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INTRODUCTION

The 25th European Youth Bridge Championships ('the Championships') are played under the auspices of the European Bridge League ('the EBL') at the GEM Recreational Centre in Wroclaw, Poland, commencing on 11 July 2013 and ending not later than 20 July 2013

The EBL is the *regulating authority* as defined in Law 80

The Championships consist of 3 Series: Under 26 Open Series ("Juniors"), Under 21 Open Series ("Youngsters") and Under 26 Girls Series.

1. NATURE OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each series consists of a complete 'round robin' with teams playing against all other teams in the same series. The number of boards played in each match will depend on the number of participants but it is expected that 20 boards will be played in the Junior and Youngster series' and 32 boards in the Girls series. The 20 board matches will be played straight through without a break, the 32 board matches will be played in two segments (see 6.1.5).

The results of the matches are expressed in victory points and at the completion of the round-robin the team in each series with the greatest number of victory points is the winner of that series (and so on for the other rankings).

The Championships are played under the International Code - Laws of Duplicate Bridge - 2007 (with the revisions approved thereafter by the WBF Laws Committee), the General Conditions of Contest of the EBL, and these Regulations.

2. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Refer to

<http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/13Wroclaw/Microsite/information.htm>

3. ADVANCE ORGANIZATION

4.1 Registration

4.1.1 Registration of Teams

All entries to the Championships tournaments must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email) at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/13Wroclaw/microsite/Information.htm> by 15th May **2013**. It is very important that this deadline is respected.

4.1.2 Registration of Players' Names

The names of the captain, the team officials and the players of each team together with the date of birth of all players must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email) to the EBL Youth Committee by filling the form accessible on the Internet at the address:

<http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/13Wroclaw/microsite/Information.htm>

by 31st May . It is very important that this deadline is respected.

4.2 Right to enter, and entry fees

Each member country, being up to date with the payment of its dues (including the 2013 dues) to the EBL is authorized to enter one team in the Under 26 Series, one team in the Under 21 Series and one team in the Under 26 Girls Series of the Championship. Countries must have paid the entry fee and be up to date with the payment of dues to the EBL before they can participate in the Championship.

All information concerning how to pay what amounts, and any applicable discounts, is available at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/13Wroclaw/microsite/Information.htm>

4.3 Team Members

In addition to a non-playing captain and a coach or team-manager, each team is entitled to have six members. The players of the Under 26 and Under 26 Girls series must have been born **on or after 1st January 1st, 1988**; the players of the Under 21 series must have been born **on or after 1st January, 1998**. Subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee the members of any team may be changed up to the time of commencement of play of the Championship.

If a country has submitted the names of fewer than six players, a fifth or sixth player may be added after the commencement of play but only during the first day and only with permission of the Appeals Committee.

No player may participate in two series.

4.4 Credentials Committee

The Youth Committee will forward all entries to the Credentials Committee of the EBL for approval.

Every proposed player must, along with other criteria, satisfy the Credentials Committee that he/she was born before the relevant dates in 4.3.

4.5 Draw for numbers

Prior to play an official draw for numbers in the schedule of play will be made and will be published in the program. In the event of a variation in the number of teams participating, adjustments in the draw and schedule of play may occur. These will be notified in the program, or if necessary at the captains' meeting.

5. SYSTEMS

5.1 Permitted Systems

All events at these championships are designated Category 3 events. Consequently, neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker conventions, as defined by the EBL Systems Policy as revised August 2008 (the "SYSTEMS POLICY"), are permitted at any time or in any event.

Psyching artificial opening bids is forbidden.

Both members of a partnership must agree to adopt the same meanings for calls in the auction and for defensive card play. This does not restrict the exercise of style and judgement. No team may lodge more than four systems to be used by its players.

5.2 Submission and Distribution of Systems (in all series)

(Refer to Sections 11 and 12 of the General Conditions of Contest)

System/Convention Cards in all the series must be prepared in accordance with Section 11.4 of the EBL General Conditions of Contest, and have to be registered with the EBL by 20th June 2013 by email to: anna@ecats.co.uk

Copies of opponents' filed Systems will be made available by e-mail and on the Internet to all teams who have filed their Systems.

Failure to lodge Systems as required by this rule may result in prohibition of a System. In addition the Appeals Committee may impose a financial penalty of up to € 340 for the late filing of Systems.

5.3 Changes in lodged systems

Team captains must give careful attention to the requirements in Section 5 of the Systems Policy.

6. RULES FOR RUNNING THE MATCHES

6.1 Composition and seating of teams

6.1.1 Designation of teams

The team mentioned first in the schedule of matches printed in the program is designated as the Home Team. Its opponent is the Away Team.

6.1.2. Line-up procedure for 20 board matches:

The line-ups must be submitted electronically. Both captains submit their line up without knowing the line-up of their opponents. Line-ups for each match will be displayed on the display screens designated for this, after both teams have submitted their line-ups.

Line-ups for a round have to be submitted within 15 minutes after the previous round has ended. For the first round the details will be announced at the captains' meeting.

Teams who infringe this regulation may be subject to VP penalties according to this scale:

1st occasion a written warning

2nd occasion 0.5 VP penalty. Subsequently 1 VP penalty for each occasion.

6.1.3 Line-up procedure for 32 board matches:

The line-ups must be submitted electronically, and will be displayed on the display screens designated for this.

For the first match the captain of the Away team must submit the line-up of the team for the first segment at least one hour before the starting time, and the captain of the home team is allowed an additional 10 minutes.

For subsequent matches the Away team line-up for the first segment must be submitted within 15 minutes after the previous round has ended. The captain of the home team is allowed an additional 5 minutes.

For the second segment of each match the Home team line-up must be submitted within 15 minutes after the end of the first segment round. The captain of the away team is allowed an additional 5 minutes.

Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to VP penalties according to this scale:

1st occasion a written warning

2nd occasion 1 VP penalty; subsequently 1 VP penalty for each occasion.

6.1.4 Seating of Teams – 20 boards

The teams meet according to the schedule printed in the program. The Home Team sits throughout in the N/S position in the Open Room and in the E/W position in the Closed Room.

6.1.5 Seating of Teams – 32 boards

a. The teams meet according to the schedule printed in the program. The Home Team sits throughout in the N/S position in the Open Room and in the E/W position in the Closed Room

The Home Team has the right for the first segment of the match to nominate its players after the Away Team has nominated theirs.

c. When the Home Team has nominated its players for the second segment, the Away Team will nominate its players.

d. No change other than those referred to above may be made unless authorized by the Tournament Director in charge. Such permission will only be given in case of illness or in exceptional circumstances.

6.2 Time procedure and penalties for slow play.

6.2.1 Start of the round

At the beginning of each round the Tournament Director on duty will announce the time by which the round must be completed. For a twenty board match this will be 2 hours and 50 minutes, and for a 16 board match or segment this will be 2 hours 20 minutes.

The period allowed is calculated from the commencement of the period of play and includes the time for system explanation and scoring procedure. Play in the Open Room between two opposing teams may start only when the players of the same teams are seated in the Closed Room. Any team that is not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be fined 1 VP and for each completed period of 5 minutes thereafter a further 1VP. Players are requested to be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Any team not seated within half an hour after starting time by its own fault forfeits the match and receives zero Victory Points. For the score of the opposing team see Section 6.5.1

If any team has been fined for being late at the commencement of a round the fines for slow play in the same round will be based on the time at which all players were seated at the table and ready to play.

6.2.2 End of the period of play.

a) If at the end of the allocated time play has not been completed fines will be imposed as follows:

from 0 to 5 minutes late: a fine of 1 VP will be imposed on the table and shared 0.5 VP to each team if they are considered to bear equal responsibility for overrunning.

from 5 to 10 minutes late: 2 VPs imposed on the table, shared likewise equally 1 VP each

from 10 to 15 minutes late: 4 VPs likewise

from 15 to 20 minutes late: 6 VPs likewise

from 20 to 25 minutes late: 10 VPs likewise.

for delays of more than 25 minutes the Appeals Committee may impose a more severe penalty.

b) If a pair should claim that the responsibility for the slow play is with their opponents, they will do so by calling the Tournament Director who will take any corrective measures that are necessary in his opinion, including, at his discretion, the designation of a monitor at the table for as long as he considers desirable.

The Tournament Director will normally issue warnings when teams are in danger of penalties for slow play, but an absence of warning does not diminish the responsibility of the players or their liability to be fined.

If the two sides at the table are not considered to bear equal responsibility for the late finish the prescribed penalty in (a) will be divided between the two teams proportionately to the extent to which each side is deemed to have contributed to the overrun.

c) It is a serious breach of propriety deliberately to break a Law or Rule even if one is willing to accept the prescribed penalty. Accordingly, over and above the prescribed penalties, the Tournament Director may impose an additional penalty in cases where he is of the opinion that players are indulging deliberately in unnecessarily slow play. The following regulations will be observed in putting this rule into effect:

i) No such penalty will be awarded unless the Tournament Director has given previous verbal warning to the players concerned of his intention to invoke this rule.

ii) Such a penalty may be imposed only in respect of continued delay in the same session of play as that in which a verbal warning has been given.

iii) The penalty may, in the discretion of the Tournament Director, be imposed on one only or on both of the teams involved in the match in which such a delay occurs, or, at his discretion, a larger penalty may be imposed on one team than upon the other to reflect the measure of each team's responsibility for the occurrence.

6.2.3 Penalty warning

Except for a penalty under 6.2.2.c above all penalties for violations of time procedure and slow play are mandatory and require no previous warning to the players that penalties will be applied.

6.3 General rules during play

6.3.1 Language

All players are reminded that the official language of the Championships is English and during a match the players are expected to converse in this language only unless both teams agree to speak another language.

6.3.2 Non-playing players

Non-playing players of a team are not allowed to watch their team-mates playing (except in the Viewgraph theatre).

6.3.3 Finish of play

At each table when play has finished the players should agree the scores and then leave the Room (Open or Closed) as quickly as possible. They may not watch play at other tables.

6.3.4 Leaving the table and playing rooms

No player may leave the table during a match unless authorized by the Tournament Director. If any player leaves the table during a match without permission of the Tournament Director, that player's team will be fined 2 VPs.

6.3.5 Scoring at the table

Scoring at the table is done by the use of Bridgemates

6.3.6 Use of the systems (convention) card

Players may only look at their own system as Law 40B2(b) allows. (The Laws allow the declaring side, only, to look at its own system card during the Correction/ Clarification Period – see Law 22B1. This assists the correction of any misexplanation during the auction.)

Players may look at the system of their opponents at any time during the bidding but during the play only when it is their turn to play.

In accordance with the EBL Systems Policy players may consult their written defences to the "Multi" 2♦.

6.4 End of rounds, results

6.4.1 IMP scale

The difference in the total point scores on each board is to be converted to International Match Points ("IMPs"), and the results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the new WBF IMP/VP scales.

6.4.2. Scoring of results:

Match results will be available from the organization at the end of the round. No action is required by the teams.

6.4.3. Control of results:

If a team does not agree with the posted result of their match, they should inform the Tournament Director on duty.

6.4.4 Effect of penalty points

In no case will a VP penalty imposed under these Rules benefit the score of the non-offending side.

6.4.5 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.

The protest time concerning rulings by the TD ends 30 minutes after the round.

6.4.6 Official results

If at the end of protest time no protest has been lodged, the posted result shall become the official result of the match with the exception of:

- a) any adjustment arising from the hearing of an appeal;
- b) adjustment in respect of any fines to which either team is liable;
- c) completion of scores following the replay of one or more boards where such a replay has been ordered.

An official result may be altered only by written notice from the Head Tournament Director, from the Tournament Committee, or from the Tournament Appeals Committee.

6.4.7 Publication of decisions

All decisions involving play, penalties, deals, infringement of the Rules, etc., will be posted in a designated location or electronically through the Championship Website. However, the fact that a penalty has not yet been posted and that the attention of the players or captains has not yet been drawn to it does not nullify the penalty.

6.5 Byes, Ranking and Ties

6.5.1 Byes

In the event of a team having a bye in any session it will receive 13 VPs.

A team must play against each other team against which it is drawn. A team will score zero if, by its own fault, it is not able to play against another team. Its opponents will receive the best score between:

- a) 13 VPs
- b) That team's average
- c) The average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault

6.5.2 Ranking

The teams will be ranked according to the total number of VPs each gains in the Championship.

6.5.3 Ties

A tie between two teams will be broken in accordance with the result of the match between those two teams. Where that match has resulted in a tie in VPs, any difference in IMPs will decide. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches will be taken into consideration to break the tie. Where more than two teams have the same number of VPs the tie will be decided by the result of the matches between those teams. If one of the teams has defeated all the other teams involved, it will be ranked ahead of the others regardless of the number of VPs obtained.

The other tied teams will be ranked according to the VPs obtained in the matches between them. If a further tie should still exist then the IMP quotient of all matches will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

7. REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTING THE LAWS

The use of bidding boxes, screens and bridgemates is mandatory throughout. The EBL Bidding Boxes, Bridgemates and Screen Regulations apply. See http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/Documents/Bidbox_Bmate_Screen_Regulations.pdf

8. NON-PLAYING CAPTAINS

In the Closed Room, when and if allowed, a non-playing captain has no rights and must not communicate with anyone at the table nor draw attention to any irregularity. A matter that may require the Director's attention may be raised with the players when meeting them after the session and, if desired, protested to the Director within 30 minutes of conclusion of the match.

9. APPEALS

In reference to sections 33-35 of EBL's General Conditions of Contest, and pursuant to Laws 81B2(k) and 93C3(b), the appeals procedure at these Championships will be different. Instead of a classic Appeals Committee hearing, appeals will be heard by a "Reviewer" appointed by the EBL Appeals Committee.

The Reviewer will not engage in a re-evaluation of facts already known to the Tournament Directors at the time of their ruling. The review will be limited to (1) verifying that correct procedures and laws were followed, and/or (2) judging whether new facts presented may reasonably have affected the original ruling. An appeal lodged without new facts, or with no reasonable claim of a flaw in procedures or application of the Laws, will be considered without merit.

The detailed procedure for lodging appeals will be published at the latest in the first Daily Bulletin.

10. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

General duties of Tournament Directors

The Tournament Directors' responsibilities are in the main covered by Law 81. All Tournament Directors will follow the WBF Code of Practice wherever its recommendations are relevant. A Co-Chief Tournament Director may act with the powers of and in place of the Chief Tournament Director in any matter.

Tournament Directors will seek to ensure the correct position and polarity of players at the table. The responsibility for correct position and polarity remains with the players.

Tournament Directors are required to complete a form for each round when there are late starts, slow play or any other incidents.

Each Tournament Director shall notify the Chief Tournament Director of all penalties which have been applied under mandate of the Laws or these Rules and Regulations.

Prior to the commencement of the following round all important incidents must be reported by the Chief Tournament Director to the Tournament Committee and any penalties or

changes in scores must be notified in addition to the Chairman of the Tournament Committee.

11. DRESS CODE

In the European Open, Women and Seniors Team Championship it is obligatory for all teams to adopt the following dress code:

11.1 Formal Occasions

The EBL has a policy which seeks to encourage Federations to provide Teams, which participate in European Championships, to be dressed in appropriate uniforms which incorporate a badge or emblem identifying the country which those players represent.

11.2 Playing rooms

Everyone entering the playing rooms is obliged to wear the official identification badge provided by the organization. In case of loss the organization will provide a duplicate badge at a cost of € 5,00

All players, captains and coaches of participating teams are required to wear T-shirts, polo shirts, shirts or blouses that are of the same color and contain the Federation's logo.

Team members must be supplied with sufficient changes of clothing to ensure that they look smart and presentable at all times.

If sweaters, cardigans and sweatshirts are used they must be of the same color and carry the Federation's logo.

All players are expected to be respectably dressed and are also required to follow the instructions given by the TD.

Any player, captain or coach not respecting the dress code into the playing area will receive a warning on the first occasion and a subsequent breach will result in that team being fined 2 VP, plus a fine of € 100. This penalty is mandatory. Failure to pay the fine will result in that person being prohibited from entering the playing area.

11.3 Publicity

The team uniform must contain its Federation logo and may contain discreet sponsor logos.

12. SECURITY

For security reasons all people at the Championship Venue must wear their official identification badge.

13. AWARDS

13.1 Under 26 series

The winning team of the Under 26 series will be named European Under 26 Champions and will receive the *David Pigot Trophy* which they are entitled to retain until the next event, at the beginning of which it must be returned to the EBL, care of the NBO of the winners.

In accordance with the current WBF regulation, the first five teams of the Under 26 series will qualify to represent the European Zone in the same series of the 2014 World Youth

Championship. In the event of the withdrawal of any of the leading five teams, the sixth and, if necessary, the seventh, eighth or ninth ranked teams will be considered to have qualified for the Championship. Should more than three teams withdraw, the EBL reserves the right to make any decisions necessary concerning representation of the Zone at the World Youth Championship. In the event of the host country being invited to participate in this event and this country is among the teams qualifying, then the sixth team will be considered a qualifying team for the Championship. If the WBF modifies the regulation or the number of teams qualified from the European Zone, the EBL will modify the above accordingly.

13.2 Under 21 series

The winning team of the Under 21 series will be named European Under 21 Champions and will receive the *Jose Damiani Trophy* which they are entitled to retain until the next event, at the beginning of which it must be returned to the EBL, care of the NBO of the winners.

In accordance with the current WBF regulation, the first three teams of the Under 21 series will qualify to represent the European Zone in the same series of the 2014 World Youth Championship. In the event of the withdrawal of any of the leading three teams, the fourth and, if necessary, the fifth, sixth and seventh ranked teams will be considered to have qualified for the Championship. Should more than three teams withdraw, the EBL reserves the right to make any decisions necessary concerning representation of the Zone at the World Youth Championship. In the event of the host country being invited to participate in this event and this country is among the teams qualifying, then the fourth team will be considered a qualifying team for the Championship. If the WBF modifies the regulation or the number of teams qualified from the European Zone, the EBL will modify the above accordingly.

13.3 Girls series

The winning team of the Under 26 Girls series will be named European Under 26 Girls Champions and will receive the *Annaclaudia Rona Trophy* which they are entitled to retain until the next event, at the beginning of which it must be returned to the EBL, care of the NBO of the winners.

In accordance with the current WBF regulation, the first winning team of the Under 26 Girls series will qualify to represent the European Zone in the same series of the 2014 World Youth Championship.

13.4 Medals and Master Points

Gold, Silver and Bronze EBL medals will be awarded to the captain, the coach and the members of the first three teams in each series. Winners will receive the title of European Champion.

Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the EBL Master Points scheme provided that the player has played at least one third of the boards played by his team.

14. CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations may be amended and/or augmented at the discretion of the EBL Youth Committee if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure the smooth efficient and enjoyable running of the Championships.

15. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EBL

The EBL has scheduled these Championships to occur at a particular time and place in accordance with an agreement entered into between the EBL and the host NBO. However, the EBL makes no warranty to any participating NBO, team, pair or person that these Championships will take place as scheduled and accepts no responsibility for any loss or expense arising should it not do so.

16. CONFLICTING REGULATIONS

In case of a conflict between these Regulations and the General Conditions of Contest, these Regulations shall prevail.

Matters not regulated here are governed by the General Conditions of Contest and the Laws of Contract Bridge.

17. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

The following can be found on the EBL website at www.eurobridge.org

The EBL Systems Policy

The EBL Disciplinary Code

The EBL Alert Procedure

The EBL Bidding Boxes, Bridgemates and Screen Regulations