



Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association Limited

G. P. O. Box 1445 Hong Kong

Hon. President: Mr. Patrick Choy

President :	Derek Zen	Vice-President :	Leo Cheung
Secretary :	Pearlie Chan	Treasurer :	Christopher Leung

Selection Method for 2018 Asian Games

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 18th Asian Games 2018, which will be held at Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia from 18th August to 2nd September 2018.

With the agreement with the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong China (SF&OC), the Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association (HKCBA) will recommend players to represent China Hong Kong for the coming Asian Games. The following procedures are the general directions on how HKCBA selects the China Hong Kong representatives.

Events available

Tentatively, the followings are the possible events, subject to be confirmed by the Asian Games Organizing Committee:

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

Selection of China Hong Kong Men's Team

In order to select the most suitable men's team, the HKCBA is planning to organize 2 independent trials (Trial 1 and Trial 2) to select a total of 12 men to participate in a training starting from January 2018 in order to select the final 6 men to represent China Hong Kong for the Asian Games 2018.

Tentative schedule for the selection process

Time	Trial 1	Trial 2
June 2017	Qualifying Rounds	Preliminary Rounds (qualifying)
July 2017	Play-off (to select the first 6 men for training programme)	Preliminary Rounds (play-off)
November 2017	---	Qualifying Rounds
December 2017	---	Play-off (to select the other 6 men for training programme)
	Appointment of coach and the HKCBA Men's training committee	
January 2018	Men's training programme starts	
May/June 2018	Final selection of China Hong Kong Men's team (subject to SF&OC)	

Arrangements of Trial 1

Eligibility of players

- All registration for the trial must be in a team of 6 players
- All players are ordinary members of HKCBA for the last consecutive 2 years
- They are all having the rank of National Grand Master, Grand Master or National Life Master (as at 31 May 2017) according to the HKCBA Master Points System
- All players are Hong Kong permanent residents (such as having three asterisks “***” on their Hong Kong Permanent Identity Cards)

Suggested Format for Qualifying Rounds and Play-off

Number of teams	Suggested format
2 teams only	- No qualifying rounds - Final of 128 boards (8 segments of 16 boards)
3 to 7 teams	- Double round robin of 16 boards in qualifying rounds - Top 2 teams (with accumulated highest VPs in qualifying rounds) will enter the Final of 128 boards (8 segments)
8 to 15 teams	- Double round robin of 16 boards in qualifying rounds - Top 4 teams (with accumulated highest VPs in qualifying rounds) will enter the Semi-Final of 96 boards (6 segments) - Final of 128 boards (8 segments)
16 teams or more	- Double round robin of 16 boards in qualifying rounds - Top 8 teams (with accumulated highest VPs in qualifying rounds) will enter the Quarter-Final of 64 boards (4 segments) - Semi-Final of 96 boards (6 segments) - Final of 128 boards (8 segments)

- The schedule will depend on the availability of the venues.
- The 6 players in the winning team of the Trial 1 Final will enter the training programme starting from January 2018.

Arrangements of Trial 2

Eligibility of players

- All registration for the trial must be in a team of 6 players
- All players are ordinary members of HKCBA for the last consecutive 2 years
- If all the team members are all having the rank of National Grand Master, Grand Master or National Life Master (as at 31 October 2017) according to the HKCBA Master Points System, they can enter the Trial 2 Qualifying Rounds directly (which start in November 2017). Otherwise, they have to join the Preliminary Rounds (which start in June 2017)
- All players are Hong Kong permanent residents (such as having three asterisks “***” on their Hong Kong Permanent Identity Cards)

Preliminary Rounds (Qualifying and Play-off)

- All teams which cannot register for Trial 2 Qualifying Rounds directly, must participate in the Preliminary Rounds (Qualifying)
- Suggested Format for Qualifying Rounds and Play-off

Number of teams	Suggested format
2 teams only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No qualifying rounds - Play-off of 128 boards (8 segments of 16 boards)
3 or more teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Double knockout with 16 boards per match - The winner of the winners’ pool and the winner of the losers’ pool in the Double knockout stage will enter the Play-off of 128 boards (8 segments)

- The 6 players in the winning team of the Play-off will enter the Trial 2 Qualifying Round starting from November 2017.

Suggested Format for Qualifying Rounds and Play-off

- The winning team in the Trial 1 cannot participate in the Trial 2.
- The winning team of the Preliminary Rounds can participate in this Trial 2 Qualifying Rounds
- The format for Trial 2 will be similar to the ones in Trial 1, if applicable
- The schedule will depend on the availability of the venues.
- The 6 players in the winning team of the Trial 2 Final will enter the training programme starting from January 2018.

Training programme

- A training programme organizing committee will be formed in December 2017 to help arrange the training schedule and recommend a Coach for the China Hong Kong team
- The 12 men qualified into this training programme will form 6 fixed pairs.
- There will be a series of games and exercises during training. The performance of each pair will be assessed by the results (50%) and the coach (50%) after each game or exercise.
- The 3 pairs with the highest scores in the programme will represent the Hong Kong China Men's team, subject to the approval of the players' eligibility according to the SF&OC requirements

Selection of China Hong Kong Women's Team

The final 6 women representing China Hong Kong for the Asian Games 2018 will be decided by the Ladies Team training sub-committee, subject to the approval of the players' eligibility according to the SF&OC requirements

Selection of China Hong Kong Mixed Team

The final 6 players (3 men and 3 women) representing China Hong Kong for the Asian Games 2018 will be decided by the HKCBA Council, after the confirmation of Men's Team and Women's Team member selection, subject to the approval of the players' eligibility according to the SF&OC requirements

Further enquiries

For further enquiries, please approach the Asian Games sub-committee of HKCBA: Mr. Leo Cheung, Mr. Dicky Lai, Mr. John Tsang and Mr. Ronald Hui.

March 2017