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Bulletin - 2019 International Programme

The application forms to be used to apply to join the International Squads for 2019 have been posted to the website today. The completed forms need to be in the hands of the Secretary no later than Friday 14th September 2018.

Please refer to the Bulletin dated May this year.

There are four categories:

- Open
- Women
- Senior (applicant must be at least 61 in the year of the Championship).
- Mixed (one male, one female in each pair).

You can enter in more than one category, but please show your first choice. If play offs are held in all four categories it will not be possible to have a second choice.

We have retained the 100A point eligibility criteria, but in certain cases we will apply dispensation if the pairs can demonstrate that they plan to play frequently during the first half of 2019.

The application is by pair, but in the event that the selectors decide to have a play off, you can elect which other pair you would like to team up with. If the selectors decide not to have a play off in any given category, they will select by pair, notwithstanding the fact that a team of four entry has been made. For example, if there were only three teams of four entered in a particular category the selectors could choose one pair from each of the three teams.

If play offs are to be held it will be on the weekend of the 10th and 11th November 2018. Venue to be decided.

As shown on the Application forms the APBF will be held in Singapore from the 11th to 20th of June 2019. The World Championships will be held in Sanya, China from the 19th October to the 2nd November 2019. These venues are subject to change.

It is envisaged that travel subsidies will be paid for all four categories at the World Championships. That travel subsidy will probably be approximately equal to the cheapest economy air fare.

Travel subsidies for the ABPF will probably be limited to the Open and Women categories. The Selectors will announce the play offs and/or teams during the weekend of 22nd/23rd September 2018.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Regards

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