



6th NBO Officers' Seminar

EBL Tournament Director Courses

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All bridge competitions and championships organized directly by the European Bridge League or whose organization has been delegated by the EBL to an NBO or other organizer, must be run and directed by tournament directors, who are authorized and recognized by the EBL by special appointments.

Most National Bridge Organisations

(NBOs) have their own regulation for authorization, qualification, training and certification for their tournament directors.

The different requirements for TDs at different championships and tournaments suggest a multi-level-system of TD-training.



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The level "0" of TD training:

Education of players

The players need a basic knowledge of laws and regulations to be able to play in accordance with the international bridge laws. The NBOs should encourage the clubs to raise the sensitivity of players against anomalies, irregularities and malpractice of law.

It is important to teach the players the proper communication with the TD, opponents and partner. Concerning beginners a friendly tolerant manner is asked. But when working with experienced players a serious knowledge of laws and regulations can be expected.

The most useful methods for education of players: booklets for beginners, publication of elementary procedures in case of irregularities on the internet or in your bridge magazine.

You make a good service for your NBO, if you invest in education of law for all levels of your players.



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The level "1" of TD training:

Education of club TDs.

If master points will be given for the club tournaments, the conditions at different clubs have to harmonize. A club TD has to be able to decide the optimal movement, to handle the important technical problems, to collect the facts at irregularities and to be able to find the appropriate paragraph in the law book quickly.

The TD is the representative of your NBO. Help him to be able to do his job as good, as expected by you.

The NBO's task is to organize and supervise the education of their national TDs. Ground course, refresher course and examinations for qualifications should be regularly organized by every NBO. The key persons in training of Club TDs are the expert TDs of your NBO. You should have good didactic material in your language. You can get help for developing your local TD-training activities from the EBL TD committee.



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The level "2" of TD training:

Education of national TDs.

A liaison between EBL and NBOs should be realised by the leading national TDs. Without delay they follow the changes of rules; they are often asked by EBL/WBF for propositions for changing of regulations. These TDs have to be able to lead national championships.

Most of them are able to get an international license if they participate in an EBL TD course.

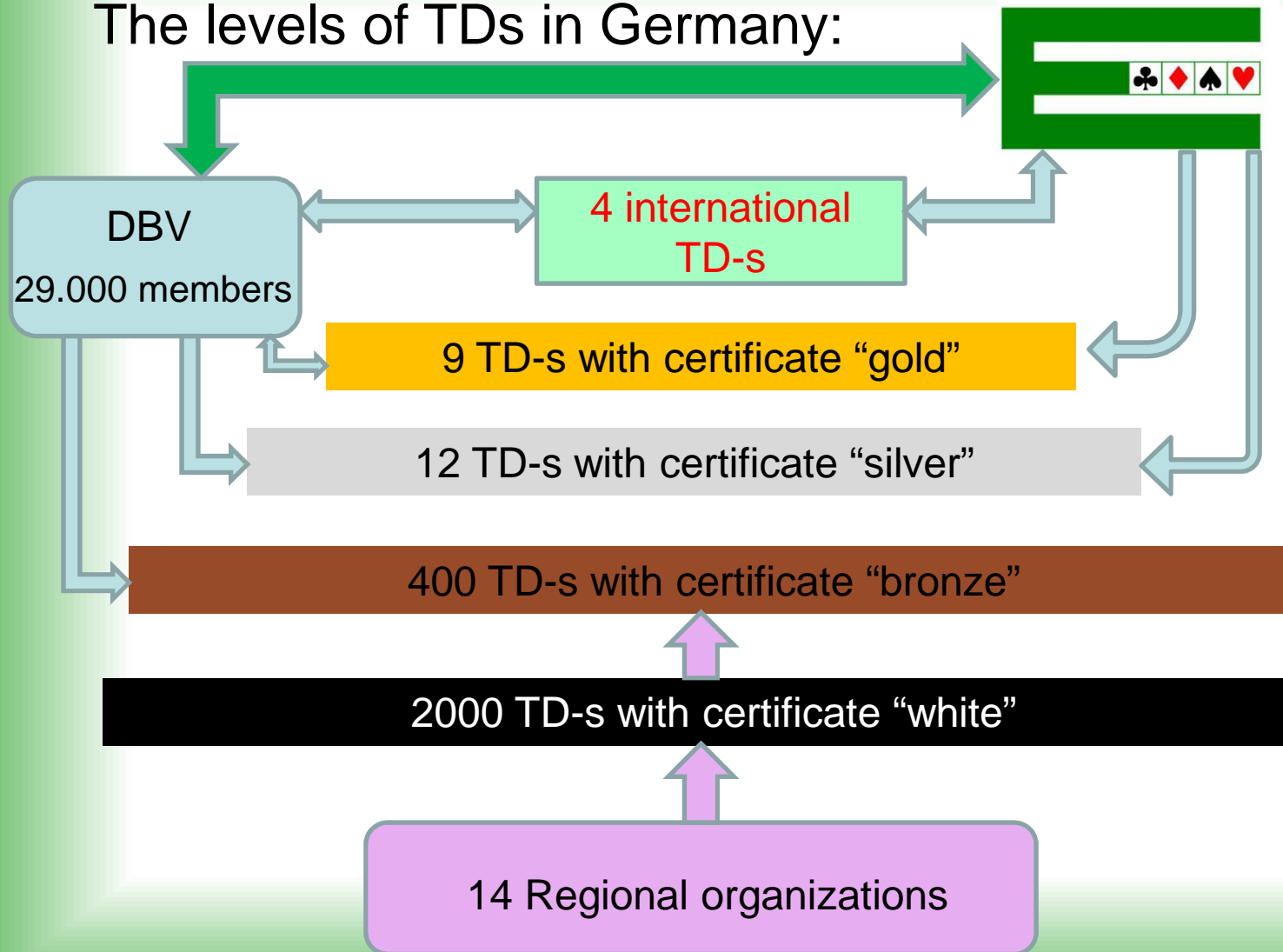
The NBO championships are often qualifications for EBL championships. The participants should obtain the similar quality of TD activity, as at EBL championships. It is possible to keep the up-to-date level of national TDs, if they regularly participate at TD courses of the EBL.

Your NBO is well represented by a competent TD, than in other case. The competence spreads out very fast to the players and to the TDs of lower level.



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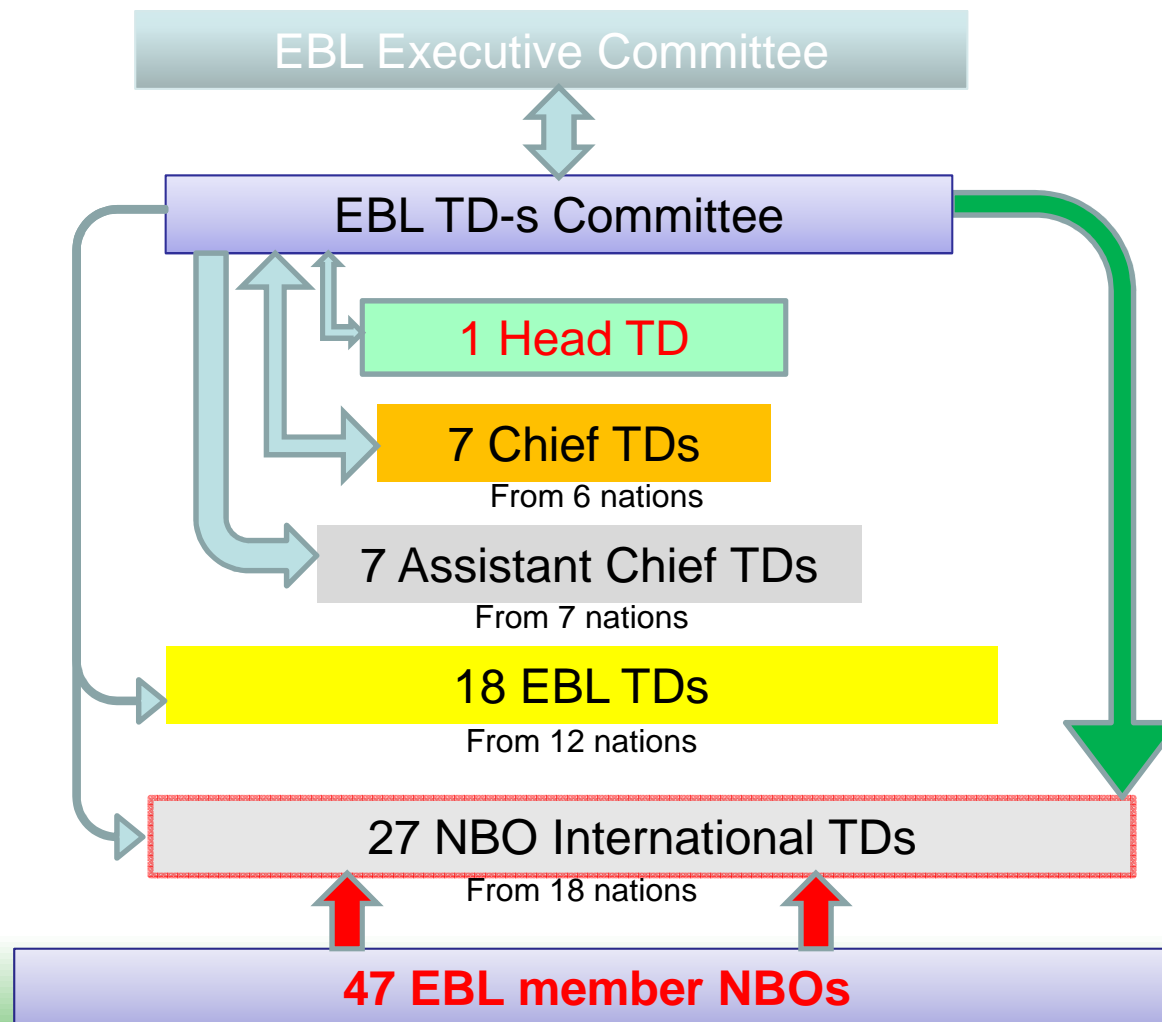
The levels of TDs in Germany:





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The level "3" and "4" of TD's training:





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To ensure the desired level of its TDs, the EBL regularly organizes trainings and tests.

The two types of EBL TD courses are:

Regional EBL TD courses “3” - for national TDs

The aim: to raise the knowledge and solving capacity of problems
to harmonize the interpretation of rules in NBOs
to transfer the skill of teaching to the participants
to find the qualified TDs for a later EBL TD course “4”

Central EBL TD courses “4” - for the best participants at regional courses + for EBL TDs + NBO International TD.

The aim: to examine and qualify the TDs
to discuss some highly complex cases
to propagate the way of work of the highest level TDs
to collect opinions about minutes of WBF LC



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Regional TD courses

♥ All NBO presidents and NBO secretaries receive invitations for their best TDs for the forthcoming courses. The WBF president Gianarrigo Rona also asked the EBL to invite TDs from other zones.

♥ 2011 Zagreb and Örebro

Teachers: Ton Kooyman WBF LC president,
Maurizio di Sacco technical director of EBL,
Peter Eidt secretary of EBL TD Committee

2012 Amsterdam and Warsaw

2013 Main TD Course and examination



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17.00	-	19.30	Entry Test
21.00	-	23.30	Correction of the Entry Test
10.00	-	12.30	General Principles of Adjusted Scores - Law 12
14.00	-	16.30	Calculating Results - Laws 78, 86, 87
17.00	-	19.30	Examples of Adjusted Scores (practical exercises)
21.00	-	23.30	General Principles of UI - Laws 16 and 73C
10.00	-	12.30	General Principles of Claims and Concessions - Laws 68-71
14.00	-	16.30	Examples of Claims and Concessions (practical exercises)
17.00	-	19.30	General Principles of Misinformation - Laws 40, 20-21,75
21.00	-	23.30	Examples of Misinformation (practical exercises)
10.00	-	12.30	Played Cards - Laws 45-47
14.00	-	16.30	Question Time



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The program of EBL Regional courses

Entry Test

Helps the participants to discover their deficiencies in general knowledge of laws.

Shows the groups level of familiarity of tournament organization techniques

It tests the ability of TDs in solving conflicts and/or rectifying mistakes on equitable lines. By laws is given considerably discretionary powers, do the participants approach the optimal methods?

In case of significant deviations from the estimated standard of the actual group the program of the course will be adjusted.



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Lectures

90 Minutes workshops on singular topics of sensitive paragraphs of the laws. These units give the participants the deepest analysis of sample cases.

The interactivity is on the highest level. Questions, remarks and answers clear the not fully understood segments.

The most interesting topics are :

- a) The new laws and new regulations
- b) Adjusted scores and calculation of weighted / splitted scores
- c) Unauthorized information, misinformation, claim





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Table exercises

The training's most exciting parts are the simulations.

Four players at the table, 2-4 TDs leave the room and the rest are visitors.

The players according the written order of simulated irregularities prepare the cards, learn their role and the TD will be called.

Let us see a video from this work...





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Evaluation of Regional Courses

All participants are satisfied with the activity during the course.

A schedule of program can not involve more activities, the limit of learning and working capacity of participants is reached.

A new forum for activists of NBOs and EBL is formed by the Regional Course for TDs. A gap in training of TDs between the highest level EBL TD-workshops and highest level of TD-training of NBOs is covered.

Please support your NBO by sending your talented TDs to the following EBL Regional TD- Courses.