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## WELCOME TO THE 20<sup>th</sup> BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS AT AMMAN

Welcome to **Amman, Jordan** for the **20<sup>th</sup> BFAME** (Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East) Championships to be held at **Bristol Hotel, Amman** from **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 till Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**. The championship is being organized by **Jordan Bridge Federation** under the leadership of its dynamic President **Mr. Ghassan Ghanem** and **Mr. Bahjat Al Majali**, the BFAME Vice President and chief organizer. This will be the fifth time, **Amman** is hosting the BFAME Championships, which is being held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Feisal bin Al Hussein, President of the Jordan Olympic Committee.

The organizers warmly welcome all participants & officials who are participating in this prestigious Zonal Championships.

BFAME is the **Zone-4** of World Bridge Federation (**WBF**) with a membership of 12 countries. Seven teams in the **Open event**, Four teams in the **Women event**, Six teams in the **Seniors event** (should be aged 61 years in 2019) and five teams in the **Mixed event** would be vying for the coveted **Zakaria Adamjee Memorial Trophy**, **Vinodini Goenka Trophy**, **Nawzad Shaker Trophy** and **Mixed Teams Trophy** respectively.

The Open teams will be playing a double round-robin (7 rounds per round robin), Women teams will play quadruple round robin (3 matches per round robin) and Seniors and Mixed teams will play triple round-robin (5 rounds per round robin). Two to Three matches per day of 16 boards each will be played in all the events (to be decided in the 1<sup>st</sup> BFAME meeting). Semi finals of 64 boards (16 x 4) would be played to determine the finalists in the Open event, while the top two teams in other events would go straight to the finals. The final of each event will be of 32 boards.

The Finalists in each category, i.e. two teams from the Open event for the **44<sup>th</sup> Bermuda Bowl**, two teams from the Women for the **22<sup>nd</sup> Venice Cup**, two teams from the Seniors event for the **10<sup>th</sup> d'Orsi Seniors Trophy** and two teams from the Mixed event for the **1<sup>st</sup> Mixed Trophy** would be representing this Zone and their respective countries to the World Championship at Wuhan, China from 14<sup>th</sup> till 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The Championships will be conducted by efficient and competent BFAME technical personnel headed by **Mr. Waleed El-Menyawi**, the Head TD and Operation Manager and **Mr. Ihsan Qadir**, the Chief Tournament Director to ensure highest standards of international Bridge competitions. Scoring will be done through Bridge Mates and results and daily bulletins would be uploaded on the BFAME web site <http://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/> throughout the championship. Each day, we will have Vugraph of 2 matches per session on BBO. Players will have to fill the electronic line-up before each match in all the events.

The opening Ceremony will be held at 1130 hours today (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019). Professor Khaled Al Atyat, the representative of His Royal Highness Prince Feisal bin Al Hussein, President of the Jordan Olympic Committee will be the Chief Guest and will grace the opening ceremony. The Championships will get away to brisk start with one session of Friendship Pairs at 1715 Hrs. The Victory Banquet and Prize Distribution function will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June evening at the conclusion of the play. We are confident that all bridge players will carry happy memories from this event.



## ABOUT JORDAN

The official name of Jordan is the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Jordan's currency is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD). Jordan has a combination of Mediterranean and arid desert climates, with Mediterranean climates prevailing in the north and west of the country, while the majority of the country is desert.

Jordan has a rich historic background, both from the religious and cultural grounds. Jordan is home to the ancient city of Petra. Known as "The Rose City", it is famous for its unique architecture carved directly into the rock face. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the new 7 Wonders of the World. The final scenes from the movie "Indiana Jones" and "The Last Crusade" were filmed at Petra. The lowest point on Earth in terms of dry land is the shore of the Dead Sea in Jordan. It lies at 1,378ft (420m) beneath sea level. The ruins of Petra and the Dead Sea make Jordan a popular tourist destination.

Jordan's most famous national park is **Wadi Rum**, where you can spend the night amid the silent desert expanse at a simple Bedouin Beit Shar (goat-hair tent) encampment. The famous movie *Lawrence of Arabia* was shot at Wadi Rum.

Amman is the capital and most populous city of Jordan as well as the country's economic, political and cultural centre. The city of Amman originally built on 7 hills has now expanded to more than 17 and presents a picturesque skyline. Amman has scores of hotels of international repute, a proof of tourist influx, along with plenty of good restaurants, which offer some fine dining. Shopping is delightful and one ought to bargain while purchasing indigenous products from the cottage industry. Pleasant weather combined with traditional Arab hospitality makes the visit to this country truly exciting and memorable.

The culture of Jordan follows **Arab** traditions as the Kingdom is in the heart of the Middle East. The official language is **Arabic** although English is widely used in commerce, government and taught at public and private schools.

Jordan is known as an extremely friendly country, where you'll hear **Ahlan wa sahlan!** or "Welcome!" quite often.

The venue of our Championships, **Bristol Amman Hotel**, is a 5 star Boutique Hotel situated on Abdul Rahman Alawi Street close to the Al Baraka Mall in central business district of Amman. In addition to the hotel's own restaurants, a good restaurant in the vicinity is known as Fame Restaurant, which one could visit. The vibrant downtown Shmeisani area is not so far, which has some popular eating joints catering international and Arab cuisine.

*The Organisers (Jordan Bridge Federation)*  
*Welcomes all the participants to Amman for the*  
*20<sup>th</sup> BFAME Championships &*  
*Wish them good luck, a pleasant stay*  
*& enjoyable Bridge*

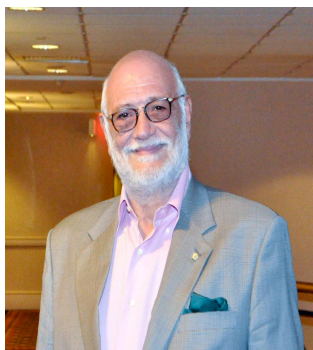
### 1<sup>st</sup> BFAME COUNCIL MEETING

The 1<sup>st</sup> BFAME Council Meeting for all delegates (representatives of their NBOs), to be chaired by BFAME President Mr. Ashok Goel, will be held today (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019) at 1500 Hrs. at the venue (Bristol Hotel).

All representatives of NBOs are requested to attend the meeting.

## Message from the President of the World Bridge Federation

Dear Friends



It is always a pleasure for me to be invited to welcome you all to the BFAME Zonal Championships. This, the 20<sup>th</sup> Edition of the event is being held in Jordan, hosted by the Jordan Bridge Federation and I am quite sure that, in their capable hands, it will prove to be an excellent, very well organised Tournament.

For you, the players, it is your chance to shine and to qualify the teams for the Zone 4 berths at the World Bridge Team Championships to be held in Wuhan, China in September.

In addition to the Open, Women's and Senior Teams there is this year, for the first time, the Mixed Teams Championship and BFAME will qualify two teams in each of these four challenging and exciting Championships.

I look forward with anticipation to hearing who will qualify, and to welcoming those teams to Wuhan in due course.

I wish all the teams the best of good fortune in the BFAME Zonal Championship.

Ad Majora !

Gianarrigo Rona  
President, World Bridge Federation

### *From the Archives*

Here is a photo from the first ever BFAME championships held at Bangalore Club in 1981. Players visible are Zia Mahmood (no need to tell who), Mr B Krishnan LHO of Zia, Late Mr Vigyan Gupta RHO of Zia, Col V K Sharma kibitzing to the Right of Zia. Zia's partner is Late Masood Salim. The photo is courtesy Mr B. Krishnan's collection.



**MESSAGE FROM WBF SENIOR OFFICER AND MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER &  
ALSO BFAME PRESIDENT EMERITUS**



In dual capacity as longest-serving Senior Officer and Management Committee/ Executive Council member of World Bridge Federation (WBF) and President Emeritus Bridge Federation of Asia and Middle East (BFAME), it is with immense pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the participants---NBOs representative players and administrators who are attending these 20th Zone 4/BFAME Bridge Championships in this enchanting city of Amman – a city we are well accustomed to having unprecedented honour of hosting and organizing BFAME Championships for the 5th time in Zone 4.

Having been closely associated with Zone 4/ BFAME in apex positions in the last nearly 40 years since its inception, I have seen BFAME grow from strength to strength. Besides acquitting itself well towards required assignments of promotion and development of Bridge in countries of member NBOs within its allocated geographical jurisdiction in Asia, among its epoch making achievements are initiation of recognition of Bridge worldwide as a sport by International Olympic Committee (IOC) and in Asia by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and having attained landmark historic success of being included and participating in last Asian Games 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

However, primarily due to unfortunate circumstances characterized by horrendous political conflicts and scourge of terrorism particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan in South Asia and Syria and between Israel and Palestine in the Middle East/ West Asia which are to a large extent hampering the growth, promotion and development of Bridge particularly in the important spheres of Youth and Women's Bridge. I am sure BFAME member NBOs, as required, are doing their best to overcome these unfortunate setbacks.

In the foregoing perspective, while Jordan Bridge Federation, with the longest serving resourceful President Ghassan Ghanem and enthusiastically efficient dynamism of Chief Organizer Bahjat Majali with his hardworking team, in its repeated venture to host and organize these important BFAME biennial World Teams Championships' qualifying Championships deserves to be profusely congratulated, I have no doubt these Championships will be a memorable success, like the previous four ones starting from 1995.

I express my appreciation of BFAME competent administration, with proactive Vice President Bahjat Majali and hardworking live wire Secretary Azwerul Haque, has done a commendable job of purposeful and overall organizational coordination, particularly in Championships' technical management conducted by efficient and experienced indigenous team of TDs and operation manager and officials, headed by CTD Waleed Al Menyawi his co-CTD Ihsan Qadir .

Our intellectual sport of Bridge being controlled and administered worldwide by the IOC affiliated International Sports Federation (IF) being World Bridge Federation has its motto: "Bridge for Peace" and it conducts all its activities in true spirit of sacrosanct dictates of the Olympic Charter with zero tolerance against any clandestine encroachment on upholding of highest ethical standards in conformity with its glorious traditions. In this backdrop, I am confident these championships, as in the past, will be conducted pursuant to WBF Policy and regulations.

It remains for me to wish all the participants enjoyable stay in this remarkably developed city in the Persian Gulf and Middle East region, enjoying traditional Arab hospitality.

I also wish you all well and for playing good Bridge with best of luck!

**Mazhar Jafri**



## Message from the President, BFAME



Dear Bridge Friends,

I am delighted that the Jordan Bridge Association is hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> BFAME Zonal Championships from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, at Amman, Jordan.

Bridge is recognized for stimulating and exercising the intellect, its scientific nature and above all for promoting camaraderie and team spirit. In fact, it is now being taught in schools and colleges in USA, Europe, South East Asia, China and Japan, to enhance mental ability. We hope that this will be emulated in our Zone as well.

It is an exhilarating game and needs more participation from the youth. Fewer younger persons are taking it up probably due to the dedication and time it demands. Therefore, it should be our endeavor to acquaint them with the advantages of this stimulating sport.

My heartiest good wishes to the organizers and participants. I am sure that the event would be a grand success.

With best wishes,

Ashok K. Goel  
President, BFAME

## Message from the Vice President & Secretary, BFAME



Once again, we meet in Amman and on behalf of BFAME, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the participants and officials attending these prestigious zonal championships, which Jordan Bridge Federation is hosting for a record fifth time since 1995.

The 20<sup>th</sup> BFAME Championships would like to welcome Saudi Arabia under its new management and hope that their presence would add another star to these championships in the region.

As most of us are aware, the task of choosing a venue this time became a bit complicated after the proposal by zone-8 to hold it jointly with them in the African continent, not realizing that it was the geographical length and breadth of zone 4, which previously had the present zone-8 countries in its fold.

Nevertheless, I am sure one would be quite familiar with the present venue hotel which is being used for the yearly Pan Arab and Jordan Bridge Festivals.

I am confident the players would find their stay here quite comfortable and memorable as well.

Have a great tournament on and off the table and above all enjoy this city, which has so many attractions along with the traditional Arab hospitality to offer.

M. Azwerul Haque  
Vice President & Secretary BFAME

## Message from

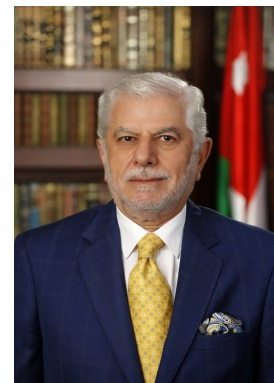
Mr. Bahjat al- Majali, Chairman, Organising Committee &  
Mr. Ghassan Ghanem, President, Jordan Bridge Federation



**Ghassan Ghanem**

In 1993, Ghassan Ghanem the Secretary General of the Jordan Bridge Association (JBA) at the time, returned from Port Louis – Mauritius and submitted his report to the Board of JBA. Among the concluding recommendations of the report was a proposal to host the Eighth BFAAME Championships in Jordan in the summer / autumn / winter of 1995.

It was a challenging proposal from the timing considerations; JBA was barely surviving the construction of its building, which had costed a fortune at that time.



**Bahjat Al- Majali**

The President of JBA Bahjat Majali realized the good opportunity and thoroughly studied the proposal with the board members.

There were conflicting opinions amongst them but they liked the idea of hosting the Championships in Jordan. Nevertheless, Bahjat had his own concerns, “If we are going to do it, it should be well organized, presenting excellent performance, with a warm welcoming environment. This also meant providing state of the art equipment, bringing in top directors, operators, editors and commentators. Public figures and Governmental institutions were to be involved. In brief, it should be unforgettable”, Bahjat told the Board, “and that means huge efforts, lots of money and a more detailed proposal introducing potential participation, programs, budget, financing and human resources. If we can’t achieve all our objectives, we should not take the challenge.” Bahjat persisted. In our dictionary, that was a big yes.

We both enjoy working together, especially when we join our forces with the energetic team of the other board members and working committees’ members with the support of Mrs. Nawzad Shaker, the Honorary President of JBA. It was a big success with a record participation and world class organization as indicated by everyone.

We hosted the BFAME Championships for the second time in 2003 at a very short notice, and it seems that we became addicted! We hosted the Championships again in 2009 and 2015, and we hope you will enjoy the new four events format of the Championships here at Bristol in Amman.

Through the years, we also had the pleasure to participate in BFAME Championships in many other cities in the zone. Jordanian participants (champions) enjoyed the hospitality of all the lovely people we met around, and wherever we were, we felt we were at. The zone is unique and full of sentiments.

We don’t want to forget the main object of this message, which is welcoming you here in Amman and wish you the best times among your brothers and friends. We really missed you, please feel at home and don’t hesitate asking for any help or clarifications, we will be always happy to help.

We also welcome our friend Mr. Giorgione Rona the Dynamic President of the World Bridge Federation and we seek his support regarding keeping the form of this zone as is; and to help us promote the game in this zone by keeping the incentives and building hopes for qualifying to the world Championships despite the financial, cultural and political challenges which the countries of this zone are facing. We sincerely feel that the bridge in the zone will deteriorate speedy if the motion of the changing of its form will have any chance to materialize. We are also certain that the WBF under the wise leadership of Mr. Rona can easily find other alternatives to deal with this issue.

Last but not least, “ahlan wasahlan” in your home among your family. We wish you best of luck, and hope you enjoy your stay in Jordan.

*Ghassan Ghanem*

**President, Jordan Bridge Federation**

*Bahjat Majali*

**Chairman, Organizing Committee &  
BFAME Vice President**

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Bahjat Al Majali, Chairman,  
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Emeritus & WBF SENIOR OFFICER**

**Mr. Ghassan Ghanem, President,  
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**Mr. Azwer Ul Haque: Vice President &  
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**Mr. Ahmed Al-Midfaa: Vice President  
BFAME (UAE)**

## **REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Mazhar Jafri,  
Bahjat Al Majali, TC Pant**

## **Today's Schedule (Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019)**

**1130 Hrs: Opening Ceremony with Chief Guest**

**1500 Hrs: 1<sup>st</sup> BFAME Council Meeting chaired by BFAME President**

**1600 Hrs: Captains Meeting**

**1715 Hrs: Friendship Open Pairs (Entry fee US\$20/- or JOD 14/-)**

## **Vu-Graph on BBO**

**Live Vu-graph of the 20<sup>th</sup> BFAME Championships will be available on BBO  
daily from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as per the following Schedule:**

**1030 – 1250 Hrs (0730 Hrs. GMT) – Session-1**

**1430 – 1650 Hrs (1130 Hrs. GMT) – Session-2**

**1730 – 1950 Hrs.(1430 Hrs. GMT) – Session-3**

## Participants of the 20<sup>th</sup> BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS, AMMAN

OPEN EVENT		
Country	Team Members	
	<b>BANGLADESH</b>	Zahir Abdullah Al (NPC), AhasanA Md. Rashedul, Chowdhury M.Asifur Rahman, Haque Shah Zia-UI, Islam Mohammad Monirul, Kamruzzaman A.H.M, Quddus M A, Rahman Md Moshir
	<b>INDIA</b>	S Sundareshan (Head of Delegation), Debasish Ray (NPC), Anirudh Bhattacharya, Dipak Santra, Keyzad Anklesaria, Kirubakaramoorthy NR, Rajeshwar Tewari, Uttam Gupta
	<b>JORDAN</b>	Amr Al Nimr, M Zafer Jarrar, Iskander Imseeh, Jawan Hallasa, Sakher Malkawi, Aaida Abu Jaber
	<b>KUWAIT</b>	Juma Hussein Juma (NPC), ADBDULAZIZ ALDASHTI, BADER ALREFAE, IBRAHIM ALQATTAN, KHALED ALOBAIDI, NUMAN ALTURKI, NABIL ALHUSAINI
	<b>PAKISTAN</b>	JAHANGIR AHMED, Muhammad Mubashir, Mansoor Arslan, Farooq Ahmed Alvi, HAMID MOHIUDDIN, KHALED MOHIUDDIN
	<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>	Abdallh Rehaimi , Abdul Hakim Sahab, Salem Al Sabbali , Omer Al Sowaiegh , Ahmed Soliman, Bassem Afiouni
	<b>UAE</b>	Amr Mekky, Maria Hindie, Hussein Adam Ali, Nafis Jafar, Manju Law, RUBINDER KAUR KOCHAR
WOMEN EVENT		
	<b>INDIA</b>	Subhash Gupta ( NPC ), Alka Kshirsagar, Asha Sharma, Meenal Thakur, Nikita Kamal, Puja Batra, Rupa Bakeri
	<b>JORDAN</b>	Amal Fakhouri, Dimah Al Taher, Hala Sawwaf, Mona Al Zaben, Noura Kanaan, Yasmin Abu Jaber
	<b>PAKISTAN</b>	Qudsia Dosa, Rubina Agha, Rubina Saeed Hai, Shahnaz Pirzada, Fatime Raza, Najm Abid
	<b>PALESTINE</b>	Baher Ahmed (NPC), Fadia Najjar, Fatina Al Najjar, Hanan Al Bitar, Maha Malhas, Selvi H .Hairbedian, Tamara Rustom
MIXED EVENT		
	<b>INDIA</b>	Ramratnam Krishnan (NPC), Bharati Dey, Bindiya Naidoo, Himani Khandelwal, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Rajeev Khandelwal, Sujit Kumar Basu
	<b>JORDAN</b>	Nuha Hattar, Ghassan Ghanem, Sereen Barkat , Marwan Ghanem, Farah Ahmed, Samer Al Rawshdah
	<b>PAKISTAN</b>	Zeenat Azwer, Zia Hyder Naqvi, Rehana Saigol, Fehmida Sarfraz, Saeed UZ Zafar Shah, Ahsan Javed Qureshi
	<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>	Fatma Manadilly, Dalia Hachem, Mohamed Hassan, Hussam Sallout
	<b>UAE</b>	Mohamed Manaf (NPC), Khaled Hasan, Nicole Elzir, Sawsan Al Ebiary, Tamer Abbas
SENIORS EVENT		
	<b>BANGLADESH</b>	Mohan Mushfiqur Rahman (Chief Delegation), Amin M A Bani (President, B'desh Bridge Fed.), Siddique AKM Rafiqul Hussain, Islam Khondakar Mobinul, Hussain A.T.M. Moazzem, Haque Mohammad Azizul, Haque Khandakar Muzharul, Haque Md.Jahirul
	<b>INDIA</b>	Anal Shah (Coach), Dipak Poddar (Captain), JITENDRA SOLANI, RAMAMURTHY SRIDHARAN, SUBHASH DHAKRAS, SUKAMAL DAS, SUBRATA SAHA
	<b>JORDAN</b>	May Abu Gharbeih, Mais Bitar, Omar Al Masri, Omran Abu Dhaim, Bana Kayyali, Jamal Abdul Jalil
	<b>PAKISTAN</b>	Anwar Mumtaz Kizilbash, M. Azwer UI Haque, Ghalib Bandesha, Ghias Malik, Izzat Khalil, Safdar Khan
	<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>	Adnan Mously, Ibrahim Al Ahdal, Abdulhafidh Mohammad , Tarek Ahmed
	<b>UAE</b>	Ahmed Al Midfaa, Darshan Valrani, Akiel Madi, Wael Al Agamawi, Huamyun Sumar, Nermeen Noorani



## Tournament Draw

### OPEN TEAMS (7 TEAMS)

RND #	TBL-1			TBL-2			TBL-3			BYE TBL		
1	2	Vs	7	3	Vs	6	4	Vs	5	1	Vs	8
2	7	Vs	1	6	Vs	2	5	Vs	3	8	Vs	4
3	1	Vs	6	2	Vs	5	3	Vs	4	7	Vs	8
4	5	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	7	Vs	6	8	Vs	3
5	1	Vs	4	2	Vs	3	5	Vs	7	6	Vs	8
6	3	Vs	1	6	Vs	5	7	Vs	4	8	Vs	2
7	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	7	4	Vs	6	5	Vs	8

Team #	TEAM NAME
	BANGLADESH
	INDIA
	JORDAN
	KUWAIT
	PAKISTAN
	SAUDI ARABIA
	UAE
8	BYE

### WOMEN TEAMS (4 TEAMS)

RND #	TBL-4			TBL-5		
1	1	Vs	4	2	Vs	3
2	3	Vs	1	2	Vs	4
3	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	4

Team #	TEAM NAME
	INDIA
	JORDAN
	PAKISTAN
	PALESTINE

### MIXED TEAMS (5 TEAMS)

RND #	TBL-6			TBL-7			BYE TBL		
1	2	Vs	5	3	Vs	4	1	Vs	6
2	5	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	6	Vs	3
3	1	Vs	4	2	Vs	3	5	Vs	6
4	3	Vs	1	5	Vs	4	6	Vs	2
5	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	5	4	Vs	6

Team #	TEAM NAME
	INDIA
	JORDAN
	PAKISTAN
	SAUDI ARABIA
	UAE
6	BYE

### SENIOR TEAMS (6 TEAMS)

RND #	TBL-8			TBL-9			TBL-10		
1	2	Vs	5	3	Vs	4	1	Vs	6
2	5	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	6	Vs	3
3	1	Vs	4	2	Vs	3	5	Vs	6
4	3	Vs	1	5	Vs	4	6	Vs	2
5	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	5	4	Vs	6

Team #	TEAM NAME
	BANGLADESH
	INDIA
	JORDAN
	PAKISTAN
	SAUDI ARABIA
	UAE

#### NOTES:

1. The Team Nos. for the first Round-Robin will be taken out by Draw in the 1st BFAME Council Meeting.
2. In the subsequent Round-Robin, the same draw as of the first round-robin will continue with new Team Nos. being allocated to Teams, based on their rankings at the end of previous round-robin
3. There will be 2 Round-Robins in OPEN, 4 Round Robins in WOMEN and 3 Round-Robins in MIXED & SENIORS event.

## BFAME Bridge Championships – A Brief Summary

### **BFAME, ZONAL CONFERENCE OF WBF ZONE-4**

#### **FORMATION AND GROWTH**

The Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East (BFAME) was established in 1977 when, having earmarked the geographical area West of the Bay of Bengal to the Mediterranean and designating it as Zone 4, the WBF Executive Council assigned the task of uniting the NBOs of the aforesaid jurisdictional territory into a **ZC (Zonal Conference)** to the then Co-Chairman of the WBF Zoning Committee, the late James O'Sullivan of Australia. Upon effective contacts with the NBO of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the genial and duty-conscious WBF Zoning Committee Co-Chairman provisionally commissioned Zone 4 and its ZC, later christened as the Bridge Federation of Asia & the Middle East, at a meeting held in November 1978 at Maurya Sheraton Hotel New Delhi, India. It was also at this meeting that the BFAME officers were appointed.

After nearly a year's hectic work by the BFAME Secretariat, the new zonal federation submitted its application for the requisite approval of the WBF Executive Council at its meeting held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in October 1979. The BFAME Secretary, who presented the application in person, succeeded in securing ratification of the BFAME subject to fulfilment of certain requirements of WBF Constitution and By-Laws. However, upon compliance with these requirements, the BFAME was accorded the status of a ZC, in good standing, in the WBF Executive Council meetings held in Valkenburg, Holland, in Sep 1980.

Starting as a toddling Zonal body with 4 NBOs having less than 5000 bridge players as their registered members the BFAME has, over the last nearly 30 years, grown in size and strength. At Present it has within its folds NBOs 13 countries of South Asia, Middle East and West Asia with over 15,000 competitive bridge players as their members. These are Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, UAE, and Syria.

In 1983, pursuant to a resolution of BFAME Council, and upon approval of WBF Executive Council, the geographical jurisdiction of Zone 4 was extended to the continent of Africa and name of its Zonal Conference was modified to Bridge Federation of Africa Asia and the Middle East (BFAAME) with 22 member NBOs.

However, subsequently in 2000, with the formation and commissioning of a new/separate zone for the continent of Africa in accordance with the aspiration of the African NBOs – Zone 8 and its ZC named as African Bridge Federation, BFAME reverted back to its original name and jurisdictional area having 13 NBOs as its members.

The BFAME and BFAAME have sponsored and successfully conducted 18 biennial Zonal Championships till now. It is noteworthy that these championships were conducted in line with international standards set by the WBF, with proper Conditions of Contest governing these championships and screens, Vu-graph and other technical infrastructure in operation.

Through its past President and now President Emeritus, who is a member of WBF Executive Council for the last 40 years plus and is also WBF Vice-President since 1991, BFAME/Zone 4 has the distinction of making substantial contribution towards the growth & progress of bridge worldwide and the future well being of the WBF and its member NBOs. In this connection, institution of WBF Infrastructure Development Programme and initiative for recognition of bridge as a sport by International Olympic Committee (IOC) stand out.

**The details of the participants & Zone qualifiers of the previous Nineteen BFAME championships are as follows:**

#### **1st BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1981**

Venue: Bangalore, India  
Dates: 11th -19th April 1981  
Open: Bangladesh, India, Mauritius, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka & U.A.E. **(6)**  
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India  
Women: India, Pakistan & Sri Lanka **(3)**  
Zone Qualifiers: India, Sri Lanka

#### **2nd BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1983**

Venue: Le Meidien Paradise Hotel, Le Morne Peninsula, Port Louise, Mauritius  
Dates: 13th – 22nd May 1983  
Open: Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Kuwait, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, Sri Lanka & Zimbabwe **(9)**.  
Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, India.  
Women : India, Mauritius & Pakistan. **(3)**  
Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan  
Zone Qualifiers: Egypt, Sri Lanka

#### **3rd BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1985**

Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel, Karachi, Pakistan  
Dates: 18th – 30<sup>th</sup> April 1985  
Open: Bangladesh, India, Mauritius, Nepal, Pakistan, Reunion and Sri Lanka **(7)**  
Zone Qualifiers: (Pakistan), India  
Women: Egypt, India, Pakistan, Reunion, Sri Lanka **(5)**  
Zone Qualifiers: India, Egypt

#### **4TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1987**

Venue: Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Dates: 29th March to 9th April 1987

Open: Bangladesh, India, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion and Sri Lanka **(6)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, Mauritius

Women: Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, Reunion, Sri Lanka **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: Egypt, Sri Lanka

#### **5TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1989**

Venue: Ramses Nile Hilton, Cairo, Egypt  
Dates: 1st to 13th June 1989

Open: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania and Sri Lanka. **(10)**

Zone Qualifiers: Egypt, India

Women: Egypt, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Reunion, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Egypt

#### **6TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1991**

Venue: Sheraton Hotel, New Delhi, India  
Dates: 7th -17th July 1991

Open: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, S. Arabia & Sri Lanka **(9)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, Egypt

Women: Egypt, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka **(4)**

Zone Qualifiers: Egypt, India.

#### **7TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1993**

Venue: Le Mauricia Hotel, Grand Bay, Port Louis, Mauritius.  
Dates: June 1993

Open: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Sri Lanka. **(11)**

Zone Qualifiers: South Africa, India

Women: Egypt, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion & South Africa. **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: South Africa, India

#### **8TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1995**

Venue: Forte Grand Hotel, Amman, Jordan  
Dates: 22nd April '95 – 3rd May 1995.

Open: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syria & Sri Lanka. **(13)**

Zone Qualifiers: South Africa, Egypt

Women: Egypt, India, Jordan, Kenya, Pakistan, Reunion, South Africa, and Sri Lanka. **(8)**

Zone Qualifiers: South Africa, India

#### **9TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1997**

Venue: Arthur Seat Hotel, Cape Town, S. Africa.  
Dates: 16th May '97- 28th May 1997.

Open: Bangladesh, Botswana, Egypt, India, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Reunion, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. **(10)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, South Africa

Women: Egypt, India, Mauritius, Reunion, South Africa, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Zimbabwe. **(8)**

Zone Qualifiers: (Egypt), India, South Africa

#### **10TH BFAAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-1999**

Venue: Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka.  
Dates: 2nd Oct '99 – 14th Oct 1999

Open: Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Palestine, Reunion, South Africa and Sri Lanka. **(9)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan & South Africa

Women: Egypt, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Reunion, South Africa, Sri Lanka. **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Egypt.

#### **11TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-2001**

Venue: Gulf Hotel, Manama, Bahrain  
Dates: 23rd May '01 – 2nd June 2001.

Open: Bahrain, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Syria. **(6)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, (Syria), (Pakistan)

Women: Bahrain, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka. **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, (Sri Lanka)

Seniors: Bahrain

#### **12TH BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS-2003**

Venue: Regency Palace Hotel, Amman, Jordan  
Dates: 1st August '03 – 9th August 2003.

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka & Syria. **(7)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

Women: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine & Sri Lanka. **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

Seniors: Jordan, Pakistan & Palestine. **(3)**

Zone Qualifiers: Pakistan, (Jordan)

#### **13th BFAME Championships-2005**

Venue: Sonar Gaon Pan Pacific Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Dates: 28th April '05 – 6th May 2005.

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka. **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Jordan.

Women: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Palestine. **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan.

Seniors: Bangladesh & Pakistan. **(2)**

Zone Qualifiers: Bangladesh, Pakistan.

#### **14th BFAME Championships - 2007**

Venue: Carlton Hotel, Karachi, Pakistan  
Dates: 12th May to 20th May 2007

Open: Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka **(5)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan

Women: India, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine **(4)**

Zone Qualifiers: Jordan, India

Seniors: India, Jordan, Pakistan & Sri Lanka **(4)**

Zone Qualifiers: India, Pakistan





## FROM THE DESK OF "HEAD TD"

### ***General Points:***

1. A change of players, pairs or partnerships can be made only at the beginning of a match or a session.
2. Every participating partnership in the Championships must complete, accurately and legibly, two WBF/BFAME Convention Card (with supplementary sheets as appropriate).
3. After the line-up is known to the players, teams are not allowed to change their own line-ups unless they have a valid reason and after the approval of the Head TD / C.TD and the other team as well.
4. Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in the auction and in their carding.
5. **The use of Mobile phone in the playing area is totally prohibited (no exception), a severe penalty will be given for each infraction and if the infraction is repeated, it will be reported to the Organizing committee for more penalties. Mobiles should not be brought to the playing area, otherwise should be handed to the T.D. in charge before play starts.**
6. Random checking will be in order at any time during the play with the above penalty applied.
7. Smoking is not allowed in the playing floor/Area, a severe penalty will be given for such infraction and if the infraction is repeated, it will be reported to the Organizing committee e for more penalties, the playing area includes the toilets.
8. Players who would like to go to the toilets must inform the T.D. in charge, who will provide an escort with the player to the toilets and before going to the toilets the player must empty his/her pockets, bag, etc.; and the above mentioned rules will be applied, if appropriate.
9. Spectators are allowed in the open room but they must enter the room before the play of the session. If they leave the room they will not be allowed to come back.
10. Players are not allowed to watch their own team and also no mobiles or smoking are allowed in the playing arena. Those found breaking the rules will be taken away from the playing area and with the approval of the C.T.D. will never be allowed to enter the playing area for the rest of the championship.
11. Non playing captains are allowed to watch their own team in the closed or the open rooms with the provisions mentioned in (5-8).
12. Screen regulations shall be followed with written explanations and proper alert procedure.

### ***Alerting Procedures***

Players who participate in The BFAME zonal championship are expected to protect themselves to a large extent by asking their screen mates in case of any clarification required. Full disclosure is vital. Alerting should be done properly; see screen regulations, and explanations are given in writing.

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## ***Policy:***

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

- (1) Conventional calls.
- (2) Those calls which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understanding between partners. (See Law 40(b)).
- (3) Non- forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by un-passed hand to an opening bid one of a suit; "negative free bids".
- (4) Opening bid of 1♣ must be alerted, if it may show 2 cards.
- (5) Precision 1 ♣ / ♦ systems must be alerted as well as their conventional responses as each time they occur.
- (6) For strong club/diamond systems all natural bidding should be alerted as showing a maximum of certain points.
- (7) Conventional special doubles and redoubles.

As there is No Appeals committee in BFAME, a review will be asked instead.

## ***REVIEW PROCEDURE***

- The BFAME shall appoint a list of Reviewers for the Head Tournament Director to choose from according to the case. When the tournament director notifies players of a decision, they will be told of their right to seek a review. See Section "Protest Time" for the time limit for seeking a review.
- The Reviewer will check that the Tournament Director 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 Tournament Directors, C.TD and H.TD were consulted where appropriate.
- In matters involving the judgment 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 Tournament Directors 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 Tournament Director to correct the failings and issue a new ruling

## ***PROTEST TIME***

In respect of scores the protest time of all matches played in a day ends at the starting time of the first match on the day following, and in respect of the final day's play two hours after the official finishing time of the final match but, in any case, not later than the official starting time of the Closing Ceremony.

The time for a request for a Tournament Director ruling or for a review of a ruling already received ends 30 minutes after the end of the round. A fee of \$100 will be paid for the case to be reviewed; which will be forfeited, if the Reviewer decides that the request has no basis.

***Waleed El Menyawi, Head TD***

## OPENING CEREMONY

The **OPENING CEREMONY** of the **20<sup>th</sup> BFAME Championships** will be held today at the **Bristol Hotel** from **1130 Hrs.**

All the participants & officials are requested to participate

## Captain's MEETING

The **Captain's Meeting** will be held today at **1600 Hrs.** All Captains must attend the same, as details of the play format & Condition of Contest will be discussed with the team captains.

Passwords will also be allocated to the Captains for the use of Line-Up software.

## Friendship Pairs Event

The **Friendship Open Pairs (Open to All)** will be held today at the **Venue (Bristol Hotel)** from **1715 Hrs.**

The entry fee for today's **Friendship Pairs** is: **US\$ - 20/- or JOD 10/- per pair**

## No Mobile Phones

Use of Mobile telephones is prohibited in the playing area, while the play session is on. No player can take the Mobile phone inside the playing arena. It has to be deposited outside playing area and TDs will make a random check. Strict action will be taken against the offending players.



## No Smoking



Smoking in the playing area, is strictly prohibited and will attract heavy penalties.

## SUBMITTING YOUR LINE-UP

*It is mandatory for Captains to give their Line-up through the Electronic LINE-UP Software. Each Captain will be provided with a PASSWORD for accessing the software at the Captain's meeting.*

### Regulations for Electronic Line-Ups

The Line-ups must be submitted electronically in accordance with the details below. Failure of a captain to submit his line-up in a timely fashion shall result in fines as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> infraction	Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> Infraction	20 US \$
3 <sup>rd</sup> Infraction	40 US \$
4 <sup>th</sup> Infraction	a report will be written to the BFAME organizing committee to decide the suitable penalty, which might be in VPs.

- The line-ups during the round robin must be submitted by both teams no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous round; teams will not know the line-up of their opponents (blind line-up). The line-up for the first round must be given in accordance with the decision taken in the Captains Meeting.
- In the **KO phase** the team to line-up first must submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous session. The second team must then submit its line-up no later than 20 minutes after the end of the previous session or no later than 5 minutes after the submission of the first line-up, whichever is latest.
- Line-ups are to be submitted in a dedicated area, with computers as designated by the Operations Director. However, each team will have its own password protected page on the website ( [www.toygarabi.com](http://www.toygarabi.com) ) to enable them to use the software with their own laptops / mobile phones.
- The time of the Line-Up will be recorded automatically by the system, and penalties for late line-ups will be mandatory. An official clock will be set in the playing area for the purpose of showing the official time.

**Waleed El-Menyawi, Head TD & Dir. of Operations**

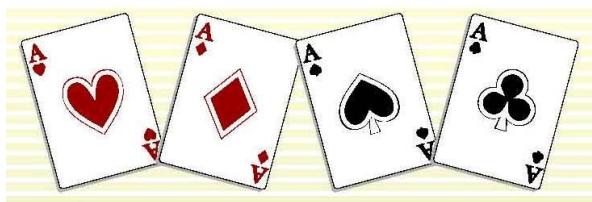
## IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

*The Tournament Directors would award penalties as prescribed by the Laws and Conditions of the contest for Use of Mobiles, Slow play or Late Arrival.*

*All players are informed that ENGLISH is the official language of the tournament for interacting while the match is on.*

# The 20<sup>th</sup> BFAME Championships, AMMAN

## 23<sup>rd</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019



### Championships Schedule

Sunday, Jun 23	1130 Hrs.	Opening Ceremony with Chief Guest
	1500 Hrs.	1 <sup>st</sup> BFAME Council Meeting chaired by BFAME President
	1600 Hrs:	Captain's Meeting (All Categories)
	1715 Hrs:	Friendship Open Pairs. Entry Fee US\$20/- or JOD 14/-
Monday, Jun 24	1030 – 1250 Hrs.	Round-1 of RR- OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams
	1430 – 1650 Hrs.	Round-2 of RR- OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams
	1730 – 1950 Hrs.	Round-3 of RR- OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams
Tuesday, Jun 25 till Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 (Next 4 days) - Same timings as above for all qualifying matches. All teams play three matches per day.		
Tuesday, Jun 25	2015 Hrs.	2 <sup>nd</sup> BFAME Council Meeting – Election of BFAME office bearers
Saturday, Jun 29	1030 – 1250 Hrs.	Semi-Finals – 1 <sup>st</sup> Segment OPEN Teams
	1430 – 1650 Hrs.	Semi-Finals – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Segment OPEN Teams
	1730 – 1950 Hrs.	Semi-Finals – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Segment OPEN Teams
	2030 – 2250 Hrs.	Semi-Finals – 4 <sup>th</sup> Segment OPEN Teams
Sunday, Jun 30	1030 – 1250 Hrs.	Finals – 1 <sup>st</sup> Segment (OPEN, WOMEN, SENIORS, MIXED Teams)
	1430 – 1650 Hrs.	Finals – 1 <sup>st</sup> Segment (OPEN, WOMEN, SENIORS, MIXED Teams)
	1930 Hrs.	Prize Distribution over Victory Banquet

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Complete Double/Triple/Quadruple Round Robin Qualification matches of 16 boards each with 3 matches per day, Morning, Afternoon, Evening, or Night, total 14 matches if 8 or 7, 15 matches if 6 or 5, 12 matches if 4 or 3.
- Semi Finals: 64 Boards (16x4) No Semi Finals if less than **7 Teams**.
- In case of **4 or 3 teams**, matches will alternate with 3 or 2 each day.
- In case of more than **8 teams**, matches will alternate 4 or 3 each day.
- Finals: 32 boards (16x2) for all four categories on last day.
- Format and playing conditions are subject to approval in the first BFAME Council Meeting to be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June'19.

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