

## EUROPEAN FALL ONLINE TRANSNATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

This event will be played online, using the RealBridge platform (RB), under the auspices of the European Bridge League (“the EBL”). It will take place from October 27 to October 30, with two teams contesting the final on November 3.

The Championship is a transnational teams event. It will be governed by the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, as amended on January 1, 2024 (“the Laws”), the EBL General Conditions of Contest (“the GCoC”), the relevant Ancillary Documents as published on the EBL website, the Supplementary Conditions of Contest (“the SCoC”), and any separate regulations communicated in letters to the teams. Unless otherwise stated or unless illogical in context, the definitions used in the GCoC shall also apply to these SCoC.

### Teams and Categories

- The Championship is a transnational event – players from all WBF zones are invited to participate.
- Players must meet the requirements for the Senior category: *“A Senior player must have reached the age of 64 during the calendar year of the Championship in which they are participating.”*
- Format of play: 4 rounds per day, each of 8 boards.
- Participants will be able to win EBL Master Points and medals, as well as gain valuable international experience in the bridge world.

All entered teams will play on all four days.

On the first two days (8 rounds), teams will compete to determine those advancing to the Knockout phase. With up to 47 teams participating, 8 teams will qualify for the Knockout stage (Quarterfinals). With 48 or more teams, 16 teams will qualify (Round of 16).

The qualification stage will consist of 8 rounds played under the Swiss format, with four rounds per day.

On the last two days, the top 8 or 16 teams will compete in a Knockout for the medals. The remaining teams, together with the drop-ins from the Knockout Round of 16 or Quarterfinals, will compete in a Swiss event for 5th place, playing 4 rounds of 8 boards each day.

- With 8 teams in the Knockout: 32-board Quarterfinals will be played on the 3rd day (October 29), followed by 32-board Semifinals on the 4th day (October 30).
- With 16 teams in the Knockout: 16-board (2 × 8) Round of 16 matches will be played (losers move to Round 11 of the Swiss), followed by 16-board (2 × 8) Quarterfinals on October 29, and 32-board Semifinals on the 4th day (October 30).

The winners of the Semifinals will play a 32-board (4 × 8) Final on Monday, November 3. The losers of the Semifinals will be awarded Bronze medals.

## **KNOCKOUT PHASE**

### **With 8 teams participating:**

At the end of the Swiss, the top two teams (1 and 2) will each select an opponent from the teams ranked 5th–8th. These chosen teams will then be assigned positions 8 and 7 respectively.

The remaining teams will be assigned positions 3–6 according to their Swiss ranking and paired accordingly (3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5, etc.). At this point the bracket is fully formed.

### **With 16 teams participating:**

The team placed 1st at the end of the Qualification Swiss has the right to choose its opponent from among the teams placed 9th–16th.

Then the team placed 2nd at the end of the Qualification Swiss has the right to choose its opponent from among the remaining teams placed 9th–16th.

Then the team placed 3rd at the end of the Qualification Swiss has the right to choose its opponent from among the remaining teams placed 9th–16th.

Then the team placed 4th at the end of the Qualification Swiss has the right to choose its opponent from among the remaining teams placed 9th–16th.

These chosen teams will then be assigned positions 16, 15, 14, or 13 respectively.

The remaining teams will be assigned positions 5–12 according to their final Swiss ranking and paired accordingly (5 vs. 12, 6 vs. 11, etc.). At this point the bracket is fully formed.

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## **CARRYOVER**

In the Round of 16, Quarterfinals, and Semifinals, a carryover of 0.1 IMP will be awarded to the higher-placed team from the Qualification Swiss.

### **FINAL (4 × 8 boards)**

There will be no carryover. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by a one-board Sudden Death playoff.

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## **SWISS FOR 5th PLACE**

Carryover will be 50% of the Victory Points earned in the Qualification Swiss. After Round 8, Swiss assignments will be reset.

Losing teams from the Knockout matches will join the Swiss for 5th Place (according to their rank in the Qualification Swiss).

The drop in teams will participate with the average VPs of the teams at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places.

## **TIMETABLE (all times in CET)**

As  $4 \times 8$  boards will be played each day in the Qualification, Play-offs, and Final, there will be four sessions per day, with the following starting times\*:

<b>CET</b>	<b>Eastern Time (ET)</b>	<b>Turkey Time (TRT)</b>
18:30	13:30	19:30
19:45	14:45	20:45
21:00	16:00	22:00
22:15	17:15	23:15

\* **Only in the case of 48 or more teams registering**, the timetable on **the third day** will be as follows:

Please be aware that the Final has a different timing in the ET due to the different time shift:

Final:

<b>CET</b>	<b>Eastern Time (ET)</b>	<b>Turkey Time (TRT)</b>
18:30	12:30	19:30
19:45	13:45	20:45
21:00	15:00	22:00
22:15	16:15	23:15

## **29 October 2025**

<b>CET</b>	<b>Eastern Time (ET)</b>	<b>Turkey Time (TRT)</b>
17:30	12:30	18:30
18:45	13:45	19:45
21:00	16:00	22:00
22:15	17:15	23:15

## **SPECTATORS / KIBITZERS**

No persons other than the active players and Tournament Directors (TDs) will be allowed in the playing area.

Delayed online kibitzing of all tables will be available at: <https://kibitz.realbridge.online>

## **CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

For all other rules and regulations, please see:

- General Conditions of Contest

- Supplementary Conditions of Contest
- Competitor's Commitment Form

Attention is drawn to the Competitor's Commitment Form, which must be signed by each participant (and any substitutes, if required), unless they have already done so in another event. Details and a copy of the form can be found via the links above. The completed forms should be sent to: [secretariat@europeanbridge.org](mailto:secretariat@europeanbridge.org)

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Players must have been born no later than 31 December 1961.

## **ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee is €250 per team.

Entry fees shall be paid by bank transfer to:

Credit Suisse AG  
Rue de Lion d'Or 5-7  
CH-1002 Lausanne, Switzerland

Account: EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE  
IBAN: CH88 0483 5135 2558 8200 0  
SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZ80A

## **SYSTEMS**

The EBL Systems Policy 2023 applies to this event. The event is classified as a Category 3 event (no HUM or Brown Sticker methods). Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in both the auction and carding.

Systems must be described on System (Convention) Cards and Supplementary Sheets in accordance with Section 11 of the GCoC and the Regulations for the Registration and Use of Systems, and submitted as described below.

Systems must be registered no later than 5 days before the start of the event. Captains must ensure that their e-mail addresses are provided and regularly checked, so they are available to respond to any queries concerning a system registered by their team.

VP penalties and other restrictions will be applied in accordance with the GCoC for late submission. Minor changes to systems (including clarifications, amendments, minor additions, and/or cosmetic revisions) will be accepted up to 15 October 2025. Revisions will be published on the website alongside the other systems, marked as REV1, REV2, etc., thus giving captains the opportunity to compare them with the original submission.

Each team will be provided with a link for uploading their system cards. After a team has entered, the captain will receive instructions. For assistance, please contact:  
[support@realbridge.online](mailto:support@realbridge.online)