



PRIZE MONEY: ₹1.8CR (\$275,000)

August 09 -14, 2018

JW Marriott Hotel, Aerocity, New Delhi

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About HCL International Bridge Championship

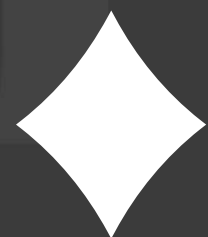
Bridge is a strategy game that teaches one to be of a tougher mindset, to use one's intellect to maximum capacity, communicate powerfully and to pursue victory diligently. It is these qualities that makes Bridge a perfect fit for HCL.

HCL has been strongly supporting the game in India since 2003 through the HCL International Bridge Championship held every year in New Delhi, India. The championship is the premier Bridge tournament in the country and the biggest in terms of the prize money and participation levels. The 2017 championship had a prize purse of ₹18 million and witnessed participation from over 700 players from 151 teams. Twenty international teams having players from US, Poland, Italy, Bulgaria, Russia, Netherlands, Israel, Sweden, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, Denmark, Thailand, Jordan & Bangladesh participated in the 2017 Championship.

The 16th HCL International Bridge Championship will be held from August 9-14, 2018 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Aerocity, New Delhi. The total prize money is ₹18 Million (USD 275,000), one of the highest across any Bridge tournament worldwide.

The championship will have three main events:

- Team of Four Gold - Winners will be awarded the 'Naresh Tandan Trophy'
- Team of Four Silver - Winners will be awarded the 'Mohini Tandan Trophy'
- Open Pairs - Winners will be awarded the 'Neena Bonarji Trophy'



The Program



Thursday, August 9, 2018

| Time in Hours | Activity |
|---------------|---|
| 0930 – 1000 | Director's Announcements & Draw for Team of Four Events. Note: There will be 2 parallel team events in Gold & Silver groups. There can be no more than 2 "National Master" ranked players in Silver event and they should not be playing together. TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENTS – SWISS LEAGUE (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each) |
| 1000 – 1130 | Round 1 |
| 1145 – 1315 | Round 2 |
| 1315 – 1430 | Lunch Break |
| 1430 – 1600 | Round 3 |
| 1615 – 1745 | Round 4 |
| 1745 – 1815 | Tea Break |
| 1815 – 1945 | Round 5 |



Friday, August 10, 2018

| Time in Hours | Activity |
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| | TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – SWISS LEAGUE Continues (5 Rounds of 10 Boards each) |
| 1000 – 1130 | Round 6 |
| 1145 – 1315 | Round 7 |
| 1315 – 1430 | Lunch Break |
| 1430 – 1600 | Round 8 |
| 1615 – 1745 | Round 9 |
| 1745 – 1815 | Tea Break |
| 1815 – 1945 | Round 10 |
| 2000 – 2030 | Captain's meet for the TOP 16 qualifying teams of the GOLD & SILVER event for Pre-Quarter Finals knockout. |



Saturday, August 11, 2018

| Time in Hours | Activity |
|---------------|---|
| | TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO Pre-Quarter Finals (4*14 Boards) |
| 1000 – 1200 | Session 1 |
| 1215 – 1415 | Session 2 |
| 1415 – 1515 | Lunch Break |
| 1515 – 1715 | Session 3 |
| 1715 – 1745 | Tea Break |
| 1745 – 1945 | Session 4 |
| | OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each) |
| 1030 – 1300 | Session 1 |
| 1300 – 1400 | Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1630 | Session 2 |
| 1630 – 1700 | Tea Break |
| 1700 – 1930 | Session 3 |
| 2000 Onwards | Cocktails & Dinner (Hosted by HCL) |



Sunday, August 12, 2018

| Time in Hours | Activity |
|---------------|---|
| | TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO Quarter Finals (4*14 Boards) |
| 1000 – 1200 | Session 1 |
| 1215 – 1415 | Session 2 |
| 1415 – 1515 | Lunch Break |
| 1515 – 1715 | Session 3 |
| 1715 – 1745 | Tea Break |
| 1745 – 1945 | Session 4 |
| | OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each) |
| 1030 – 1300 | Session 1 |
| 1300 – 1400 | Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1630 | Session 2 |
| 1630 – 1700 | Tea Break |
| 1700 – 1930 | Session 3 |
| | MP PAIRS STRATA II (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each) |
| 1100 – 1415 | Session 1 |
| 1415 – 1515 | Lunch Break |
| 1515 – 1830 | Session 2 |



Monday, August 13, 2018

| Time in Hours | Activity |
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| | TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – KO Semi Finals (4*14 Boards) |
| 1000 – 1200 | Session 1 |
| 1215 – 1415 | Session 2 |
| 1415 – 1515 | Lunch Break |
| 1515 – 1715 | Session 3 |
| 1715 – 1745 | Tea Break |
| 1745 – 1945 | Session 4 |
| | OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 3 and IMP PAIRS – ELIMINATION (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each) |
| 1030 – 1300 | Session 1 |
| 1300 – 1400 | Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1630 | Session 2 |
| 1630 – 1700 | Tea Break |
| 1700 – 1930 | Session 3 |



Tuesday, August 14, 2018

| Time in Hours | Activity |
|----------------------|---|
| | TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER – Finals (4*14 Boards) & Play-Off |
| 0900 – 1100 | Session 1 |
| 1115 – 1315 | Session 2 |
| 1315 – 1400 | Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1600 | Session 3 |
| 1610 – 1810 | Session 4 |
| | OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL (54 Boards in 2 Sessions) – Barometer Scoring |
| 0930 – 1300 | Session 1 |
| 1300 – 1400 | Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1745 | Session 2 |
| | IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each) |
| 1000 – 1330 | Session 1 |
| 1330 – 1430 | Lunch Break |
| 1430 – 1745 | Session 2 |
| | IMP PAIRS STRATA – II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each) |
| 1030 – 1330 | Session 1 |
| 1330 – 1430 | Lunch Break |
| 1430 – 1730 | Session 2 |
| 1830 | Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony |



Prize Money

Break-up of the total prize money as per different categories

| Rank | GOLD | SILVER | Rank | OPEN MP Pairs | IMP Pairs | MP Pairs STRATA-II | IMP Pairs STRATA-II |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | 3,000,000 | 1,200,000 | 1 st | 1,000,000 | 200,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| 2 nd | 1,500,000 | 750,000 | 2 nd | 750,000 | 150,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| 3 rd | 750,000 | 400,000 | 3 rd | 600,000 | 125,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| 4 th | 600,000 | 300,000 | 4 th | 400,000 | 100,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 5 th to 8 th | 360,000 | 180,000 | 5 th | 300,000 | 75,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 9 th to 16 th | 150,000 | 75,000 | 6 th | 240,000 | 50,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 17 th to 20 th | 50,000 | 30,000 | 7 th | 180,000 | 30,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| | | | 8 th | 130,000 | 20,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| | | | 9 th | 90,000 | 15,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| | | | 10 th | 60,000 | 10,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| | | | 11 th | 45,000 | 8,000 | | |
| | | | 12 th | 30,000 | 6,000 | | |
| | | | 13 th to 16 th | 15,000 | 5,000 | | |
| | | | Pairs Elim -1 & 2 1 st and 2 nd | 12,000 8,000 | | | |
| | | | Best Mixed & Ladies Pair | 12,000 8,000 | | | |
| Total | 8,690,000 | 4,090,000 | | 3,965,000 | 809,000 | 223,000 | 223,000 |
| Grand Total | | | | | | | 18,000,000 |

All figures are in Indian rupees.

Note 1 – For international players, the final prize money will be converted as per the prevailing foreign exchange rates of the day. TDS will be deducted as per the prevailing Indian Income Tax rules.

Note 2 – There are two prizes each in Best Mixed and Ladies Pairs in open MP Pairs event. For this, pairs must reach Open MP Pairs final or the 3rd elimination of MP Pairs event.
*at current foreign exchange rate of 1US\$ - ₹65.2

Entry Fees

- Team of Four Gold – ₹10,000 for 4 member team and ₹1,500 for additional member.
- Team of Four Silver – ₹7,000 for 4 member team and ₹1,000 for additional member.
- * Note: In the Team of Four Gold and Silver events, the 16 teams qualified to play the KO stage will pay additional ₹3,000 per team.
- Open MP Pairs – ₹4,000 per pair.
- Open MP Pairs STRATA II – No entry fee for this event if the Pair has played in Open Pairs as Partners. For new entries, entry will be ₹1000 per pair.
- IMP Pairs – ₹2,000 per pair.
- IMP Pairs Strata II – ₹1000 per pair.

Note: There will be a 50% concession on entry fee for a Team / Pair consisting of all under-30 players.

Important notes for the participants:

- No entry for team event will be accepted after the stipulated closing time of 2000 hrs on Tuesday, August 07, 2018. All teams are advised to register their entries in advance on the website. The following persons can be contacted for any clarification:
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Srinivasan Iyengar - Tel: +91 9974164676 Email: cardpaker@gmail.com
- Closing time for MP Pairs entries is 2030 hrs on Friday, August 10, 2018.
- Closing time for MP Pairs STRATA II entries is 2030 hrs on Saturday, August 11, 2018.
- Closing time for IMP Pairs entries is 2030 hrs on Sunday, August 12, 2018.
- Closing time for IMP Pairs STRATA II entries is 2030 hrs on Monday, August 13, 2018.
- Sponsor will have a quota of 2 Pairs, directly seeded to the Pairs Final.
- Participating players are required to take their seats as per the program; failure to do so will result in penalty.
- Displaying of properly filled convention cards at the table is compulsory. Copies of blank convention cards will be made available at the venue.
- Players will be provided lunch at the venue. Tea /coffee and snacks during scheduled tea breaks, will also be provided.
- Players are requested not to bring tea/coffee/cold drinks/lunch inside the playing arena.
- The applicable Supplemental Conditions of Contest (SCoC) will be circulated before start of the tournament. Tournament will follow the WBF - 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- The organizing committee has the right to change the tournament schedule and format, if deemed necessary.
- All prize money will be credited to the winners' bank accounts within 15-20 days of the final day of the tournament.
- Registration will also be opened online and the entry fees will be collected through an online payment gateway till August 8, 12 noon.

Organizing Committee**ORGANIZING MEMBERS**

Chairperson – Mrs. Kiran Nadar
Co-Chairman – Prasad Keni (President, BFI)
Organizing Secretary – Subhash Gupta
Head of Operations – T.C. Pant
Marketing, Administration – Rakesh Kalra,
S.S. Mishra and Rajat Chandolia

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Chief Tournament Director (CTD) – M.B.V. Subrahmanyam
Joint CTD – Pranab (Ranju) Bhattacharya and Team of TDs

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT

In-charge – Anand K.S. Samant, T.C. Pant and
Sudhir Aggarwal
Bulletin – Dr. Subir Roy & Team
Website – Sudhir Aggarwal
Bridgemates & Scoring – Sudhir Aggarwal, Srinivasan
Iyengar, Prithvi Singh & Kaustubh Deodhar
Dealing – Chetan Raval, SRC Sekar and Bansi Gupta
Vu-Graph & Live Streaming – Bharat (Buddy) Shah & Team



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