



COLLABORATION CONVENTION

Between the undersigned:

- **INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION**
represented by Professor Claude-Louis Gallien, President
(hereafter called FISU)

on the one hand, and

- **World Bridge Federation**
represented by Mr. Gianarrigo Rona, President
(hereafter called WBF)

It has been agreed as follows:

Article 1 – PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION

- 1.1 FISU recognises the interest in Bridge and invites the National University Sport Federations (NUSF's), the Organising Committees of the World University Championships and the Universiade to consider Bridge as a reflection of the development of FISU and the interests of the University Sports movement.
- 1.2 This convention should allow the development of real, effective and actionable collaboration between FISU and WBF that is in the interests of both parties.
- 1.3 Summer Universiade and World University Championships are considered by WBF as World Ranking Events. Together, FISU and WBF will study the possibility of making the Universiade and/or World University Championship as events for obtaining the Minimum Qualification Standards (MQS).
- 1.4 FISU and WBF mutually recognise each other's specific tasks:
 - a. FISU determines the programme of its competitions and contributes to promoting each of the sporting disciplines within the programme in tandem with the University Sport Movement;
 - b. WBF works in the interests of its members and its licensed practitioners by organising the practice of Bridge.
- 1.5 FISU and WBF have decided to carry out initiatives to:
 - a. Encourage the development of the practice of sport by all university students of both genders;
 - b. Further encourage the practice of women's university sport;
 - c. Identify and implement synergies between the two Federations on the Field of Play;
 - d. Identify shared goals and objectives between FISU and WBF;



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- e. Set up a joint educational initiatives to protect sport against the dangers of doping and violence;
- f. Establish a training and assessment unit for ITO's; and
- g. Promote sustainability, the concepts of fair-play and integrity, and join the fight against all forms of racism in sport.

- 1.6 FISU suggests to WBF that university competitions should be used as a development platform for experimenting with new rules and the testing of new equipment.

Article 2 – OPERATING PRINCIPLES

2.1 Overview:

- a. FISU has appointed a FISU Bridge Technical Delegate for a four year term (2011-2015). This delegate is supervised by the Chair of the respective CTI: UE Summer Universiade, UH Winter Universiade or WUC World University Championships;
- b. The costs of this person will be borne by FISU and the Organising Committee during competition and/or preparation phase (upon specific regulations); and
- c. FISU will work closely with WBF for the next nomination of the FISU Technical delegate: an evaluation of the relationship between present FISU Technical Delegate and WBF will be jointly established by FISU and WBF. WBF may propose a candidate that matches the needs of both Federations, and after consultation, the final decision will be taken by FISU.

2.2 Appointment of Technical Delegates:

- a. Upon request of FISU, WBF will appoint its representative to the Universiade or the World University Championships concerned. This Technical Delegate should be experienced in the operational aspects of the competitions;
- b. The costs of this person (travel and board) will be borne by FISU for the Universiade and by the Organising Committee for the WUC; and
- c. A per diem of 50 (fifty) EUR for WBF Technical Delegate will be paid by FISU.

2.3 Office relations:

- a. WBF will appoint a dedicated staff to manage the relationship between FISU and WBF;
- b. This staff will be in regular communication with the FISU sports departments (Universiade and/or World University Championships) and the FISU WBF Technical Delegate;
- c. WBF will also inform FISU of any change foreseen in the WBF Technical Regulations; and
- d. WBF will closely collaborate with FISU with regards to the number and the minimum requirements of venues needed for its event and to facilitate the homologation processes of the venues used by the different OC's in charge of FISU events.

2.4 Other business:

- a. FISU will collaborate with WBF in terms of organising seminars and training for coaches, managers and ITO's at the time of FISU competitions. This collaboration will take into account any limitations that could occur due to OC lack of resources;
- b. WBF may invite the FISU President or other FISU representative to join and participate in any committees set up to review and or/manage its University Sports policy;



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- c. WBF is required to keep the FISU Technical Delegate informed/updated with the work of the WBF "Events" Commission (whenever necessary FISU will be responsible for FISU TD travel expenses);
- d. The WBF President or Secretary General will be invited to the Universiade and/or the World University Championships. The travel and board are paid by the OC. Where relevant and appropriate, FISU will invite WBF representatives as guest speakers (at FISU/OC costs) to Forums/ Educational Conferences. WBF representatives are also invited to take part at their own cost; and
- e. The FISU President or Secretary General will be invited to WBF World Championship at the cost of WBF. Where appropriate and relevant, WBF will invite FISU guest speakers to their own Forums/ Conferences. Invitations will also be sent to FISU representatives to attend at their own cost.

Article 3 – COMPETITION

- 3.1 FISU organises international sports competitions: the FISU Summer Universiade, the FISU Winter Universiade and the FISU World University Championships.
- 3.2 FISU delivers the title of "World University Champion" at the World University Championships and/or "Universiade Champion" at the Universiade.
- 3.3 FISU and WBF commit to:
 - a. Commonly setting the dates of FISU competitions in order that they fit within the frame of the WBF international calendar. However, the Universiade being a multisport event, it will be impossible to meet all ISF expectations. Therefore FISU will make best efforts to communicate its competition schedule at least two years before the start of the Universiade and one year before WUC. The competition schedule will be included on WBF website and communicated to WBF member and continental associations;
 - b. Determine by common agreement the disciplines and competitions programme for each FISU event cycle;
 - c. Include the Championships and the Universiade as World Ranking Tournaments;
 - d. Settle all disputes or claims caused by the positioning in the calendar of their respective competitions; and
 - e. Establish a common agreement underlining technical equipment, homologation procedures, access to licenced competition software, etc.

Article 4 – INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (ITO's)

- 4.1 FISU and WBF will determine the number of ITO's required for FISU Bridge events. This number will be calculated based on the level of the event WBF has placed Universiade and/or WUC and in order to limit costs, will also take into account the national technical resources.
- 4.2 The above mentioned estimate will be detailed per ratio/ day/number of courts/ disciplines, etc.
- 4.3 WBF will collaborate with FISU in order to nominate the ITO's needed for the event. The cost of the ITO's (travel, board and per diem) will be covered by the host OC.


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- 4.4 FISU proposes a per diem of 50 (fifty) EUR/day with full board for each ITO officially nominated for a FISU event. This is the ideal option for the specificity of FISU events and, should the above mentioned proposal be lower than the statutory per diem, WBF will cover the difference

Article 5 – SPONSORSHIP

- 5.1 FISU's vision for Field of Play branding on competition wear and sports equipment will be shared with WBF to ensure alignment with sport-specific guidelines and needs.
- 5.2 Protecting FISU partner rights will drive key decisions.
- 5.3 FISU is open to discussing the extension of WBF's sponsor rights to the Universiade and World University Championships.

Article 6 – PROMOTION

- 6.1 FISU undertakes to facilitate WBF programs that promote knowledge and the practice of WBF in the universities, and among FISU member associations. WBF undertakes to implement the necessary means to promote University Sports and FISU activities among its member associations.
- 6.2 FISU and WBF undertake to:
- Set up a working group focused on establishing a common action plan regarding shared interests (2-year plan with activities, actions, etc.);
 - Make their collaboration known through the means available to them;
 - Actively communicate regarding the FISU and WBF collaboration in respective publications and other media; and
 - Establish a permanent link between websites.
- 6.3 FISU and WBF will study the possibility for each to have a showcasing space (free of charge) during the other Federations' respective events: WBF during Universiade and/or WUC and FISU (together with future OC's) during WBF World Championships and other top events.
- 6.4 The WBF flag will be present during FISU events following official established protocol.
- 6.5 FISU will offer on its TV webpage (www.fisu.tv) live streaming and VoD content from Bridge during Universiade and /or World University Championships. FISU will give WBF access to all material available in a format that WBF can use and upload to its video dedicated pages.

Article 7 – EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND COACHING

FISU and WBF will seek:



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- a. To improve the quality and the practice of the discipline and to collaborate in the technical and pedagogical areas by means of training initiatives;
- b. To establish umpire/referee/judges training in the universities and during event preparation (seminars, workshops, etc.).

Article 8 – DISCIPLINARY RULES

- 8.1 Any punishment leading to an official suspension by one of the two Federations against a carded athlete who is also a member of the other Federation, will be immediately notified to the latter which, in return, will notify the action it has taken as a result.
- 8.2 Each Federation shall refrain from admitting an executive or delegate who has been officially suspended on legal grounds by the other federation.

Article 9 – DURATION

- 9.1 FISU and WBF undertake to fully apply the provisions of this convention with their respective member federations.
- 9.2 This convention commences in 4 April 2014 for a period of 4 years and is renewable by tacit agreement.

Article 10 – TERMINATION

This convention may be terminated every 4 years by either party, particularly in the case of non-observance of the provisions stipulated herein. Termination will be done in writing with 3 months notice.

COLLABORATION CONVENTION SIGNATURES



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