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Londra, 25 feb. (TMNews) - Giocare a bridge richiede un certo allenamento, nervi saldi e qualche sudore freddo ma non è uno sport: queste le conclusioni di un tribunale britannico. Una cattiva notizia per la Federazione inglese di bridge (English Bridge Union, Ebu) che aveva chiesto al fisco il rimborso dell'Iva prelevata sui ricavi dei campionati organizzati fra giugno 2008 e fine dicembre 2011.

L'Ebu sperava di far valere le sue ragioni sostenendo che lo stesso Comitato internazionale olimpico riconosce il bridge come uno sport e che il fisco britannico considera sport il croquet, le freccette o ancora il biliardo. "Giocare a bridge richiede competenze mentali di alto livello", ha spiegato il tesoriere di Ebu, John Petrie. "Fa bene alla salute mentale e fisica, studi hanno dimostrato che riduce i rischi di Alzheimer", ha affermato ancora. Tutte cose che non hanno convinto Charles Hellier, della Corte dei conti. "L'attività fisica non è l'obiettivo delle gare di bridge", ha spiegato per giustificare il suo verdetto. Secondo l'Ebu, le entrate alle competizioni di bridge nel 2012-2013 hanno fruttato 631.000 sterline (765.000 euro). (con fonte Afp)

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Bridge is a game not a sport, tribunal rules

The English Bridge Union loses legal challenge against HM Revenue and Customs aimed at reclaiming VAT on competition entry fees



Contract bridge is a game, not a sport, a tax tribunal has ruled

By Sam Marsden

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To its legions of fans, contract bridge can be every bit as gruelling and competitive as football or cricket.

It may therefore come as a surprise to the 300,000 regular players in Britain that a tribunal has ruled that it is a game and not a sport.

The English Bridge Union had argued that its members should not have to pay VAT on competition entry fees because they were taking part in a pursuit that is recognised as a sport by the International Olympic Committee, the Charity Commission and several other European countries.

It pointed out that croquet, darts, billiards and gliding were regarded as sports by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) even though “physical skill or activity plays second fiddle to mental skill”.

Playing bridge regularly promotes both physical and mental health, and studies have shown that it may benefit the immune system and reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's Disease or suffering mental deterioration, the English Bridge Union argued.

However, the Tax Chamber of the First-Tier Tribunal rejected the claim, concluding that contract

bridge does not involve a “significant amount” of physical activity.

Judge Charles Hellier said: "To our minds, sport normally connotes a game with an athletic element, rather than simply a game."

The English Bridge Union brought the case against HMRC in an attempt to reclaim the VAT paid on bridge competition entry fees between June 2008 and December 2011. In 2012/13 alone the income from fees totalled £631,000.

Dr John Petrie, the union’s treasurer, told the tribunal that national bridge organisations in France, Holland, Belgium, Ireland and Poland were not charged VAT on entry fees.

He argued that the proper meaning of “sport” included contract bridge as an activity which promotes mental and physical well being.

David Ewart QC, for the English Bridge Union, asked whether it was possible to “draw a distinction between the mental skill needed in planning a snooker shot, or a croquet stroke, and the physical skill used in executing it”.

Judge Hellier accepted HMRC’s argument that it was the physical, rather than the mental, aspect of sports that benefited from the VAT exemption.

Dismissing the appeal, he concluded: "Contract bridge involves some physical activity, but not a significant amount.

"The physical activity is not the aim of participation and physical skill, as opposed to purely mental skill, is not particularly important to the outcome of participation".

However, the judge did note some qualms that failing to recognise bridge as a sport might discriminate against older people given that a high proportion of the card game’s players are elderly.

He said it could be argued that the sports exemption was “skewed towards the young”, but added: "We console ourselves with the thought that, although the direct beneficiaries of (physical) education are the young, the old may benefit from their labours."