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A fan of playing cards is arranged in a semi-circle. The cards are fanned out from the center, showing various suits and ranks. In the center of the fan is a white rectangular card with a blue border. This card contains the text for the championship. Above and below the text are decorative horizontal lines with a central row of four suit symbols: spade, diamond, heart, and club.

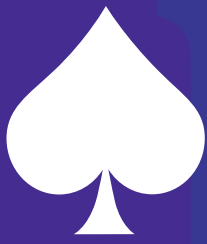
**16TH HCL
INTERNATIONAL
BRIDGE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

August 09-14, 2018

JW Marriott Hotel, Aerocity, New Delhi

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About HCL International Bridge Championship

Bridge is a strategy game that teaches one to be of a tougher mindset, to use one's intellect to maximum capacity, communicate powerfully and to pursue victory diligently. It is these qualities that makes bridge a perfect fit for HCL.

HCL has been strongly supporting the game in India since 2003 through the HCL International Bridge Championship held every year in New Delhi, India. The championship is the premier Bridge tournament in the country and the biggest in terms of the prize money and participation levels. The 2017 Championship had a prize purse of ₹18 million and witnessed participation from over 700 players from 151 teams. Twenty international teams having players from US, Poland, Italy, Bulgaria, Russia, Netherlands, Israel, Sweden, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, Denmark, Thailand, Jordan & Bangladesh participated in the 2017 Championship.

The 16th HCL International Bridge Championship will be held from August 9-14, 2018 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Aerocity, New Delhi. The total prize money is ₹18 Million (USD 275,000), one of the highest across any Bridge tournament worldwide.

The championship will have three main events:

- Team of Four Gold - Winners will be awarded the 'Naresh Tandan Trophy'
- Team of Four Silver - Winners will be awarded the 'Mohini Tandan Trophy'
- Open Pairs - Winners will be awarded the 'Neena Bonarji Trophy'



The Program



Thursday, August 9, 2018

Time in Hours	Activity
0930 – 1000	Director's Announcements & Draw for Team of Four Events. Note: There will be 2 parallel team events in Gold & Silver groups. There can be no more than 2 “National Master” ranked players in Silver event and they should not be playing together.
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENTS – SWISS LEAGUE (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)
1000 – 1130	Round 1
1145 – 1315	Round 2
1315 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1600	Round 3
1615 – 1745	Round 4
1745 – 1815	Tea Break
1815 – 1945	Round 5



Friday, August 10, 2018

Time in Hours	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – SWISS LEAGUE Continues (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each)
1000 – 1130	Round 6
1145 – 1315	Round 7
1315 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1600	Round 8
1615 – 1745	Round 9
1745 – 1815	Tea Break
1815 – 1945	Round 10
2000 – 2030	Captain’s meet for the TOP 16 qualifying teams of the GOLD & SILVER event for Pre-Quarter Finals knockout.



Saturday, August 11, 2018

Time in Hours	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO Pre-Quarter Finals (4*14 Boards)
1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3
2000 Onwards	Cocktails & Dinner (Hosted by HCL)



Sunday, August 12, 2018

Time in Hours	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO Quarter Finals (4*14 Boards)
1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3
	MP PAIRS STRATA II (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)
1100 – 1415	Session 1
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1830	Session 2



Monday, August 13, 2018

Time in Hours	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO Semi Finals (4*14 Boards)
1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 3 and IMP PAIRS - ELIMINATION (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)
1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3



Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Time in Hours	Activity
	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – Finals (4*14 Boards) & Play-Off
0900 – 1100	Session 1
1115 – 1315	Session 2
1315 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1600	Session 3
1610 – 1810	Session 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL (54 Boards in 2 Sessions) – Barometer Scoring
0930 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1745	Session 2
	IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)
1000 – 1330	Session 1
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1745	Session 2
	IMP PAIRS STRATA – II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)
1030 – 1330	Session 1
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1730	Session 2
1830	Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony



Prize Money

Break-up of the total prize money as per different categories

Rank	GOLD	SILVER	Rank	OPEN MP Pairs	IMP Pairs	MP Pairs STRATA-II	IMP Pairs STRATA-II
1 st	3,000,000	1,200,000	1 st	1,000,000	200,000	75,000	75,000
2 nd	1,500,000	750,000	2 nd	750,000	150,000	50,000	50,000
3 rd	750,000	400,000	3 rd	600,000	125,000	30,000	30,000
4 th	600,000	300,000	4 th	400,000	100,000	20,000	20,000
5 th to 8 th	360,000	180,000	5 th	300,000	75,000	15,000	15,000
9 th to 16 th	150,000	75,000	6 th	240,000	50,000	10,000	10,000
17 th to 20 th	50,000	30,000	7 th	180,000	30,000	7,000	7,000
			8 th	130,000	20,000	6,000	6,000
			9 th	90,000	15,000	5,000	5,000
			10 th	60,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
			11 th	45,000	8,000		
			12 th	30,000	6,000		
			13 th to 16 th	15,000	5,000		
			Pairs Elim-1 & 2 1 st and 2 nd	12,000 8,000			
			Best Mixed & Ladies Pair	12,000 8,000			
Total	8,690,000	4,090,000		3,965,000	809,000	223,000	223,000
Grand Total							18,000,000

All figures are in Indian rupees.

Note 1 – For international players, the final prize money will be converted as per the prevailing foreign exchange rates of the day. TDS will be deducted as per the prevailing Indian Income Tax rules.

Note 2 – There are two prizes each in Best Mixed and Ladies Pairs in open MP Pairs event. For this, pairs must reach Open MP Pairs final or the 3rd elimination of MP Pairs event.

*at current foreign exchange rate of 1US\$ - ₹65.2

Entry Fees

- Team of Four Gold – ₹10,000 for 4 member team and ₹1,500 for additional member.
- Team of Four Silver – ₹7,000 for 4 member team and ₹1,000 for additional member.
- * Note: In the Team of Four Gold and Silver events, the 16 teams qualified to play the KO stage will pay additional ₹3,000 per team.
- Open MP Pairs – ₹4,000 per pair.
- Open MP Pairs STRATA II – No entry fee for this event if the Pair has played in Open Pairs as Partners. For new entries, entry will be ₹1000 per pair.
- IMP Pairs – ₹2,000 per pair.
- IMP Pairs Strata II – ₹1000 per pair.

Note: There will be a 50% concession on entry fee for a Team / Pair consisting of all under-30 players.

Important notes for the participants:

- No entry for team event will be accepted after the stipulated closing time of 2000 hrs on Tuesday, August 07, 2018. All teams are advised to register their entries in advance on the website. The following persons can be contacted for any clarification:
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- Closing time for MP Pairs entries is 2030 hrs on Friday, August 10, 2018.
- Closing time for MP Pairs STRATA II entries is 2030 hrs on Saturday, August 11, 2018.
- Closing time for IMP Pairs entries is 2030 hrs on Sunday, August 12, 2018.
- Closing time for IMP Pairs STRATA II entries is 2030 hrs on Monday, August 13, 2018.
- Sponsor will have a quota of 2 Pairs, directly seeded to the Pairs Final.
- Participating players are required to take their seats as per the program; failure to do so will result in penalty.
- Displaying of properly filled convention cards at the table is compulsory. Copies of blank convention cards will be made available at the venue.
- Players will be provided lunch at the venue. Tea /coffee and snacks during scheduled tea breaks, will also be provided.
- Players are requested not to bring tea/coffee/cold drinks/lunch inside the playing arena.
- The applicable Supplemental Conditions of Contest (SCoC) will be circulated before start of the tournament. Tournament will follow the WBF - 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- The organizing committee has the right to change the tournament schedule and format, if deemed necessary.
- All prize money will be credited to the winners' bank accounts within 15-20 days of the final day of the tournament.
- Registration will also be opened online and the entry fees will be collected through an online payment gateway till August 8, 12 noon.

Organizing Committee**ORGANIZING MEMBERS**

Chairperson - Mrs. Kiran Nadar
Co-Chairman – Prasad Keni (President, BFI)
Organizing Secretary - Subhash Gupta
Head of Operations – T.C. Pant
Marketing, Administration – Rakesh Kalra,
S.S. Mishra and Rajat Chandolia

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT

In-charge - Anand K.S. Samant, T.C. Pant and Sudhir Aggarwal
Bulletin – Dr. Subir Roy & Team
Website – Sudhir Aggarwal
Bridgemates & Scoring - Sudhir Aggarwal, Srinivasan Iyengar, Prithvi Singh & Kaustubh Deodhar
Dealing - Chetan Raval, SRC Sekar and Bansi Gupta
Vu-Graph & Live Streaming – Bharat (Buddy) Shah & Team

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Chief Tournament Director (CTD) - M.B.V. Subrahmanyam
Joint CTD - Pranab (Ranju) Bhattacharya and Team of TDs