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WBF LAUNCHING A WORLD TOUR

Already in 2019 the WBF took the decision to launch a yearly "World Bridge Tour", consisting of existing face-to-face international events, culminating in a Tour Final among the top ranked partnerships. Then Covid happened - ending most international face-to-face events.

As face-to-face events are getting back, we have now finally launched the Tour, starting with a "dry-run" in the 2023 season, to fine-tune the ranking methods and classification of events. It will then go "live" as of the 2024 season.

Some events have been pre-qualified by the Tour Organising Committee (such as the Transnationals at World and Zonal Championships and the main events at the NABCs). Other event organisers can still apply for their event to be included already in this "dry run" season and, in case your annual event has already taken place this year, it can still be considered for inclusion in 2024. Applications are welcome by email to: worldbridgetour@worldbridgefed.com.

To be considered for inclusion an event must typically:

- be open to all members of a WBF affiliated NBO,
- not be restricted by age or gender,
- have substantial international participation,
- be of minimum 3 days length (or about 150+ boards) and
- organisers must be able to furnish information on the number of boards or sessions played by each partnership in Team events.

Exceptions can be made at the sole discretion of the organising committee.

Detailed information about the Tour Events, results, regulations, ranking scales and current standings is available on the WBF website at

<http://championships.worldbridge.org/world-bridge-tour>

The WBF hopes that the Tour, and its continuously changing ranking, will add interest among the bridge community and assist event organisers in the promotion of their events, adding the status inherent in being a WBF World Bridge Tour event. Separately from the Tour Ranking Points, WBF Master Points will also be awarded as of the 2024 season which should be an added attraction, especially for players not usually being able to play in WBF world championships.

Our goal is that the Tour Final should become a truly great promotional event, consisting of the legitimately best performing partnerships of the season.

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