

# **THE NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**

## **LADY MILNE 2018 - TRIALS**

**The competition will be held in Scotland over the weekend April 13<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup> 2018.**

**The trials will be held at Kelvin-Malone over the weekend October 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

The entry fee will be £45 per person and is payable immediately before the commencement of the trial.

### **QUALIFICATION**

The Trials are open to all NIBU members who meet the criteria set out in the current Home International Regulations (HIR) published on the Bridge Great Britain website. Each partnership should hold a minimum of 100 red points OR at least 40 each player. Pairs who do not meet this standard may be accepted at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

### **COACHING**

The Selection Committee will be approaching Council for the purpose of gaining partial funding for professional coaching for prospective Lady Milne players. Please indicate if you are interested. There will be a financial cost to those willing to participate.

### **ENTRIES**

Entries must be made electronically to [Michael McFaul \(mjmcfaul@gmail.com\)](mailto:mjmcfaul@gmail.com) by midnight on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and should include the names and email addresses of both players together with an electronic copy of a convention card that is compliant with the HIR.

### **SELECTION**

Trials will be played as Butler Pairs with 16 board matches, probably in a double round robin format. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change the schedule if deemed necessary. The Pairs finishing 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will automatically be selected for the competition. Full details and the schedule will be announced by email to competitors as soon as possible after the closing date for entries.

### **EXEMPTIONS**

Exemptions may be requested at the time of entry and any application will be considered by the Selection Committee. The entry fee is payable by any pair granted an exemption.

### **INTER-PROVINCIALS**

All partnerships should indicate on their entry whether they wish to be considered for the Inter-provincials in Athlone on the 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November 2017.