



THE IRISH BRIDGE UNION INTERNATIONAL TRIALS 2018

2019 European Mixed Teams Championships *22nd – 28th February 2019* *Venue: TBC (before the end of June)*

This new Championships is being organised to qualify 8 Teams to represent Europe at the World Mixed Team Championships to be held in China in October 2019.

The IBU International Committee therefore intends to run trials to select a representative team.

- 1) Dates 14th –16th September 2018
 Venue Galway Bridge Centre, GALWAY

- 2) **Qualification**
Each Player must have a minimum of 60 National Points or have won 25 in the past 3 years. No exemptions from this will be considered.

- 3) It will be a Butler Pairs trial.

- 4) The exact timetable will be announced after entries have been received.
Please note that if there are 20 pairs or less – it will be all play all starting on Friday morning not before 10.00 am. (In any event, it will be a Friday morning start as the IC want to play as many boards as possible)
If there are more than 20 pairs, there will be 7 boards x 7 rounds of Swiss on Friday with the top 12 pairs qualifying for an all play all round robin on Saturday & Sunday. All others will be eliminated unless one of the top 12 can't play. (We are aware that this will inconvenience those that do not make the top 12 but the IC feels it is important to have it crystal clear as to what the format is, so that it's transparent and the same for everyone when you enter.)

There will be no exemptions granted to any players or pair from any part of this trial.

- 5) The pairs finishing in 1st, 2nd & 3rd at the end of the trials, will be invited to represent Ireland. If one of the pairs is unable to travel for any reason, the next pair in line will be selected and so on should more than one pair be unable to go. The NPC will be appointed by the International Committee after consultation with the players.

- 6) Entry fee and grants. The IBU will pay the entry fee for the team, and the normal grant for European events.

- 7) Entries in writing, accompanied by the entry fee of **€100 per player**, must be submitted to
 Mr Paul Porteous, Templeogue House, Templeogue Road, Dublin 6W *or*
 Mr. Harold Curran 28 Laganvale Manor, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5BE.
no later than 17th **July 2018**. Entries without the entrance fee will not be accepted and late entries will not be considered. **NO** exceptions will be made.

- 8) If the Ireland team does qualify to represent Europe at the World Mixed Team Championships to be held in China in October 2019, then the team will be composed of the same players as played in the qualifier, assuming that all are available. If any pair is not available, for any reason, then the next highest placed pair in the trials will be asked and so on until we have 3 pairs.
- 8) The International Committee is empowered to alter any of the arrangements or conditions including time, dates and venue, and to decide on all matters affecting these trials and each player who enters is undertaking to represent Ireland if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.

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