

The Bermuda Invitational Tournament 2021

Terms and Conditions

Organisation and Participation

The online Tournament is sponsored by the Bermuda Bridge Federation (“the Federation”). Games will be administered on behalf of the Federation by the Bermuda Bridge Club.

All games will be sanctioned by the ACBL and will be subject to the ACBL rules and conditions applicable to sanctioned games. Games on Saturday and Sunday will attract awards of silver points – all other games will award black masterpoints. Games will be played on Bridge Base Online. Masterpoint awards will be determined by the ACBL and published on ACBL Live – provisional awards shown on BBO at the end of each game may be adjusted by the ACBL to comply with ACBL requirements.

On Saturday, there will be two games in each session – one Open game and one 99er game (i.e., limited to players with less than 100 masterpoints). From Sunday through Wednesday, there will be a 99er game, a game restricted to those with less than 1500 masterpoints (1499er game) and an Open game. All Open games will attract masterpoints based on the total number of tables in that game plus the concurrent limited games. (Due to limitations in the computer systems, Masterpoints awarded in the 1499er game will not take into account the number of tables in the 99er game).

Players do not have to be members of the ACBL to compete, but non-ACBL members will be restricted to playing in Open games.

As agreed with the ACBL, invitations will be issued by the Federation to individuals who have previously attended or been in contact with the organisers of the Bermuda Regionals in 2020 or earlier years. All invited potential participants are required to pre-register with the Federation in order to be eligible to play. Regular partners of invited players may also register to take part. **Registration is required at least one hour ahead of the first game in which a player wishes to play.**

Games will be directed by directors approved by the Federation and qualified to direct ACBL sanctioned tournaments. Any appeal from a decision of a director will be considered by the Federation and their decision shall be final.

Prizes

Prizes as set out in the Schedule of Prizes are provided by the Federation and will take the form of vouchers, which may be exchanged for:

- (i) Free games at the 2022 Bermuda Regional,
- (ii) Hotel expenses at the hotel hosting the 2022 Bermuda Regional to the value of the voucher(s), such expenses being incurred attending the 2022 Bermuda Regional,

- (iii) Air travel costs to the value of the vouchers, such costs being incurred attending the 2022 Bermuda Regional.

All prizes are personal and awarded to the individuals meeting the relevant criteria in terms of success at the Invitational tournament. They are not transferable to any other individuals. Prizes may not be redeemed for cash. If not taken up in relation to the 2022 Bermuda Regional, they will be cancelled.

If the 2022 Regional does not take place, prizes may be deferred by the winners to be used at a subsequent Bermuda Regional on application to the Federation.

Any disputes or issues arising in connection with prizes will be determined by the Federation and the decision of the Federation will be final.

Schedule of Prizes

Overall masterpoints winners

Open Prize. The overseas player earning the most masterpoints during the Tournament will receive a \$500 voucher towards travel costs to attend the 2022 Bermuda Regional. If two or more players tie for this award, the prize will be divided between them.

Junior Prize. Of the overseas players starting the tournament with less than 100 masterpoints, the player earning the most masterpoints during the Tournament playing in the 99er games will receive a \$500 voucher towards travel costs to attend the 2022 Bermuda Regional. If two or more players tie for this award, the prize will be divided between them.

Charity Pairs Winners.

The Charity Pairs session will be divided into two games – Open and <100 Masterpoints. The winning pair (i.e., the pair with the highest percentage score) in each of the two games will receive a voucher for each player value \$100 to be redeemed against accommodation or dining expenses during the Bermuda 2022 Regional tournament at the Tournament Hotel. In the event of a tie, each pair will receive the full award.

Series Winners

Each series of games (i.e. the series of Open games, of 1499er games and of 99er games) in the mornings (Horseshoe Bay Series) and in the afternoon (Pink Beach Series) will attract Series prizes.

The percentage score for each player in each game will be calculated in the usual way. The three best percentage scores for each player earned in the relevant masterpoint category over the Series will be averaged and individual prizes will be awarded to the players with the highest of these averages in each of the three masterpoint categories in each Series. If averages are equal in any Series, the prize will be split.

Each individual prize will comprise a voucher value \$200 to be redeemed against accommodation or dining expenses during the Bermuda 2022 Regional tournament at the Tournament Hotel.

Section Top Prizes

All games will be stratified automatically. Each player in the pair winning or jointly winning their strata in each section in each game will be awarded a section top prize. These prizes will be vouchers entitling the player to a free game at the 2022 Bermuda Regional.