**Conditions of Contest for the 2018 MAMAIA International Bridge Festival**

**1. Open Pairs**

* 3 sessions
* The seating assignment for the first session is done according to the Romanian National Trophy ranking.
* The seating assignment 2nd session is done according to the first session ranking or by switching lines/directions.
* The seating assignment 3rd session is done according to the cumulative ranking of the first 2 sessions.
* Number of boards per session: 24 – 28 for the 1st and 2nd, and 22-28 for the final.
* 3-player pairs are allowed. Changing a player during a session is not allowed.
* The movement will be either Howell or Mitchell.
* The 3rd session is played by dividing the field. The number of leagues/division and the number of pairs for each depends on the number of participating pairs.
* The final score is computed according to the following formula: (average of the first 2 sessions + score of final session)/2
* The scores are computed in MatchPoints transformed into percentages (%)
* The following tie-brakers are in place:
  + for dividing the field into divisions
    - the result of the best session
    - the best percentage against the best ranked pair(s) that all involved pairs have met in the 2nd session
  + for the final ranking
    - the better result in the final session
    - the best percentage against the best ranked pair(s) that all involved pairs have met in the final session

**2. Swiss/Danish Teams**

* 12 matches (rounds) of 8 boards, 4 matches per segment.
* Teams can have up to 6 members. Changing and/or reseating a player during a match is not allowed.
* The line-up for the first round is done according to the Romanian National Trophy ranking.
* Rounds 2 through 8: Swiss
* Rounds 9 through 12: Danish
* After the 10 round the field is divided into divisions.
* In the event of an odd number of teams the last 3 teams play a 3-way in rounds 1&2 and 11&12. In rounds 3 -10, one team sits-out. No team sits-out twice.
* The number of leagues/division and the number of pairs for each is decided when the number of participating teams is known.
* The scores are computed in V.P. ( Victory Points), using the 20-0 continuous WBF scale.
* The following tie-brakers are in place:
  + the V.P. sum of all opponents are computed for each team, and the bigger sum determines the better team, and so on (Swiss Points).
  + In the case the "Swiss Points" of 2 or more teams are equal, their ranking will be determined by their “IMP Quotient” \*
* The organizers will deal with the special event in which one team wins the event before the last round.
* Bridgemates will be in use for score computations.
* After 95% of the results are entered, the line-up for the next match is determined. The actual ranking will be printed afterwards.
* If needed, the appeal’s comittee meets at the end of the session and/or before the field is split and/or before the last round.
* If a team leaves, they get 0 V.P. Their opponents get the best from:
  + 13 VP
  + Their average score until then
  + The complementary of the average score of the absent opponents

\* **IMP quotient** = IMPs won/IMPs lost

**3. Mixed Pairs**

* 2 session
* The seating assignment for the first session is done according to the Romanian National Trophy ranking.
* The seating assignment for the 2nd session is done according to the first session ranking or by switching lines/directions.
* Number of boards per session: 24-28
* 3-player pairs are not allowed as the contest serves as a qualifier for the final of the Romanian National Mixed Pairs Championship.
* The movement is either Howell or Mitchell.
* The scores are computed in MatchPoints transformed into percentages (%).
* The following tie-brakers are in place:
  + the result of the best session
  + the best percentage against the best ranked pair(s) that all involved pairs have met in the 2nd session

**4. 2nd Additional Contest**

* 2 session
* The seating assignment for the first session is done according to the Romanian National Trophy ranking.
* The seating assignment for the 2nd session is done according to the first session ranking or by switching lines/directions.
* Number of boards per session: 24-28
* 3-player pairs are allowed but the members of a pair may not change during a session.
* The movement is either Howell or Mitchell.
* The scores are computed in MatchPoints transformed into percentages (%).
* The following tie-brakers are in place:
* the result of the best session
* the best percentage against the best ranked pair(s) that all involved pairs have met in the 2nd session

**5. Individual**

* 2 session
* The seating assignment for the first session is done according to the Romanian National Trophy ranking.
* The seating assignment for the 2nd session is done according to the first session ranking or by switching lines/directions.
* Number of boards per session: 21 (or 24), in sections of 7 (or 8 or 9) tables
* The scores are computed in MatchPoints transformed into percentages (%).
* The following tie-brakers are in place:
* the result of the best session
* the best percentage against the best ranked opponent(s) that all involved players have met in the 2nd session
* IMPORTANT:
  + After 30 minutes from the start of the contest, players that have not shown up will be replaced
  + If the section doesn’t have 7 tables, the movement will deviate from a standard one
  + The contest counts as a qualifier for the 2018-2019 Romanian National Individual Championship final

**6. PATTON Teams**

* 2 session of 24 boards
* The line-up for the first session is done according to the Romanian National Trophy ranking.
* The line-up for the 2nd round is done according to the first session.
* Teams can have up to 6 members. Changing and/or reseating a player during a session is not allowed.
* 6 matches of 4 boards are played in section with 7 teams and 8 matches of 3 boards are played in sections with 9 teams.
* Movement: boards move 1 table down and pairs 2 tables down.
* In case of artificial scores : 60%–40% = 1,2–0,8/board and + 2IMPs 50%-50%= 1–1
* The ranking is computed in V.P. (Victory Points)
* For a match, 2 scores are computed :
  + the first one, a BAM: equal result (of up to 10 points) = 1 VP for each team, everything else being 2-0
  + the result difference is transformed into IMPs, IMPs are summed up and transformed into VPs on the following scale: 8-0: (4-4 = 0-2 IMP, 5-3 = 3-6 IMP, 6-2 = 7-10 IMP, 7-1 = 11-15 IMP, 8-0 = 16+ IMP), or 6-0: (3-3 =0-2IMP, 4-2=3-6IMP, 5-1=7-11IMP, 6-0=12+IMP) respectively
* The following tie-brakers are in place:
  + the V.P. sum of all opponents are computed for each team, and the bigger sum determines the best team, and so on (Swiss Points).
  + In the case the "Swiss Points" of 2 or more teams are equal, their ranking will be determined by their “IMP Quotient”

\* **IMP quotient** = IMPs won/IMPs lost

**7. 1st Additional Contest - I.M.P. Datum**

* 1 session
* The seating assignment is done according to the Romanian National Trophy ranking.
* Number of board: 22-26
* The movement is either Scrambled Mitchell or Howell.
* After about 10% of the extreme results are eliminated, the results are compared with the average of the remaining results and transformed into IMPs using the IMP Bastille scale.
* 3-player pairs are not allowed.
* The following tie-brakers are in place:
  + the average ranking of the 3 best opponents one has met
  + the ranking of the best met opponent

**8. Evening events**

* Between 22 and 26 boards will be played
* The movement will either be scrambled Mitchell or Howell
* 3-playes pairs are not allowed
* The scores are computed in MatchPoints transformed into percentages (%)
* The following tie-brakers are in place:
  + The best percentage against the best ranked pair(s) that all involved pairs have met

**9. Overall**

* Is computed by adding the points awarded at each contest to half of the field of that contest
* Evening events points ARE NOT INCLUDED – they have a separate overall.
* The results are awarded in the following order:
  + 1 open
  + 1 women
  + 1 seniors
  + 1 juniors
  + 1 from both the 2nd and 3rd series of the Romanian National Trophy
  + 1 foreign player
* the following tie-brakers are in place:
  + a better ranking in the individual tournament
  + a better ranking in contest/s they haven’t played together (ordered: Danish Teams, Open Pairs, Patton Teams)

**10 .Evening contests overall**

* is computed by adding the points awarded at each evening contest to half the field of that contest
* 1 open
* 1 women
* the following tie-brakers are in place :
  + a better ranking in tournament/s they haven’t played together