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A Welcome Message From Your President

Dear Bridge Enthusiasts,

On behalf of the Bridge Federation of Asia and the Middle East, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 23rd Zonal Championship, a true celebration of skill, strategy, and sportsmanship.

This prestigious event brings together some of the most brilliant minds and passionate players from across our diverse and vibrant region. More than just a competition, it is an opportunity to rekindle friendships, forge new connections, and showcase the spirit of unity that lies at the heart of our beloved game.

As we prepare to deal the first hand, we extend our warmest wishes to all participants, officials, and supporters.

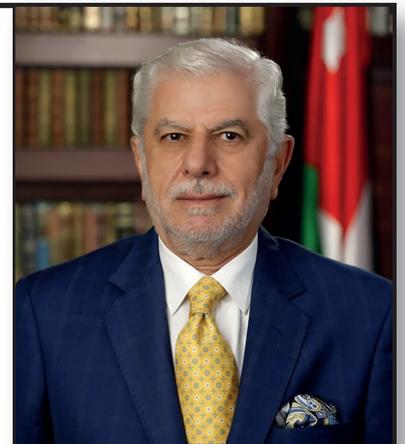
May your bidding be bold, your play inspired, and your experience truly unforgettable.

We look forward to an exciting tournament and to welcoming you with open arms.

With warm regards,

Bahjat Majali

President, Bridge Federation of Asia and the Middle East





Important Notes

1. Play Format: Open Teams

1. Two Complete RR, home and away line-ups (14 Matches X 16 Boards each; in 5 days)
2. The top four teams will qualify to the Semi-final stage, the first ranked team will choose its opponents from between teams ranked 3rd or 4th.
3. Semi-Final will be Six Segments of 16 Boards each, No Carry Over (Check the S.CoC for tie-breaks).
4. For the Semi-final, Final and play-off sessions, It has been decided that:
 - The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 2, 4 & 6 in the Semi-final match.
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5. The first 2 RR will be home and away line-ups.
6. The last Round Robin shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played 2 rounds and will be a blind line-up.

3. Electronic Communication Devices (ECDs)

Electronic Communication Devices (ECDs) include, but are not limited to:

- Mobile Phones
- Personal laptops or tablets
- Headphones or earbuds
- Wearable technologies such as smartwatches, fitness bands, or rings

Spectators may not bring ECDs into the playing area at any time.

Players who bring ECDs into the playing area must place them at the side table besides the player. The devices must remain there until the end of play at the table. They must be completely switched off, not merely turned to silent or flight mode. If a player leaves the playing area with an ECD, he may not return until the next round.

Any participant or other team supporter/spectator bringing an ECD into the playing area



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and not complying with the above regulations will cause their team to be fined:

- 3 VPs in a Round Robin.
- 8 IMPs in a KO match

The fine for a subsequent offence during the tournament will be:

- 8 VPs in a Round Robin.
- 20 IMPs in a KO match

A third offence will result in the individual's expulsion from the tournament.

After any offence, the TD will search the participant's partner and teammates. If any also has an ECD:

- **First offence:** The match will be cancelled and the team will receive zero VPs in this match and the opposing team will receive 12 VPs or the team average in this RR or the opposing team average in this RR whichever is higher, and the matter will be referred to the investigations committee.

- **Second offence:** the team will be expelled from the tournament.

The Head Tournament Director will arrange for random checks of participants to ensure compliance with these prohibitions. Refusal to submit to these checks will result in the same penalty as if an ECD had been discovered, and the individual concerned will be barred from the playing area for the duration of the match or until the Head Tournament Director, in consultation with the Championship Committee, shall decide.

Anyone entering the playing area must comply with procedures put in place by the BFAME for the detection of such electronic equipment. Players and spectators must register medical devices with the TD to request an exception to this policy.

4. Request a review

1. First step is to review the TD ruling with the Head TD

2. Second step is to apply for an official review by submitting a review form through the TD in charge of your case.

3. A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling. All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events.

4. When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit to the TD. The amount of deposit required will be US \$100.

5. The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.



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5. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol.

The following is strictly forbidden during play:

- Eating (even if only biscuits)
- Drinking Alcohol
- Smoking
- Going to the WC without permission
- Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defense

6. General

• When checking the Bridge-mates, take some time. Each detail needs to be confirmed in your mind. A casual verification of an incorrect score can affect the final outcome to a surprising extent.

• Bridge is a timed event. It has to be. Nobody is entitled to more time than anybody else. Serial offenders may well find they receive a procedural penalty.

• Bridge is a competitive game, but you do need a partner and opponents. It is the right of those around you be allowed to play in a pleasant environment.

• Calling a tournament director is not an act of hostility, as some players think, but is, in general, the best way to avoid a problem. Just do so in a civilized way.

• Ensure that the players at nearby tables do not hear your conversation about a board. If this happens, they cannot play the board because of unauthorised information, while the culprits are penalized.

• When you alert Partner's call, Give a full explanation in writing. To offer a system name is generally a poor idea. For example, to say: "That's a Bergen raise" overlooks the fact that players choose to assign different points ranges to different bids.

• Make sure you agree the number of tricks made before returning your cards to the board at the end of a hand.

• Observe correct procedures, such as leading face-down at trick one, and leaving the bidding cards on the table until there are no further questions about the auction.

• Keep the board that is in play in the middle of the table (or as close to that as is practical).

• Morning sessions commence at 10 am, You need to be at the venue at least 10 minutes before play starts.

• If you hesitate discernibly, you compromise your partner (although this does not mean Partner is automatically barred from bidding or doubling). However, your hesitation might lead to an adjusted score.

• When a player takes more than a normal time to make his call, it is not an infraction if he draws attention to the break in tempo. His screen-mate, however, shall not do so.

• If a player on the side of the screen receiving the tray considers there has been a break in tempo and consequently there may be unauthorised information he should, under Law 16B2, call the Director. He may do so at any time before the opening lead is made and the screen opened.

• Failure to do as above provides may persuade the Director it was the partner who drew attention to the break in tempo. If so he may well rule there was no perceived delay and thus no unauthorised information. A delay in passing the tray of up to 20 seconds is not regarded as significant.

7. Referring to / Checking your written defense against multi 2D or 2CL opening is no longer allowed.



Memory Lane

Mark Horton

Looking back at the last two Championships, these three deals from the 21st Edition were described by Ron Tacchi:

To get myself back into the habit of watching play on RealBridge I kibbitzed the first taster session. It was probably a reawakening for some of the players or maybe their first time. The session was only eight boards but at least two of the deals provided some excitement.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ AKJ2	♠ Q 1095
♥ AK943	♥ QJ87
♦ QJ84	♦ A10
♣ –	♣ AQJ

♠ 763	♠ 84
♥ 106	♥ 52
♦ K7	♦ 96532
♣ 1098764	♣ K532

♠ N	♠
♥	♥
♦ W	♦ E
♣ S	♣

Your mission here is to get to the grand slam, BUT you must get to the right one. Seven Hearts is not a good grand slam (except in the Hamman definition, i.e. it makes) as it requires the diamond finesse, in other words it is only a 50% grand slam, not good odds. Seven Spades has many more chances – we will revisit the odds of this contract later. As we have learnt at our mother's knee, 'play in the 4-4 fit' but like many things our mothers told us it is easier to say than to do. What should West bid after partner opens a strong no-trump? I think a lot depends on how you play the responses to Stayman, if you are allowed to reply 2NT with both majors then that is the method I would adopt, as if you are lucky enough to find partner with both majors you can easily elect to play in spades. If, however, partner has to respond Two Hearts with both majors then it is exceedingly probable that the spade fit will not be found. So, if this is your method then transferring to hearts and later showing the spades could prove superior. Of the twelve times the board was played the contract was played in spades only twice. Once after a Stayman response of 2NT, which gave rise

to the only spade grand slam, and the other after a transfer to hearts and then subsequently showing spades and so the small slam was reached. Here is the auction that led to the spade grand slam:

West	North	East	South
<i>Said</i>		<i>Attef</i>	
–	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♦*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		
2♣	Stayman2NT		Both majors
3♥	Transfer to spades		
5♣	Exclusion Blackwood		
5♦	1 or 4 keycards		
5♠	Heart queen?		
6♣	Yes and a club feature		

Well bid, though we will gloss over the play, fortunately for declarer the diamond finesse was onside. The same fortune was available to three pairs who bid the grand slam but in hearts. Six pairs arrived in the small slam and somehow one pair languished in game, writing +510 in one's scorecard is never a warm feeling. So how good a contract is Seven Spades? I think it is solid if there is not a void in either major. You only need to ruff two clubs to amass thirteen tricks. On the most testing lead of a trump win in the West hand and play a second round to East. Ruff a club, return with the ace of diamonds and ruff another club. A heart to the queen and draw the remaining trumps and claim.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ KJ865	♠ Q 109
♥ 7	♥ K86542
♦ AKJ10862	♦ 4
♣ –	♣ J94

♠ 743	♠ A2
♥ Q9	♥ AJ103
♦ 95	♦ Q73
♣ AK10532	♣ Q876

♠ N	♠
♥	♥
♦ W	♦ E
♣ S	♣



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Another slam hand – the great shuffler was working overtime for an eight-board set. The first question is whether one should be in the grand slam, to which I reply with a definite yes. I estimate the chances of success to be in excess of 70%, not only are you certain if the spades break 3-3 or 4-2 with a doubleton queen but also, if the ♦9 is singleton, then any 3-3 or 4-2 spade break can be coped with and if you are not fortunate in the trump suit then you can deal with a 4-2 spade break when it is North who holds the doubleton. The next question is how does one bid it. This is a much more difficult question. It happened only once over the twelve tables. Those pairs who were subject to a heart overcall by North were unlikely to make it even to the small slam. I must confess I do not see an obvious way of developing the auction after North's interference – sometimes pre-empts work – that is why we do them. Here is the auction of the pair who managed to reach the grand slam:

West	North	East	South
<i>Rasel</i>		<i>Zamam</i>	
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♣
2♠	Pass	3♣	Double
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

I am assuming that 5♣ was Exclusion Blackwood and that 5♠ showed two aces, though I do not understand why the response was not 5NT showing two aces and the queen of trumps, but it was not of great import to West as now the grand slam could be bid. Two grand slams and each of them using 5♣ as Exclusion Blackwood, I will wager a large sum of money that it will not happen again in the next Taster Session.

I was unable to watch the second Taster Session but the following day I took a look at the deals and was pleasantly surprised to find yet another possible grand slam among the eight boards. To decide if it was a 'good' grand slam is a harder question. Five of the twenty tables reached the heights and all five succeeded. Seven pairs attained the small slam and the rest bar one stayed in game. That remaining pair somehow came to rest in 4♣ which did not score well against 2140 for the successful grand slam.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ AQJ		♠ K 10 9 3									
♥ 10 2		♥ Q 9 6									
♦ 4		♦ Q 10 2									
♣ AQ96543		♣ 10 8 7									
♠ 6 5 4 2											
♥ 7 5 3											
♦ K 9 8 6 5 3											
♣ –											
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W		E									
	S										
♠ 8 7											
♥ AKJ84											
♦ AJ 7											
♣ KJ 2											

I quite liked this auction:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Ahmed</i>		<i>Mohammad</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♣*	Pass	7♣
All Pass			
4♠	Control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♠	2 keycards +♣Q		
5NT	Kings?		
6♣	No outside king		

Three Clubs may be a slight overbid but it does describe the hand and gets it off your chest. Once South admitted to club support North could cue-bid and South then followed up with Blackwood and when all the keycards were present he could attempt the grand slam. Now we come to the question of how to play the contract and its chances of success. With a 2-1 trump break you will make the contract whenever the hearts are 3-3 or the queen is doubleton. If that fails to materialise you can fall back on the spade finesse which I estimate to be nearly 60%. If the trumps are 3-0 then you need to find the heart suit good for four tricks, this boosts the total percentage to about 70 and so fair odds for the grand slam. And that is without counting on the chance of a spade lead which one of the declarers was fortunate enough to receive.



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Two years later the editorial role was taken up by T C Pant. On day one this deal arrived:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J932		♠ K86									
♥ 94		♥ AKQ5									
♦ 8542		♦ AJ7									
♣ KQ3		♣ A84									
♠ AQ1054	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K86
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W		E									
	S										
♥ J873		♥ AKQ5									
♦ KQ63		♦ AJ7									
♣ —		♣ A84									
♠ 7											
♥ 1062											
♦ 109											
♣ J1097652											

In the open room, the UAE played in 6♥ making all 13 tricks. In the closed room, the bidding went as follows:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	7♥	All Pass
2♣	Game forcing		
4♣	Control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		

There was nothing in the play. North led the ♣K and declarer claimed 13 tricks. It is interesting to note that except 7♥, all other grand slams go down. That was 11 IMPs in the kitty of Pakistan.

The declarer, Md. Asifur Rahman from Bangladesh played the hand perfectly by guessing everything correctly to score his slam contract. The deal is from RR5-R1 open match between Bangladesh & UAE.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J765		♠ A4									
♥ KQ9762		♥ 3									
♦ 10		♦ J98432									
♣ Q5		♣ A1076									
♠ KQ8	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A4
		N									
W		E									
	S										
♥ AJ84		♥ 3									
♦ AK5		♦ J98432									
♣ J32		♣ A1076									
♠ 10932											
♥ 105											
♦ Q76											
♣ K984											

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>		<i>Asifur Rahman</i>	
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	2♥	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
1♣	2+♣		

The lead was the ♥10, won with the ♥A. The ♦A was cashed noting carefully the fall of the ♦10 and a low spade to the ace was followed by running the ♦J. When that worked, the ♦K was cashed, a heart ruffed and two spades cashed discarding a club from dummy. Now another guess in clubs was needed. Declarer played a low club to the ten, South winning with the king. A spade return from South was ruffed in hand and the ♣A collected the ♣Q the contract was made. As the adage goes, luck favours the brave.

The last match of the round robin started with this excellent deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9865		♠ A7									
♥ A		♥ KQJ10862									
♦ J63		♦ 4									
♣ Q10874		♣ J65									
♠ Q104	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A7
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	S										
♥ 973		♥ KQJ10862									
♦ AK105		♦ 4									
♣ AK9		♣ J65									
♠ KJ32											
♥ 54											
♦ Q9752											
♣ 32											

There were few who were in 6♥ but barring two East's there were none who were able to make it. As it turned out both the slams were made in the Pakistan v India open team match. For Pakistan it was Hasan Askari and for India it was Sandeep Thakral.

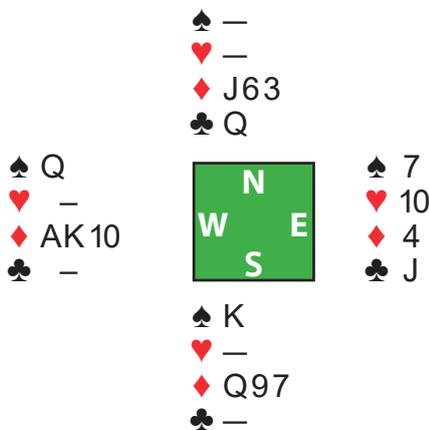
West	North	East	South
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
3♥	Good suit;		
4♣	Control		
4♦	Control, promises spade control		
4♠	RKCB		
5♥	2 keycards+♥Q		



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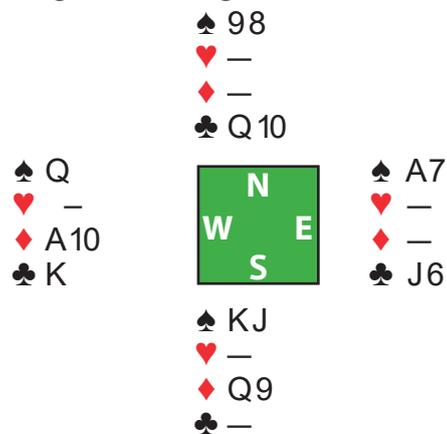


South led the ♣3 and Sandeep went up with the ace and played a heart. RHO won and played a spade, declarer winning with the ace, cashing a heart and the ♣K and then running the hearts. The four card ending was:



When declarer played last heart, South had to keep the ♠K. When he discarded a diamond away went dummy's ♠Q and now North was squeezed in diamonds and clubs.

It was suggested that switching to the ♦J at trick three would break up the squeeze, but declarer can win in dummy and cash the hearts, reaching this ending:



When declarer plays a club to the king South is forced to discard the ♠J. Then the ♦A squeezes North.

The only winning defence is for South to lead a diamond at trick one. Then North switches to a spade when in with the ♥A, after which even Houdini could not find a way home.

Additional Notes

On Thursday 10 April the agenda is as follows:

The Opening Ceremony will take place at 11.30.

The Council Meeting will be at 14.30

The Captain's Meeting will be held at 16.00

A Friendship Tournament will be run at 17.30



The BBO matches for **Friday 11 April** are as follows :

Match 01 - 10.00 Open: UAE vs. Jordan & Mixed: India vs. Pakistan

Match 02 - 14.00 Open: Bangladesh vs. India & Seniors : Bangladesh vs. Pakistan

Match 03 - 16.50 Open: UAE vs. Syria & Women: Palestine vs. UAE



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23rd BFAME Championships Event time table

Day	Date	11h30	14h30	16h00	17h30
Thursday	10-Apr-25	Opening Ceremony	BFAME Council	Captain's Meeting	Fri'ship Tournament
Sessions		Session (1)	12h20 - 13h55	Session (2)	Session (3)
Time		10h00 - 12h20		14h00 - 16h20	16h50 - 19h10
Friday	11-Apr-25	Open M (01) Women M (01) Seniors M (01) Mixed M (01)	Lunch Break	Open M (02) Women M (02) Seniors M (02) Mixed M (02)	Open M (03) Women M (03) Seniors M (03) Mixed M (03)
Saturday	12-Apr-25	Open M (04) Women M (04) Seniors M (04) Mixed M (04)		Open M (05) Women M (05) Seniors M (05) Mixed M (05)	Open M (06) Women M (06) Seniors M (06) Mixed M (06)
Sunday	13-Apr-25	Open M (07) Women M (07) Seniors M (07) Mixed M (07)		Open M (08) Women M (08) Seniors M (08) Mixed M (08)	Open M (09) Women M (09) Seniors M (09) Mixed M (09)
Monday	14-Apr-25	Open M (10) Women M (10) Seniors M (10) Mixed M (10)		Open M (11) Women M (11) Seniors M (11) Mixed M (11)	Open M (12) Women M (12) Seniors M (12) Mixed M (12)
Tuesday	15-Apr-25	Open M (13) Women M (13) Seniors M (13) Mixed M (13)		Open M (14) Women M (14) Seniors M (14) Mixed M (14)	Women M (15) Seniors M (15) Mixed M (15)
Wednesday	16-Apr-25	Open SF (01) Women SF (01) Seniors SF (01) Mixed SF (01)		Open SF (02) Women SF (02) Seniors SF (02) Mixed SF (02)	Open SF (03) Women SF (03) Seniors SF (03) Mixed SF (03)
Thursday	17-Apr-25	Open SF (04) Women SF (04) Seniors SF (04) Mixed SF (04)		Open SF (05) Women SF (05) Seniors SF (05) Mixed SF (05)	Open SF (06) Women SF (06) Seniors SF (06) Mixed SF (06)
Friday	18-Apr-25	Open F (01) Women F (01) Seniors F (01) Mixed F (01)		Open F (02) Women F (02) Seniors F (02) Mixed F (02)	Closing Ceremony



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Open Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 20min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 10H00				Match (02), 14H00				Match (03), 16H50							
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team				
11	FRI	1	India	x	6	Kuwait	3	Pakistan	x	2	UAE	6	Kuwait	x	4	Bangladesh	
		2	Bangladesh	x	7	Sri Lanka	8	Syria	x	5	Jordan	1	India	x	7	Sri Lanka	
		3	UAE	x	5	Jordan	4	Bangladesh	x	1	India	5	Jordan	x	3	Pakistan	
		4	Pakistan	x	8	Syria	7	Sri Lanka	x	6	Kuwait	2	UAE	x	8	Syria	
R.R (01)		Match (04), 10H00				Match (05), 14H00				Match (06), 16H50							
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team				
12	SAT	1	Sri Lanka	x	5	Jordan	2	UAE	x	6	Kuwait	4	Bangladesh	x	8	Syria	
		2	Syria	x	6	Kuwait	7	Sri Lanka	x	3	Pakistan	5	Jordan	x	1	India	
		3	Bangladesh	x	2	UAE	1	India	x	8	Syria	2	UAE	x	7	Sri Lanka	
		4	Pakistan	x	1	India	5	Jordan	x	4	Bangladesh	6	Kuwait	x	3	Pakistan	
R.R (01) / (02)		Match (07), 10H00				RR 02, Match (01), 14H00				RR 02, Match (02), 16H50							
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team				
13	SUN	1	India	x	2	UAE	6	Kuwait	x	1	India	2	UAE	x	3	Pakistan	
		2	Pakistan	x	4	Bangladesh	7	Sri Lanka	x	4	Bangladesh	5	Jordan	x	8	Syria	
		3	Kuwait	x	5	Jordan	5	Jordan	x	2	UAE	1	India	x	4	Bangladesh	
		4	Syria	x	7	Sri Lanka	8	Syria	x	3	Pakistan	6	Kuwait	x	7	Sri Lanka	
R.R (02)		RR 02, Match (03), 10H00				RR 02, Match (04), 14H00				RR 02, Match (05), 16H50							
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team				
14	MON	1	Bangladesh	x	6	Kuwait	5	Jordan	x	7	Sri Lanka	6	Kuwait	x	2	UAE	
		2	Sri Lanka	x	1	India	6	Kuwait	x	8	Syria	3	Pakistan	x	7	Sri Lanka	
		3	Pakistan	x	5	Jordan	2	UAE	x	4	Bangladesh	8	Syria	x	1	India	
		4	Syria	x	2	UAE	1	India	x	3	Pakistan	4	Bangladesh	x	5	Jordan	
R.R (02)		RR 02, Match (06), 10H00				RR 02, Match (07), 14H00											
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team										
15	TUE	1	Syria	x	4	Bangladesh	2	UAE	x	1	India						
		2	India	x	5	Jordan	4	Bangladesh	x	3	Pakistan						
		3	Sri Lanka	x	2	UAE	5	Jordan	x	6	Kuwait						
		4	Pakistan	x	6	Kuwait	7	Sri Lanka	x	8	Syria						
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Women Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 20min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 10H00			Match (02), 14H00			Match (03), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
11	5	1 Jordan	x	6 Sri Lanka	2 India	x	5 Palestine	6 Sri Lanka	x	4 Pakitsan
	6	5 Palestine	x	4 Pakitsan	6 Sri Lanka	x	3 UAE	1 Jordan	x	2 India
	7	3 UAE	x	2 India	4 Pakitsan	x	1 Jordan	5 Palestine	x	3 UAE
R.R (01)		Match (04), 10H00			Match (05), 14H00			RR(02) Match (01), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
12	5	1 Jordan	x	5 Palestine	4 Pakitsan	x	2 India	6 Sri Lanka	x	1 Jordan
	6	3 UAE	x	4 Pakitsan	5 Palestine	x	6 Sri Lanka	4 Pakitsan	x	5 Palestine
	7	2 India	x	6 Sri Lanka	3 UAE	x	1 Jordan	2 India	x	3 UAE
R.R (02)		Match (02), 10H00			Match (03), 14H00			Match (04), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
13	5	5 Palestine	x	2 India	4 Pakitsan	x	6 Sri Lanka	5 Palestine	x	1 Jordan
	6	3 UAE	x	6 Sri Lanka	2 India	x	1 Jordan	4 Pakitsan	x	3 UAE
	7	1 Jordan	x	4 Pakitsan	3 UAE	x	5 Palestine	6 Sri Lanka	x	2 India
R.R (03)		Match (05), 10H00			RR(03), Match (01), 14H00			Match (02), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
14	5	2 India	x	4 Pakitsan	1 Ranked 01	x	6 Ranked 06	2 Ranked 02	x	5 Ranked 05
	6	6 Sri Lanka	x	5 Palestine	5 Ranked 05	x	4 Ranked 04	6 Ranked 06	x	3 Ranked 03
	7	1 Jordan	x	3 UAE	3 Ranked 03	x	2 Ranked 02	4 Ranked 04	x	1 Ranked 01
R.R (03)		Match (03), 10H00			Match (04), 14H00			Match (05), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
15	5	6 Ranked 06	x	4 Ranked 04	1 Ranked 01	x	5 Ranked 05	4 Ranked 04	x	2 Ranked 02
	6	1 Ranked 01	x	2 Ranked 02	3 Ranked 03	x	4 Ranked 04	5 Ranked 05	x	6 Ranked 06
	7	5 Ranked 05	x	3 Ranked 03	2 Ranked 02	x	6 Ranked 06	3 Ranked 03	x	1 Ranked 01
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Senior Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 20min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 10H00			Match (02), 14H00			Match (03), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
11	11	1 Pakistan	x	6 Saudi Arabia	2 India	x	5 UAE	6 Saudi Arabia	x	4 Bangladesh
	12	5 UAE	x	4 Bangladesh	6 Saudi Arabia	x	3 Jordan	1 Pakistan	x	2 India
	13	3 Jordan	x	2 India	4 Bangladesh	x	1 Pakistan	5 UAE	x	3 Jordan
R.R (01)		Match (04), 10H00			Match (05), 14H00			RR(02) Match (01), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
12	11	1 Pakistan	x	5 UAE	4 Bangladesh	x	2 India	6 Saudi Arabia	x	1 Pakistan
	12	3 Jordan	x	4 Bangladesh	5 UAE	x	6 Saudi Arabia	4 Bangladesh	x	5 UAE
	13	2 India	x	6 Saudi Arabia	3 Jordan	x	1 Pakistan	2 India	x	3 Jordan
R.R (02)		Match (02), 10H00			Match (03), 14H00			Match (04), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
13	11	5 UAE	x	2 India	4 Bangladesh	x	6 Saudi Arabia	5 UAE	x	1 Pakistan
	12	3 Jordan	x	6 Saudi Arabia	2 India	x	1 Pakistan	4 Bangladesh	x	3 Jordan
	13	1 Pakistan	x	4 Bangladesh	3 Jordan	x	5 UAE	6 Saudi Arabia	x	2 India
R.R (03)		Match (05), 10H00			RR(03), Match (01), 14H00			Match (02), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
14	11	2 India	x	4 Bangladesh	1 Ranked 01	x	6 Ranked 06	2 Ranked 02	x	5 Ranked 05
	12	6 Saudi Arabia	x	5 UAE	5 Ranked 05	x	4 Ranked 04	6 Ranked 06	x	3 Ranked 03
	13	1 Pakistan	x	3 Jordan	3 Ranked 03	x	2 Ranked 02	4 Ranked 04	x	1 Ranked 01
R.R (03)		Match (03), 10H00			Match (04), 14H00			Match (05), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
15	11	6 Ranked 06	x	4 Ranked 04	1 Ranked 01	x	5 Ranked 05	4 Ranked 04	x	2 Ranked 02
	12	1 Ranked 01	x	2 Ranked 02	3 Ranked 03	x	4 Ranked 04	5 Ranked 05	x	6 Ranked 06
	13	5 Ranked 05	x	3 Ranked 03	2 Ranked 02	x	6 Ranked 06	3 Ranked 03	x	1 Ranked 01
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Mixed Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 20min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 10H00			Match (02), 14H00			Match (03), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 11	8	1 UAE	x	6 --	2 Pakistan	x	5 Saudi Arabia	6 --	x	4 Jordan
	9	5 Saudi Arabia	x	4 Jordan	6 --	x	3 India	1 UAE	x	2 Pakistan
	10	3 India	x	2 Pakistan	4 Jordan	x	1 UAE	5 Saudi Arabia	x	3 India
R.R (01)		Match (04), 10H00			Match (05), 14H00			RR(02) Match (01), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SAT 12	8	1 UAE	x	5 Saudi Arabia	4 Jordan	x	2 Pakistan	6 --	x	1 UAE
	9	3 India	x	4 Jordan	5 Saudi Arabia	x	6 --	4 Jordan	x	5 Saudi Arabia
	10	2 Pakistan	x	6 --	3 India	x	1 UAE	2 Pakistan	x	3 India
R.R (02)		Match (02), 10H00			Match (03), 14H00			Match (04), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
SUN 13	8	5 Saudi Arabia	x	2 Pakistan	4 Jordan	x	6 --	5 Saudi Arabia	x	1 UAE
	9	3 India	x	6 --	2 Pakistan	x	1 UAE	4 Jordan	x	3 India
	10	1 UAE	x	4 Jordan	3 India	x	5 Saudi Arabia	6 --	x	2 Pakistan
R.R (03)		Match (05), 10H00			RR(03), Match (01), 14H00			Match (02), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 14	8	2 Pakistan	x	4 Jordan	1 Ranked 01	x	6 Ranked 06	2 Ranked 02	x	5 Ranked 05
	9	6 --	x	5 Saudi Arabia	5 Ranked 05	x	4 Ranked 04	6 Ranked 06	x	3 Ranked 03
	10	1 UAE	x	3 India	3 Ranked 03	x	2 Ranked 02	4 Ranked 04	x	1 Ranked 01
R.R (03)		Match (03), 10H00			Match (04), 14H00			Match (05), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 15	8	6 Ranked 06	x	4 Ranked 04	1 Ranked 01	x	5 Ranked 05	4 Ranked 04	x	2 Ranked 02
	9	1 Ranked 01	x	2 Ranked 02	3 Ranked 03	x	4 Ranked 04	5 Ranked 05	x	6 Ranked 06
	10	5 Ranked 05	x	3 Ranked 03	2 Ranked 02	x	6 Ranked 06	3 Ranked 03	x	1 Ranked 01
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		Open			
Bangladesh		India		Jordan	
Md Moshiur Rahman	131	Rajeshwar Tewari	101	Zafer Jarrar	121
Md Asifur Rahman	132	Sumit Mukherjee	102	Aaida Abu-Jaber	122
Shah Zia-Ul Haque	133	Kaustabh Nandi	103	Clement Maamarbachi	123
Md Zahid Hossain	134	Sagnik Roy	104	Marwan Ghanem	124
Mirza Sajid Ispahani	135	Kaustubh Milind Bendre	105	Sakher Malkawi	125
A H M Kamruzzaman	136	Sayantan Kushari	106	Amr Al Nimer	126
Kuwait		Pakistan		Sri Lanka	
Khaleefah Al Ali	141	Arslan Mansoor	111	Rex Perera	151
Numan Al Turki	142	Gulzar Ahmed Bilal	112	Enaksha Perera	152
Bader Alrefae	143	Mirza Shauq Hussain	113	Dilanjana Soysa	153
Ahmad Alruwayeh	144	Mohsin Chandna	114	Jeevananda Keerthisena	154
Mohammad Husain	145	Sarfraz Ahmed Khan	115		
Hani Ibrahim Almaraghi	146	Syed Imran Ali	116		
Syria		UAE			
Ahmed Mansour	161	Hesham Atef	171		
Assem Hussami	162	Akiel Al Madi	172		
Azzam Hallaq	163	Emad El Shourbagy	173		
Wael Dogmoch	164	Tamer Ali	174		
Suhair Tabakh	165	Tamer Eissa	175		
Fares Azrak	166	Amr Mekky	176		
		Women			
India		Jordan		Pakistan	
Puja Batra	211	Bana Al Taher	201	Fatima Raza	231
Asha Sharma	212	Reem Abdelhadi	202	Rubina Agha	232
Bindiya Kohli	213	Hanan Al Salem	203	Rehana Saigol	233
Priya Balasubramanian	214	Mona Al Zaben	204	Samina Raza	234
Bharati Dey	215	Lina Almasri	205	Rubina Hai	235
Alka M Kshirsagar	216	Selva HairBedlan	206	Shanaz Bamboat	236
Palestine		Sri Lanka		UAE	
Laila Haddadin	241	Maheesha Tambiah	251	Sawsan El Ebiary	221
May Abugharbieh	242	Sucharitha Ratnatunga	252	Manju Law	222
Fairouz Zaghmout	243	Carmi Mendis	253	Maria Hindi	223
Hala Sawwaf	244	Janani Wijeyeratne	254	Anshu Aggarwal	224
Nawar Hashem	245	Badra Jayaweera	255	Rupy Walia	225
Hanan Al Bitar	246	Sarla Nagendra	256	KumKum Kumar	226



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		Senior			
Bangladesh		India		Jordan	
Sayeed Ahmed	431	Ramaratnam Krishnan	411	Ghassan Ghanem	421
Dewan Md Hanzala	432	B Prabhakar	412	Yasmin Khattak	422
Khandakar Muzharul Haque	433	Bachiraju Satyanarayana	413	Zead Sharaiha	423
Md Jahirul Haque	434	Jaggy B Shivdasani	414	Mais Al Bitar	424
Md Azizul Haque	435	Subhash Gupta	415	Hassana Zuabi	425
ATM Moazzem Hussein	436	Ravi Goenka	416	Abla Musa	426
Pakistan		Saudi Arabia		UAE	
Abdul Hameed Syed	401	Bassem Afyouni	451	Ahmed Al Midfa	441
Ghalib Bandesha	402	Abdulhakim Sahab	452	Hussain Adam Ali	442
Arif Janjua	403	Omar Bajunaid	453	Wael Agamawi	443
Kamran Ibrahim	404	Omar Swayegh	454	Arun Chopra	444
Masood Mazhar	405	Abdallah Rheimy	455	Ravi Bhat	445
Nauman Khalid Butt	406	Salem Sabali	456	Sanjay Dutta	446
		Mixed			
India		Jordan		Pakistan	
Rajeev Khandelwal	301	Jamal Abdeljalil	321	Ahsan Javed Qureshi	331
Himani Khandelwal	302	Rana Abdelhadi	322	Khaled Mohiuddin	332
Rana Roy	303	Ahmed Al Samhouri	323	Najm Abid	333
Sheetal Bansal	304	Dimah Al Taher	324	Shahnaz Pirzada	334
Priya Ranjan Sinha	305	Yanna Sabbagh	325	Neelofar Aslam	335
Bindiya Naidoo	306	Mohamad Al Taji	326	Yasser Rahim	336
Saudi Arabia		UAE			
Mohamed Badaoud	341	Nemreen Qasim	311		
Eman Bamehrez	342	Elvan Esdis	312		
Fayza Al Azem	343	Timur Edis	313		
Amal Rahbani	344	Humayun Sumar	314		
Khaled Kattan	345	Hazem Ghoneim	315		
Mohamed Ali Azem	346	Azza Sawaf	316		

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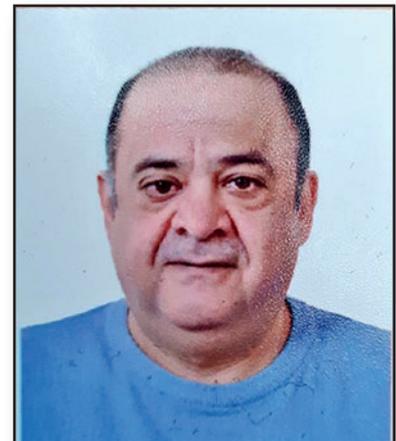
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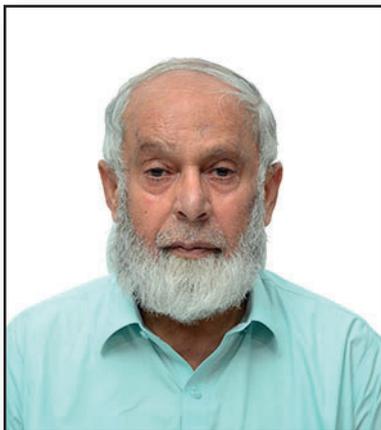
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