

Regulations of the 37th Grand Prix of Warsaw

General Assumptions

1. The 37th International Bridge Congress will be held from August 20 – 30, 2009, at the Military Conference Centre, ul. Żwirki i Wigury 9/13
2. [Congress Programme](#)
3. Congress Pair Tournaments will be played in ten-board mini sessions. **During such sessions players are not allowed to leave their places.** Due to technical reasons, 5 to 7 minute breaks will be held between such mini sessions. Players shall strictly observe the timeframe of the tournament.
4. [The Congress will be accompanied by the following additional events](#)
5. The following rules and recommendations shall prevail in all tournaments played at the The 37th International Bridge Congress Grand Prix of Warsaw:
 - International Bridge Law (IBL) and Polish Bridge Union Regulations (including PBU system policy) with “Multi” convention allowed after each 1♣ opening
 - bluff opening with the use of conventional opening shall be prohibited
 - in barometers and tournaments played in mini sessions an arbitral score (IBL 12C1) of 60% and 40% shall be registered
 - convention card is recommended to protect one’s own rights
 - entry fee will be accepted until 5 minutes before the tournament start time (except the individual tournament: up to 15 minutes before the tournament start time). Past that time the organiser shall be entitled to refuse the participation of a player
 - smoking in the playing area shall be prohibited
 - any disputes that may arise during the Congress shall be subject to the binding resolution of the Chief Tournament Director.

Overall Performance Points (PDF)

1. At the 37th Bridge Congress, two independent scoring schemes shall be carried out for Congress Tournaments and Additional Tournaments.

The allocation of the Overall Performance Points for the Congress Tournaments (KPDF) shall be based on eight best results scored in the Congress events. KPDF shall be carried out in the following categories: open, women, senior, junior, school player, best non-Polish player and for low ranking players with WK up to 2.5.

The allocation of the Overall Performance Points for the Additional Tournaments (PDFTO) shall be based on seven best results scored in the Additional Tournaments. PDFTO shall be carried out in the open category for low ranking players with WK up to 2.5.
2. In case of the same ranking in KPDF, the following factors shall be decisive (in the below order):
 - bigger number of PDF scored in the team tournament
 - bigger number of PDF scored in the pair tournament played on August 23
 - bigger number of PDF scored in the individual tournament
 - draw
3. In case of the same ranking in PDFTO the following factors shall be decisive (in the below order):
 - bigger number of PDF scored in the pair tournament played on August 30
 - draw

4. The following rules shall apply in the calculation of KPDF: all players shall score PDF in every tournament. The last place shall be awarded 1 PDF. The reduction scheme shall be based on a number of pairs. The reduction may change by 1 PDF if a quotient of (*a number of PDF for the 1st place*) by (*a number of pairs-1*) is not an integral number. In such a case, PDF for top places shall be reduced rounded upward and the balance shall be rounded downward (e.g. with 180 pairs and 400 PDF for the first place, the score of the first 41 pairs shall be reduced by 3 PDF and the score of further pairs by 2 PDF). Based on the above, the place of the reduction cutback for any number of pairs is obvious. A tournament winner shall be awarded a constant number of PDF according to the below scheme:
- 1st Congress Tournament – Pairs (22.08) – 300 PDF
 - 2nd Congress Tournament – IMPs (22.08) – 300 PDF
 - 3rd Congress Tournament – Pairs (23.08) – 400 PDF
 - 4th Congress Tournament – Pairs (24.08) – 300 PDF
 - 5th Congress Tournament – Pairs (25.08) – 300 PDF
 - 6th (Cavendish) (26.08) – 300 PDF
 - 7th Congress Tournament – Pairs (27.08) – 300 PDF
 - 8th Congress Individual Tournament (28.08) – 240 PDF
 - 9th Congress Tournament – Mixed Pairs (28.08) – 240 PDF
 - 10th Congress Tournament - Teams (29.08) – 400 PDF
 - 11th Congress Tournament - Team (WK ≤ 4) (29.08) – 240 PDF

Bonus for top places: 1st place - 40 PDF, 2nd place - 31 PDF, 3rd place - 23 PDF, 4th place – 16 PDF, 5th place - 10 PDF, 6th place - 5 PDF, 7th place - 3 PDF, 8th place - 1 PDF.

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- Opening Pair Tournament (20.08) – 200 PDF
 - 2nd Pair Tournament – Barometer (21.08) – 140 PDF
 - 3rd Pair Tournament – Barometer (21.08) – 300 PDF
 - 4th Pair Tournament (24.08) – 140 PDF
 - 5th Pair Tournament – Cavendish (25.08) – 140 PDF
 - 6th Pair Tournament – Barometer (26.08) – 140 PDF
 - 7th Pair Tournament (27.08) – 140 PDF
 - Closing Pair Tournament (30.08) – 300 PDF

Bonus for top places in the tournaments: 1st place - 20 PDF, 2nd place - 12 PDF, 3rd place - 8 PDF, 4th place - 4 PDF, 5th place - 2 PDF, 6th place - 1 PDF.

Appeals

1. The decision of the Chief Tournament Director shall be final.

Entry Fee

1. PBU members shall be entitled to discounts.
2. PBU members shall be entitled to special discounts as stated below:

- in Congress tournaments: seniors above 66 years of age, junior players up to 25 years of age and school players
 - in open tournaments: women, seniors above 66 years of age, junior players up to 25 years of age and school players.
3. The entry fee for Congress tournaments shall be PLN 60 per player, for PBU members – PLN 40, for special discount holders (pursuant to PBU regulations) – PLN 25 and for school players – PLN 15, respectively.
 4. The entry fee for open tournaments shall be PLN 40, for PBU members – PLN 30, for special discount holders – PLN 20 and for school players – PLN 10, respectively.
 5. The entry fee for the Polish Grand Prix tournament shall be PLN 80, for PBU members – PLN 60 and for special discount holders – PLN 40, respectively. No discounts shall be granted to school players.
 6. The entry fee for the Polish Mixed Pairs qualifying tournament shall be PLN 70, for PBU members – PLN 50 and for special discount holders – PLN 30, respectively. No discounts shall be granted to school players.

Prizes

1. Fifty percent of the entry fee shall be allocated for prizes in pair, team and individual tournaments with 40 percent to be allocated for regular prizes and 10 percent for the overall performance prizes. Additionally, the organiser shall distribute an extra tournament prize pool (entry fee + extra prize pool) in respective tournaments:

- **Grand Prix of Poland:**

1 st place	-	PLN 4,000
2 nd place	-	PLN 2,000
3 rd place	-	PLN 1,000

- **team tournaments:**

open teams

A final

1 st place	PLN 5,000
2 nd place	PLN 3,000
3 rd place	PLN 2,000
4 th place	PLN 1,000
5 th place	PLN 800

B final

1 st place	PLN 1,000
2 nd place	PLN 400

C final

1 st place	PLN 500
2 nd place	Prizes in kind

D final

1 st place	Prizes in kind
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teams for low-ranking players (WK ≤ 4)

A final

1 st place	PLN 2,000
2 nd place	PLN 1,200
3 rd place	PLN 800
4 th place	PLN 600
5 th place	PLN 400

B final

1 st place	PLN 500
2 nd place	PLN 300

C final

1 st place	PLN 300
2 nd place	Prizes in kind

D final

1 st place	Prizes in kind
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- **other open pair tournament prizes (including mixed pair tournament):**

1 st place	PLN 2,000
2 nd place	PLN 1,000
3 rd place	PLN 600

° **individual tournament prizes:**

1 st place	PLN 1,000
2 nd place	PLN 500
3 rd place	PLN 300

° **open tournament prizes:**

1 st place	PLN 500 (min)
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2. Additionally, the organiser shall distribute an extra prize pool for the overall performance and the following prizes shall be guaranteed (entry fee + extra prize pool):

1 st place -	PLN 5,000
2 nd place-	PLN 3,000
3 rd place-	PLN 2,000
4 th place -	PLN 1,500
5 th place -	PLN 1,000
6 th place -	PLN 750
7 th place -	PLN 750
8 th place -	PLN 500
9 th place -	PLN 500
10 th place-	PLN 500

3. Special prizes (cumulative with the main prizes but non-cumulative with other special prizes) for the best player in the following categories:

- the best senior player
- the best woman player
- the best non-Polish player
- the best junior player
- the best player from Warsaw
- the best player from Mazovia
- the best Polish player with WK up to 2.5
- the best school player

Additional prize of PLN 1,000 shall be awarded by Mira Siwek to the best woman player. In other categories (except school players) the prize shall be PLN 500. "Stiga" Company shall award the prize in kind for the best school player.

4. The organiser shall distribute an extra prize pool for the overall performance (entry fee + extra prize pool):

1 st place	-	PLN 1,500
2 nd place	-	PLN 800
3 rd place	-	PLN 500
4 th place	-	PLN 300
5 th place	-	PLN 200

The prize of PLN 200 shall be awarded to the best player with WK up to 2.5.

5. The main prizes in respective tournaments shall be awarded to 7 percent of participants (rounded upward) and special prizes – to 3 percent of participants (rounded upward). A special prize in a given category can be awarded only to a player ranking among the first half of the players in a tournament with at least 5 participants of the given category participating in such tournament. If such conditions are not met, the prize shall be awarded for subsequent place as one of the main prizes or as a prize in a different category.

6. If at least five school pairs that have paid the entry fee participate in a tournament, a school pair that has scored above average shall be awarded 50 percent of a special prize.

ATTENTION:

The list of prizes may be extended without notice at the sole discretion of Sponsors.