

*Notice of trials
Lady Milne Trophy*

The competition for the Lady Milne Trophy will be held in Wales on the 22nd-24th April 2022.

Trials

Trials to select the team to represent Northern Ireland are scheduled to be held on RealBridge on November 12th-14th and December 3rd-5th 2021.

Trials are open to each NIBU member who meets the criteria set out in the current Home International Regulations [HIR] published on the Bridge Great Britain website at the discretion of the Selection Committee. This is normally 100 Red points per partnership or a minimum of 40 per player.

The provisions of the selection policy for home internationals in Section Three of the Selection Committee Manual shall apply to the trials.

The team shall be selected from pairs who have entered the trials or applied for exemption from the trials.

Each application for exemption from the trials shall be considered by the Selection Committee and accepted or rejected within 7 days of the closing date for entries.

The entry fee of £ 90 per player who enters the trials, OR seeks any exemption from the trials after the entries have closed, shall be paid with the entry, by online banking, paid directly into the NIBU bank account. (Sort code: 98-01-40. A/C 15029055. Ref. LM Trials entry)

NO exceptions will be made to this requirement.

Entries

Entries must be made electronically to Michael McFaul mjmcfaul@gmail.com before midnight on Sunday October 24th 2021 and must include the names and e-mail addresses of at least one player of each pair and an electronic copy of the pair's convention card in a format complying with HIR. ALL entries must be accompanied by payment in full or that entry will be deemed null and void

Format of trials

The trial's format shall be announced by e-mail to players and published on the NIBU website within 7 days of the closing date for entries. Friday evenings from 6.00pm may be included and the option to run a preliminary trial maybe exercised

Late entries shall not be accepted after announcement of trial's format.

The current HIR sections 1, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 shall apply to the trials.

A substitute player may be allowed for no more than 25% of the boards. Where there is a substitution which the Selection Committee considers significantly affects the strength or weakness of a pair the results during the substitution may be amended by the Selection Committee.