transgression.
15. In many International events consumption of alcoholic beverages in the playing area is prohibited and a player may not leave the playing area during a match to consume alcohol, with VP or other penalties being applied for transgression.
16. Use of mobile phones, pagers or similar electronic equipment is severely restricted. For the Trials, such devices must be visible and be switched off during play. Any breach of this regulation will earn an automatic 2VP penalty. In other competitions, restrictions may be more severe, and penalties may include monetary fines that must be paid by the offending player(s).
17. Training of Pairs: The Selection Committee may suggest methods of improvement to pairs, for example: allocation of mentors, training matches with post-match commentary, training materials, training days and courses, and participation in certain UK or European events. The Selection Committee has a Training Budget available for this purpose, but some costs may have to be met by the players.
18. If a Non Playing Captain (NPC) or Playing Captain (PC) is part of the team, then Players must respect their authority to make decisions for the team and give the NPC/PC their full support.
19. Selected players are expected to practice assiduously with their partners before the event. During the event they should give their full attention and effort at all times, and if they feel unable to do this (for example due to illness) they should inform the Captain immediately.
20. If the Selectors have not already done so, a Playing Captain should designate a Vice-Captain to deal with matters where the PC is personally involved.
21. Captains should produce a written report to the Selection Committee after the event has been concluded. This should contain details of venue, competition, results, problems, issues and recommendations. Such reports are confidential between the Selection Committee and the Captain, but may be viewed by the WBU Management Committee.
22. The World Bridge Federation has signed up to the revised WADA Anti-

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Doping Code that came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Accordingly, the World Bridge Federation have approved and agreed adoption of this revised WBF Anti-Doping Code based on the 2021 WADA Anti-Doping Code. Players are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the relevant anti-doping documents and articles on the EBL website.

23. Players in breach of the above regulations may be sanctioned and/or disbarred from participating in future Trials or representative events by the Selection Committee, with the possibility of an appeal to a panel that would be appointed by the Management Committee.