



## New Zealand Bridge

# International Programme Preliminary Outline 2009 – 2012

## 1.0 Introduction

The programme of World Championship bridge events coordinated by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) has recently been consolidated into a four year cycle culminating in the World Mind Sports Games held in the year of the summer Olympiad. It is therefore logical that New Zealand Bridge (NZB) adopt the same cycle for planning and funding for its international playing programme.

## 2.0 International Participation of Open, Women, Senior and Youth Teams

### 2.1. Participation

Financial status permitting, NZB intends to send teams where practical and subject to qualification and finances to the Open, Women's, Senior & Youth categories to contest the following events:

<b>2009</b>	PABF Championship All Teams	Macau 7 to 17 June 2009
	Zone 7 Championship Open, Women, Senior	
	World Teams Championship Open, Women, Senior	Sao Paulo, Brazil 29 August to 12 September 2009
<b>2010</b>	PABF Championship All Teams	Hamilton, New Zealand
<b>2011</b>	PABF Championship All Teams	Malaysia Dates unknown
	Zone 7 Championship Open, Women, Senior	Malaysia
	World Teams Championship Open, Women, Senior	Eastern Europe Dates unknown
<b>2012</b>	PABF Congress	Venue and dates unknown Teams are completely self funded
	World Mind Sports Games All Teams	England

As some dates and locations are unknown at the time of compiling this information, this document will be updated as additional information comes to hand.

## 2.2 Qualification

To qualify to play in the World Teams Championship (i.e. Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl) in any of the three categories (Open, Women and Senior), New Zealand must:

- (a) contest the previous World Mind Sports Games in the respective category, and
- (b) win a qualifying place in a contested Zone 7 Championship

## 3.0 Funding

In support of the proposed international programme, New Zealand Bridge proposes to allocate a budget of \$400,000 spread over the four year event cycle. Clearly this amount will not fund the entire cost of the proposed programme, and players will be required to contribute a significant proportion of their travel and accommodation costs. The amount of this contribution will be advised to players prior to the closure of entries to any trials contest.

### Future Release

The International Committee will soon issue a more detailed release on the Website including but not limited to:-

- Determination of Representative Teams
- Timing of Trials & Venues
- Trial Formats
- International Programme Management

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On behalf of the Board of NZ Bridge