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New Zealand International Bridge Teams for 2025

Preliminary Note RE: Selection Process for 2025 NZ Bridge Representation

The NZ Bridge selectors are thinking about trials for the 2025 international program, namely the APBF in May/June, and the WBF Championships Sept/Oct. We are obviously NOT calling for entries at this early stage, nor is a timetable locked in or formats decided. I am grateful for input from the Player's Committee as well as many other players.

It is likely we will be calling for entries for the Open and Mixed in teams of four, the Seniors as pairs, and the Women as teams of four or pairs.

TIMING

The Open trials are likely to be held over the weekend of 7/8 December, 2024 – and are likely to be over three or four days.

The Mixed trials are likely to be over the weekend of 15/16 February, and are likely to be over three days.

The seniors are likely to be selected.

There will be trials for the Women (after the Mixed) if numbers are sufficient, otherwise they will be selected. If trials are required, we will consider the weekend after the Mixed, 22/23rd Feb.

ELIGIBILITY

We will be asking for partnership's tournament history, with emphasis on 10A point (and higher) tournaments played over the last 12 to 18 months, including any international events. The 100A point requirement is not in place, but there will be recognition of established partnerships.

ENTRIES

If the above timetable is confirmed, we are likely to request Open entries in early November, and the other three soon after completion of the Open trials – ie mid-December. Players may choose to enter in more than one category.

A formal note requesting entries is some months away, say Sept/Oct.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

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