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New Zealand International Bridge Teams for 2025

Update on Venues, Timing, Costs etc for 2025 NZ Bridge Representation

This note is to be read in conjunction with the notes of May and July this year which have been previously circulated and ARE ALSO attached to this email.

The World Bridge Games start soon – with the Opening Ceremony on Monday 21st. We wish our teams all the best with their finesses working all the time!

The WBF venue for the 2025 World Bridge Championships are confirmed in Denmark from 19 to 30 August. I've heard (but not yet 100% confirmed) that the APBF will be in Quanzhou, China in late April. As usual this will mean tight scheduling following the final trial / selection process late February.

Firstly though there will be the Open Trials in Auckland on 6 to 9 December inclusive. The format will depend on the number of accepted entries. Entries close on Friday 15th November 2024 – please send by email to Kris Wooles or myself.

Ideally four teams will play off in December. If we have four (or fewer) entries it is likely, (but not certain) that all teams will be accepted. If we have greater than four teams enter, the selectors will either:

- Reduce the number to four by a fair and orderly selection process,
- OR, consider a play-off (probably on line) the weekend before between the lower ranked (seeded) teams. If this is too difficult, the selectors will choose what they consider to be the higher ranked four teams

The Mixed Trials will be in Auckland over 15th to 17th February, and the Women's (if required) in Auckland on 22/23 February. Entries for BOTH the Mixed and Women's close on Wednesday 18th December, while the Senior's close on Thursday 27th February (Seniors Teams will be selected). If you enter for both the Mixed and Women's events, that is OK, however, to be clear, the selectors will use their discretion in not accepting entries from less established partnerships.

Trial Costs

Similar to last time, Aucklanders (and near there-to) will pay \$250 each.

Those in the greater Waikato area will pay \$100

Those outside these areas – nil.

This is an attempt to equalise costs.

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