

## **Notice of Trials**

### **Inter-Provincials / Camrose Trophy 2023**

The Inter-Provincials will be held at Cavan Crystal Hotel on November 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2022.

The 2023 Camrose Trophy will be held in Northern Ireland on January 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2023 and Ireland on March 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 2023. Play over both weekends will be face to face.

#### **Trials**

Trials to select the team to represent Ulster at the Inter-Provincials and Northern Ireland at the Camrose are scheduled to be held at Kelvin & Malone Bridge Club on September 23-25 and October 14-16.

The 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. The trials are also open to players from Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal who wish to represent Ulster in the Inter-Provincials.

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 £100 per player who enters the trials, OR seeks any exemption from the trials, shall be paid no later than the closing date for entries, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Payment is by online banking, directly into the NIBU bank account 15029055: Sort code 98-01-40. NO exceptions will be made to this requirement.

#### **Entries**

Entries must be made electronically to Michael McFaul [mjmcfaul@gmail.com](mailto:mjmcfaul@gmail.com) before midnight on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 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 Home International Regulations (HIR). ALL entries must be followed by payment in full seven days before the trial or that entry will be deemed invalid

#### **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 may be 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.