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Selection Method for the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022

Background

It has been approved by the Asian Games Organizing Committee that Contract Bridge will be one of the non-Olympic sports events in the coming 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 ('the Games'), which will be held at Hangzhou, China from 10 September to 25 September 2022.

The Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association (HKCBA) has informed the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong China (SF&OC) that HKCBA intends to take part in the Games and will be nominating athletes and officials to enter the Games.

Series available

Here are the tentatively scheduled series:

1. Men's Team
2. Women's Team
3. Mixed Team

Please understand that the official details about each sport event have yet to be released and the events held will be subject to final confirmation by the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Organising Committee ('the Committee'). HKCBA will keep all members posted in case of any changes taken place.

Nomination of athletes to SF&OC by HKCBA

There will be three stages for selection of the nominees by HKCBA as followed:

Stage 1: Trials (Aug to Nov 2021)

Stage 2: Training programme lead by an independent coach (Jan to Mar 2022)

The 12 athletes from each series will form 6 fixed partnerships and play extensive number of boards and the independent coach will observe the athletes to advise a score based on ethics, commitment and actual performance.

Stage 3: Nomination of athletes (Mar to Apr 2022)

HKCBA will compute a score of each partnership based on the following criteria:

| Criteria | Weight |
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| Results in international/regional/local events (in the period of 18 August 2018 – 31 December 2021) | 30% |
| Results in training matches | 30% |
| Score advised by the independent coach | 40% |

HKCBA will rank the 6 partnerships in each series based on the score and nominate the first 3 partnerships to the SF&OC to participate in the corresponding event. In case of there is any rejection of partnership by the SF&OC, HKCBA will submit the 4th partnership and in similar manner to the 6th partnership.

Breakdown of the scoring matrix

1. (i) Results in international/regional events (18 August 2018 – 31 December 2021) (20%)
[best 3 in international & regional events, cap at 20]

International Events:

| World Bridge Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Wuhan Cup) (44 th on 14-28 September 2019) (45 th on 27 March – 9 April 2022) (Subject to the nomination and review process of SF&OC) | |
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| Rank 1-4 * | 10 |
| Rank 5-8 * | 8 |
| Rank 9-12 * | 6 |
| Rank 13-16 * | 5 |
| Rank after 17 OR *last-ranked | 4 |

Regional Events:

| Asian Games (Men's team, Mixed team, Supermixed team) (18 th on 18 August – 2 September 2018) | |
|---|----|
| Rank 1 | 10 |
| Rank 2-3 | 9 |
| Rank 4-5 | 8 |
| Rank 6-8 | 7 |
| Rank 9-16 | 6 |
| Rank after 17 | 5 |

| Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships (53 rd on 11-20 June 2019) | |
|---|---|
| Rank 1 | 7 |
| Rank 2-3 | 6 |
| Rank 4-5 | 5 |
| Rank 6-8 | 4 |
| Rank 9-16 | 3 |
| Rank after 17 | 2 |
| Berth | 3 |

| China Mind Sports Games (4 th on 8-18 November 2019) | |
|--|---|
| Rank 1 | 5 |
| Rank 2-3 | 4 |
| Rank 4-5 | 3 |
| Rank 6-8 | 2 |
| Rank 9-16 | 1 |
| Rank after 17 | 0 |

| 全國橋牌團體賽(甲組) (14-20 April 2019) | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Rank 1 | 5 |
| Rank 2-3 | 4 |
| Rank 4-5 | 3 |
| Rank 6-8 | 2 |
| Rank 9-16 | 1 |
| Rank after 17 | 0 |

| Zone 6 Internet Selection Trials (22-28 December 2021) | |
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| Rank 1 | 5 |
| Rank 2-3 | 4 |
| Rank 4-5 | 3 |
| Rank 6-8 | 2 |
| Rank 9-16 | 1 |
| Rank after 17 | 0 |
| Berth | 3 |

(ii) Local Matches (18 Aug 2018 – 31 Dec 2021) (10%) (No. of Placement Point/ Total possible no. of Placement Point x 10)

(Total possible no. of PP starting from 18th August 2018 = 30)

- Open Pairs (September 2018, November 2019, March 2021)
- Open Team of Four (October 2018, September 2019, June 2021)
- APBF Open Trial (December 2018, November 2020)
- WBG Open Trial (February 2020)
- Intercity Open Teams (July 2019)
- Intercity Open Pairs (July 2019)

2. Practice matches result (30%) (Actual VP/ Total possible VP x 30)

3. Score advised by the independent coach (40%)

Criteria to be considered by coach (30%):

- (i) Bridge Skills
- (ii) Logic
- (iii) Psychological quality
- (iv) Ethics
- (v) Growth potential
- (vi) Stability

Factual consideration (10%):

- (i) Attendance – Practice Matches
- (ii) Attendance – Seminars
- (iii) Elite Training Grant C or above

Further enquiries

For further enquiries, please approach the Asian Games sub-committee of HKCBA at asian.game.selection@hkcb.org