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## DUPLICATE BRIDGE RULES

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All participants must be at least 55 years of age by December 31 of the year of the games.

**AGE CATEGORIES / EVENTS:** Pairs- 2 males, 2 females or 1 male / 1 female.

| AGE                                                             | EVENTS     | NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS<br>PER PROVINCE/TERRITORY |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 55+                                                             | Open Pairs | 5 Pairs                                          |
| <b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER PROVINCE/TERRITORY = 10</b> |            |                                                  |

### Rules and “Playoff” Information

1. American Contract Bridge League Laws of Duplicate Bridge will apply,
2. Enter with a partner. The Howell System is the recommended movement, but the Mitchell system may be used if the Host so prefers. The Team score card must be signed after each match by one member of the opposing team.
3. Standard Duplicate Bridge scoring.
4. **Competition at Canada 55+ Games:** In the event of a tie after completion of tournament, an additional four hands shall be played.
5. The Host Community will have the prerogative of filling in local participants for pairs that **unexpectedly** field less than two (2) players **at the Games**. A random draw will be used.
6. At the Canada 55+ Games; play will be monitored by an accredited official to ensure that rules and etiquette of Duplicate Bridge are followed.
7. Unnecessary talking will not be permitted.