



### **Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy, Mixed Teams**

#### **Format of the Championships**

All four Championships will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. At the end of the round-robin the first eight best ranked teams will qualify for the knock-out stages. Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final KO matches will be played.

#### **Right to enter**

Zonal Qualified teams for all four championships (in addition to the Host Teams):

Zone 1 – 8 teams

Zone 2 – 3 teams

Zone 3 – 2 teams

Zone 4 – 2 teams

Zone 5 – 1 teams

Zone 6 – 3 teams

Zone 7 – 2 teams

Zone 8 – 2 teams

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1 the second to Zone 6. Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

In particular:

- a) only the NBOs participating in the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw 2016 in the Open Teams or Pairs and/or in the Women Teams or Pairs, with their National Representatives, **are**

**eligible to qualify to participate respectively in the Bermuda Bowl and/or Venice Cup 2019.**

- b) Players competing in the **d'Orsi Seniors Trophy must reach the age of 61** during the year 2019.

### **12<sup>th</sup> World Transnational Open Teams Championship**

The 12<sup>th</sup> World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting at 10.00 in the morning on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The format will be Swiss Teams Qualification followed by KO Stage. The Qualification is normally played as 10-board matches (5 matches per day on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The leading 32 teams will be qualify for the subsequent knock-out stage.

The World Transnational Open Teams Championship is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different National Bridge Organisations, in good standing with their own Federation, and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time giving them unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vu-graph presentation. They may have the chance to meet some of the these top players, and we are sure they would find it an amazing adventure! There is no quota for this great Championship and NBOs are asked to publicise the event as widely as possible and encourage teams to enter.

Players, NPCs and Coaches, **registered as team members by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**, eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Bowl & Mixed Teams will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge provided they enter as a complete team. Players eliminated from the Quarter-final can drop in the WTOTC free of charge provided they enter as a complete team. Players, NPCs and Coaches eliminated from the WTOTC can play the Wuhan Grand Prix free of charge.

#### **Further Information**

The first information letter about the event giving further details, together with information about how to reserve accommodation can be found at :

<http://www.worldbridge.org/2019/01/09/2019-world-team-championships-information-letter/>