



(To be generally implemented in the Conditions of Contest)

World Bridge Federation “WBF” Anti-Doping Regulations

1. Preamble

- 1.1. As a consequence of the recognition of the World Bridge Federation by the International Olympic Committee, the WBF is following the World Anti-Doping Program and the World Anti-Doping code (“the Code”). In accordance with the World Anti-Doping Program the WBF is also following the guidelines as they are laid down by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

2. Anti-doping Testing Events

- 2.1. In specified competitions the WBF will test individuals who are obliged to accept being tested.

3. Testing Proceedings

- 3.1. The testing will normally be In-Competition testing with no advance notice. The testing will be done by WADA accredited laboratories.
- 3.2. Testing will normally be done on a random basis at the site of the competition.
- 3.3. The handling of anti-doping matters is done by the WBF Anti-Doping Commission and the WBF Medical Commission.
- 3.4. How, when, where, who and how many will be tested is decided by the WBF Executive Council or the WBF President.

4. Medical Certificate.

- 4.1. If a competitor is undergoing medical treatment for a condition which requires the taking of a substance on the Prohibited list, the competitor must get a dispensation from the WBF Medical Commission.
- 4.2. The competitor should contact his personal doctor or an accredited doctor in his/her own country asking him if it is possible to substitute the prohibited substance with an alternative substance not included in the prohibited list.
- 4.3. The competitor should get a written doctor’s certificate explaining why the competitor is undergoing medical treatment with the substance mentioned in 4.1.

- 4.4. The doctor's certificate is sent to the WBF Medical Commission and must be in the hands of the commission no later than eight weeks before the competition in which the competitor is playing commences.
- 4.5. If the Medical Commission gives dispensation, a medical certificate will be issued in two parts. One will be given to the competitor applying for dispensation and the Medical Commission will keep the other one until the end of the competition. After the competition is finished the second part of the certificate will also be returned to the competitor.
- 4.6. Issuing the medical certificate, the Medical Commission states its period of validity (depending on the nature of the illness).
- 4.7. If a competitor just before the start of the competition is undergoing medical treatment with a substance on the Prohibited list, the competitor has to present on site at the WBF Medical Commission a Doctor's Certificate to obtain, at the Commission's discretion, a dispensation.
- 4.8. In any case before using a restricted substance during the Championship a competitor has to previously consult the WBF Medical Commission on site.
- 4.9. The work and the knowledge by the WBF Medical Commission concerning any individual is strictly confidential. No one outside the Medical Commission should have any knowledge of any case being dealt with by the Commission. All material received by the Medical Commission will be marked for destruction when the Medical Commission has decided on whether a dispensation can be given or not. The WBF Executive Council may receive statistical information from the WBF Medical Commission.

5. Sanctions

5.1. Concerning sanctions for violations, the WBF is, as stated above in section 1, following the Code.

5.2. The competitors' attention is called to the Code Article 10.2:

First violation:	Two (2) years' ineligibility
Second violation:	Lifetime ineligibility

In addition the WBF will notify the competitor's NBO with full details of the violation.

In accordance with the Code the player may be able to establish the basis for possibly eliminating or reducing this sanction.

5.3. In teams events where one competitor of a team has been notified of a possible anti-doping rule violation the team may be subject to target

testing. If more than one team competitor is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during the event the team may be disqualified.

- 5.4. If a competitor refuses to be tested the refusal is regarded as an anti-doping rule violation and at least one more competitor from the team may be randomly picked for immediate testing.
- 5.5. In pairs events, if one player is found to be positive for a restricted substance following testing, the pair will be disqualified from any placement in the event, shall forfeit all medals or trophies won and each pair who finished behind this pair shall move up one position in the placement.
- 5.6. Because of the time delay in obtaining test results it is anticipated that a competitor will often only be notified of a possible anti-doping violation after the competition has ended. In this event the WBF President may demand more testing being done of the competitor's team. This Out-of-Competition testing shall be carried out by the competitor's NBO and at the NBO's expense in accordance with guidelines laid down by the WBF Doping Commission.



The World Bridge Federation
Medical Commission

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

This Medical Certificate containing dispensation for the use of substance(s) is valid for [_____]
from the below mentioned date for all WBF competitions within the jurisdiction of the WBF.

Date: _____
National Bridge Organisation _____
Concerning ("the competitor") _____
Family Name: _____
Given Name(s) _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Date of birth: _____

Certificate issued due to:
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The treatment for the medical condition includes the taking of the following substance(s):
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Verification:	Chairman of the WBF Medical Commission:
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Reference:	
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This Medical Certificate must be presented to the WBF Medical Commission before the start of the
competition(s)