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## **Preamble**

The 9th European Open Championships (EOC) will be hosted at the Green Park Pendik Hotel and Convention Center, Istanbul, Turkey from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The EOC will be conducted under the auspices of the European Bridge League (EBL). Unless stated otherwise in these Regulations, the EOC shall be governed by the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge and the EBL General Conditions of Contest (GCoC).

The EOC will consist of Pair and Team medal events in the categories Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed as well as other Pair and Team events. All events will be transnational and there will be no restriction on the number of entries per NBO.

## **1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

### ***1.1 Right of Entry***

Bridge players (registered members of WBF NBOs) from all WBF zones, in good standing with their Federation, are entitled to apply to participate.

All participants are bound by the regulations contained within this document. Invitations for pair events will be issued to 2 players and invitations for team events will be issued to teams of four, five or six (comprising at least two men and two women in the Mixed event).

All members of a team and both members of a pair in Senior events must be born in 1958 or earlier.

### ***1.2 Competitor's Commitment***

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players in Pair events and Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials in Team events are required to have signed the EBL Competitor's Commitment Form.

### ***1.3 Registration***

All applications to the medal events must be submitted electronically using the following link <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/19Istanbul/Microsite/Participants.htm> on the website. The deadline for guaranteed participation is 7 days prior to the start of the respective event. Applications submitted after this deadline will be accepted only if technically and logistically convenient.

All applications will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of the applicant, and are subject to their approval.

The names of each pair and the names of the captain, coach and the other members of each team, as submitted to the EBL website will be transmitted to the Credentials Committee for consideration of invitation to participate.

Only accredited people can enter the venue of the Championship.

Withdrawals of accepted entries must be acknowledged by email to [webmaster@europeanbridge.org](mailto:webmaster@europeanbridge.org) latest 5 days prior to the start of the respective event to allow a refund of the entry fee (minus costs).

Those who fail to notify withdrawals by this date may incur disciplinary sanctions.

Further information is available at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/19Istanbul/Microsite/information.htm>

## **2. ENTRY FEES**

All information relating to payment methods and amounts, and any applicable discounts, is available at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/19Istanbul/Microsite/information.htm#Fees>

### 3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

For up to date information regarding the programme and details of the schedule refer to <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/19Istanbul/Microsite/information.htm> The details of the events (as noted in Sections 5 and 6) may change depending on entries, but the dates hereunder will not change.

DATES	MEDAL EVENT	OTHER EVENTS
Saturday 15 June - Wednesday 19 June	Mixed Teams	
Monday 17 June		Open BAM
Tuesday 18 June – Friday 21 June	Mixed Pairs	
Thursday 20 June – Friday 21 June		Open Pair tournaments
Saturday 22 June – Wednesday 26 June	Open Teams	
Saturday 22 June – Tuesday 25 June	Women/Seniors Teams	
Monday 24 June		Open BAM
Tuesday 25 June – Saturday 29 June	Open Pairs	
Tuesday 25 June – Thursday 27 June	Women/Senior Pairs	
Thursday 27 June		Women/Seniors Pairs
Friday 28 June – Saturday 29 June		Open Pair tournaments

EBL Master Points will be awarded in all events

### 4. DROP-INS FOR MEDAL PAIR EVENTS

#### 4.1 Open Pairs

Provided they have already registered and paid for the Open Pairs medal event at the stipulated time, pairs formed by players from teams still playing in the Open Teams at the start of the qualifying stage of the Open Pairs may enter the Open Pairs in the semi-final stage. However, such a player may form a pair also with a player who did not participate in the same, or indeed any, team in the Open Team competition.

A team with four players may contribute a maximum of two, and a team with five/six players a maximum of three, drop-in pairs.

These pairs will be awarded a carry-over. The carryover formula will be published when the number of participating pairs is known

#### 4.2 Mixed Pairs

The arrangements and conditions for drop-in pairs for the Open Pair medal event shall apply also to the Mixed Pair medal event quid pro quo. In addition, the finalists and semi-finalists in the Mixed Teams may enter directly into the final stage of the pairs.)

#### 4.3 Women Pairs and Senior Pairs

The arrangements and conditions for drop-in pairs for the Open Pair medal event shall apply also to the Women Pair and Senior Pair medal events quid pro quo.

### 5. TEAM COMPETITIONS

#### 5.1 General

In the qualifying stages in all categories the results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales.

In Section 5.2 hereunder the details are based on the anticipated numbers of participants, and subject to change once the exact numbers are known.

In the Swiss stage, errors in assigning opponents shall not invalidate the result of that, or any other, match. When there are an odd number of teams the bye team will receive 12 VPs.

In a Swiss, in all series, the first round matches will be seeded.

#### 5.2 Open, Mixed Women and Seniors Teams

i) The qualifying stage will be played either as a round robin or as a Swiss with 10 matches of 10 boards each. The top 32 teams in the Open, the top 32 in the Mixed and the top 8 or 4 (depending on participation, in the respective series) in the Women and Seniors will advance to the knockout stage. There will be no carry-over from the qualifying stage to the knockout.

ii) The number of boards played in each knockout stage is shown below:

	R32	R16	QF	SF	F
Mixed and Open (32)	2 x 14	2 x 14	2 x 14	2 x 16	4 x 14
Seniors and Women (8)	-	-	2 x 14	2 x 14	4 x 14
Seniors and Women (4)	-	-	-	2 x 14	2 x 16

iii) A fixed bracket (see example for 32 teams in Appendix 1) will be created. There is no re-seeding between rounds and a lower ranked team that beats a higher ranked team takes over that higher ranked team's seed-number.

iv) In the Open knockout the teams placed 1–10 in the Swiss are seeded nos 1-10. They, in that order, get to choose their "round of 32" opponents from the teams placed 17<sup>th</sup>-32<sup>th</sup> in the Swiss. Those

chosen teams are assigned seed nos. 32-23 respectively. The remaining seed nos. 11-22 are assigned in ascending order according to the original seeding made before the start and published as soon as possible

(v) In the Mixed knockout the teams placed 1–10 in the Swiss are seeded nos. 1-10. They, in that order, get to choose their “round of 32” opponents from the teams placed 17<sup>th</sup>-32<sup>th</sup> in the Swiss. Those chosen teams are assigned seed nos. 32-23 respectively. The remaining seed nos. 11-22 are assigned in ascending order according to the final Swiss ranking.

vi) Players from teams not qualifying for the knockout stage in the Open and Mixed Teams have the right to enter the next day’s BAM event free of charge.

vii) In the Women and Seniors knockout, in the event of 4 qualifiers the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> in the Swiss are seeded no. 1-2. The winner of the Swiss gets to choose its semi-final opponent from the teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Swiss. Such chosen team is assigned seed no. 4.

In the event of 8 qualifiers the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Swiss are seeded no. 1-2. They, in that order, get to choose their quarter final opponents from the teams placed 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in the Swiss. Those chosen teams are assigned seed numbers 8 – 7 respectively. The remaining seed nos. 3-6 are assigned in ascending order according to the original seeding made before the start and published as soon as possible.

viii) Players from teams not qualifying for the knockout stage in the Women and Senior Teams have the right to enter the pair events held on the last three days of the Championships free of charge.

ix) There will be no play off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In all series the losing teams of the semi-finals will both receive bronze medals, and the players will receive the average of EBL Master Points for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place in accordance with the Master Points Regulations.

x) If the final number of entries in any of the Team competitions is very different from the expectations the format may be changed. This will be published in the Daily Bulletin prior to the start of the relevant event.

### ***5.3. Tie Breaking***

#### ***5.3.1 Swiss***

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of Victory Points, their rankings will be determined as follows:

i) The total Victory Points of each team's opponents ("Swiss Points") is calculated and the team with the largest number of "Swiss Points" is ranked first, and so on.

ii) If two or more teams have the same number of "Swiss Points", their rankings will be determined by their relative IMP quotients.

#### ***5.3.2 Direct Knockout***

All matches except the semi-finals and finals:

If a tie exists at the end of a knockout match, it will be resolved by playing one board (“sudden-death”) matches.



Semi-finals and finals:

If a tie exists at the end of a semi-final or final knockout match it will be resolved by playing four additional boards (boards 1-4). If the tie still remains a one board (“sudden death”) match will determine the winner.

### *5.3.3 Round Robin*

A tie between two teams will be broken in accordance with the result of the match between those two teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches against the same opponents 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.

## **6. PAIR COMPETITIONS**

Details in this section are based on the anticipated numbers of participants, and subject to change once the exact numbers are known. The number of days allocated to an event will not be changed.

It is expected to play between 48-54 boards per day in all pair events and stages.

### *6.1 Open Pairs*

The competition consists of three stages; qualifying, semi-final and final.

It is anticipated that the format of the qualifying and semi-final stages will be Mitchell Movements with two-board rounds. Scoring will be done “over the field”. For each pair, the match-point score for each session is converted to a percentage. (If some sessions consist of a different number of boards, the percentage scores will be adjusted pro rata). In any stage where each pair does not play against most of the other pairs the field will be divided into sections, which may be seeded so as to achieve a reasonable balance.

(If the format requires less than 24 board Mitchell movements then for purposes of Law 12C2 only (awarding of Average+ and Average -), a session is defined as a stage, and contains all the sessions in that stage.)

#### *6.1.1 qualifying*

Depending on the number of entries and technical considerations approx. 1/3 of the pairs playing the qualification, plus drop-ins (see section 4 above), will qualify for the semi-final A, and the rest for the semi-final B.

#### *6.1.2 semi-final A and semi-final B*

There will be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the qualification to semi-final A. 46 pairs from semi-final A and 6 pairs from semi-final B will qualify for the final.

#### *6.1.3 final*

There will be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the semi-finals. The final will be played in a barometer Endless Howell movement.

## **6.2 Women and Seniors Pairs**

Each competition consists of three match pointed stages: qualifying, semi-final and final.

### **6.2.1 qualifying**

Depending on the final number of entries in the respective Series it will be played either

i) as a “Mitchell”. If each pair does not play against most of the other pairs the field will be divided into sections that may be seeded so as to achieve a reasonable balance.

ii) as a full Round Robin

Depending on the number of entries and technical considerations approximately 1/3 of the pairs playing the qualification, plus drop-ins (see section 4 above), will qualify for semi-final A, the rest will play in semi-final B. The exact number will be announced prior to the start of the qualifying stage.

### **6.2.2 semi-final A and semi-final B**

There will be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the qualification to semi-final A.

Each of the semi-finals will be played as a “Mitchell”. The top-ranked 16 pairs from semi-final A plus the two top ranked pairs from semi-final B will qualify for the final.

### **6.2.3 final**

There will be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the semi-finals.

The final will be played in a barometer Endless Howell movement.

## **6.3 Mixed Pairs**

The competition consists of three match-pointed stages; qualifying, semi-final and final.

### **6.3.1 qualifying**

Depending on the number of entries and technical considerations approx. 1/3 of the pairs playing the qualification, plus drop-ins (see section 4 above), will qualify for the semi-final A, and the rest for the semi-final B.

### **6.3.2 semi-final A and semi-final B**

There will be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the qualification to semi-final A.

Further details will be published when the number of entries is known.

### **6.3.3 final**

There will be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the semi-finals.

The final will be played in a barometer Endless Howell movement.

## **6.4 Tie Breaking**

(For this section, “session” refers to the period of play between assignments of starting position).

Scores are tied only if they are identical. Except in the finals, if a tie needs to be broken, the winner is the pair with the highest score in its best session played at that stage. Further ties are broken likewise. If there is still a tie, the highest score in its two best sessions is decisive. In the finals the direct encounter(s) decides.

If a tie (or ties) still exists the remaining tie (or ties) shall be broken in favour of the pair who scored the most match points against the highest ranking pair or pairs that all the tied pairs played against. Should a tie still exist, the foregoing procedure shall be used with the next highest ranking pair or pairs and so on until the tie is broken.

### ***6.5 Carry-overs***

As mentioned above there will be carry-over scores between the various stages in the Pair competitions (including drop-ins). The exact amount of carry-over may vary from event to event, and will depend on the relative number of boards played at each stage as well as the percentage of pairs moving to the following stage. Once the number of entries is known and the final formats are set the exact amount of carry-over will be published, prior to the start of each event.

## **7. SYSTEMS POLICY AND SYSTEM CARDS**

### ***7.1 Systems Policy***

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 September 2013 (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.

### ***7.2 System (Convention) Cards***

#### ***7.2.1 Team Competitions***

- i) Each pair must complete legibly in English the WBF's or EBL's Official System Card in all respects in accordance with the SYSTEMS POLICY.
- ii) Each pair is required to hand two copies of its system card to the opponents before the start of the match. During the knockout phase each team delivers a copy of each system to its opponents as soon as the matches to be played are decided. Detailed instructions will be given at the captains' meeting.

#### ***7.2.2 Pair Competitions***

- i) Each pair must complete legibly in English the EBL's Official System Card in all respects in accordance with the Systems Policy.
- ii) Each pair is required to hand two copies of its system card to the opponents at the start of each round.

#### ***7.2.3 Team and Pair Competitions***

Failure to complete the System Card in accordance with the SYSTEMS POLICY may lead to the imposition of procedural penalties.

In particular the Head Tournament Director shall impose a procedural penalty (of 1 VP for Teams events and of 25% of the match-points available on a board for Pair events) for each occasion on which he considers that an opponent has been severely inconvenienced by a pair's incomplete or

inaccurate System Card. The procedural penalty will be in addition to any adjusted score that a Tournament Director deems appropriate because of damage caused to the opponent. During a match or round changes in system cards are normally not allowed. If a team nevertheless wants to change a system card it lodges a request with the Head Tournament Director, who needs to approve such change.

## **8. TIME ALLOWED**

### ***8.1 Pair events***

Players are expected to complete each round in the allotted time.

The Tournament Director may remove un-played or partly-played boards from pairs who are persistently slow.

#### ***8.1.1 If an un-played board is removed:***

- i) The offending pair or pairs shall be awarded 40% of the match-point available for the board, and
- ii) If the Tournament Director determines that one pair did not contribute to the slow play, the non-offending pair shall be awarded, subject to Law 12C2, 60% of the match-points available for the board.

#### ***8.1.2 If a partly-played board is removed:***

**Each pair shall be awarded the match-point score for the result on the board which the Head Tournament Director deems to be likely in the light of the bidding and play up to the time the board is removed. If the Head Tournament Director determines that one pair did not contribute to the slow play, he may apply Law 12 to assign scores.**

#### ***8.1.3 Late***

#### ***arrival in pair events***

All participants should be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time of the session. Should either member of a partnership not be seated at the starting time, the pair will receive a warning for a first offence during that stage of the event for being up to 5 minutes late. A late arrival of more than 5 minutes, or further late arrivals will be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Head Director ranging from 10% of a top up to the standard penalty (see Section 21 of GCOC). These penalties are in addition to any boards removed and scored as 40%

### ***8.2 Team events***

Players are expected to complete each 10 board Swiss Team match in one hour thirty minutes; each 14 (16) board session in knockout matches in two hours (2 hours 20 minutes). The Head Tournament Director may remove un-played boards from players if in his opinion the match would otherwise exceed the allotted time, but only if the board has not been played in the other room.

If any such un-played board is removed:

- i) the match will be scored on the results of the played boards, and
- ii) The Head Tournament Director will award 3 IMPs for each such un-played board to the non-offending side (if any).

For otherwise cancelled board or boards:

When teams have played one or more non-comparable boards or cannot play a board played by the other table the Head Tournament Director will rule according to Law 86 and the WBFLC interpretation of it.

### ***8.2.1 Late arrival in team events***

All participants should be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time. Any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time will receive a warning for a first offence during that phase of the event for being up to 5 minutes late. Late arrivals of more than 5 minutes, or further late arrivals, will be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Head Tournament Director. For knockout matches the penalty will range from half the standard penalty to the standard penalty. For other team matches the penalty will range from 0.5 VP to the standard penalty. For standard penalties refer Section 21 of GCOC)

## **9. LINE-UPS AND SEATING IN TEAM EVENTS**

### ***9.1 Line-Ups***

#### ***9.1.1 Swiss***

In each match of the Swiss, the first named team will be the Home Team and there is no requirement to submit line-ups in advance.

#### ***9.1.2 Direct Knockout***

Line-ups shall be submitted in accordance with section 9.1.4.

#### ***9.1.3 Direct Knockout: Tie-Breaking Matches***

When a tie exists at the end of a knockout match, there shall be a coin toss to determine Home Team rights for the tie-breaking stage. The captain of the Visiting Team shall submit his line-up at a time to be determined by the Tournament Director, and the captain of the Home Team shall submit his line-up immediately thereafter.

#### ***9.1.4 Direct Knockout: Line-up Times***

Line-ups for the knockout will be explained on site. A team having the choice of seating rights (see Section 9.2.2.) must exercise these rights before the end of the Captains' meeting. The Visiting Team shall submit its line-up no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session, or at such other time as the Operations Director determines. The Home Team shall submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session: provided that if the team required to submit its line-up first is late, the other team shall be allowed 5 minutes from the time of such late submission in which to submit its line-up.

Violation of these time schedules will be subject to IMP penalties according to the following scale, and the non-offending team will be relieved from posting its line-up until 10 minutes before start of play.

- First occasion – a written warning
- Second occasion – 1 IMP penalty
- Subsequently – 3 IMPs penalty for each occasion

## **9.2 Seating**

### **9.2.1 Swiss**

In the Swiss, the designated Home Team (see section 9.1.1) sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match. The Home Team has the right to seat its players after the Visiting Team has done so.

### **9.2.2 Direct Knockout**

The team with seating rights (see below) is designated as the Home team, and sits North-South in the Open Room.

- i) Two sessions: The lowest seed number may choose to have seating rights for the first or second session. A team not exercising its rights within the required time (see Section 9.1.4) will have seating rights for the second session.
- ii) Three sessions: The lower seed number may select any of the three stanzas in which to have seating rights and the opponents then have seating rights in the other two stanzas. OR they may pass this right over; in other words, let the opponents take first choice of stanza leaving them with the remaining two stanzas.
- iii) Four sessions: Each match will be divided into two portions of two Sessions each. The lower numbered team elects in which session (of which portion) it wants to have the seating rights; the opponents then automatically have seating rights in the other session (of that portion). The higher numbered team has seating rights as above for the remaining portion.

### **9.2.3 Open and Closed Rooms**

The rooms respectively referred to as the "Open" and the "Closed" rooms shall be so designated in each match (or session) by the Operation Director or his designee.

## **10. ASSIGNMENT OF STARTING POSITION IN PAIR EVENTS**

Pairs will be assigned starting positions so as to ensure, as far as is practicable, that pairs from the same NBO do not play against each other in the later sessions of a stage.

Pairs will be seeded so as to, as far as possible, create balanced sections.

Subject to the above the assignment of starting positions shall be at the discretion of the Championships Committee.

## **11. PARTNERSHIPS FOR MIXED EVENTS**

Each partnership must at all times consist of a man and a woman.

## **12. MANDATORY PENALTIES IN PAIR EVENTS**

Fouling a board results in a penalty of 25% of the match-points available on the board during the session.

## **13. OBLIGATION TO REMAIN AT THE TABLE**

Leaving the table needlessly before the round is finished is a breach of the Proprieties. Players guilty of this impropriety may be liable to a penalty of up to the standard penalty (Sec. 21 .2 in GCoC).

#### **14. PROHIBITION ON LEAVING THE COMPETITION**

All pairs and teams are expected to participate until the end of the Championship. Any pair may cease participation in the competition after the last session of each stage provided it so notifies the Head Tournament Director in writing no later than 15 minutes after the publication of the ranking list at the end of the session in question. No pair may cease participation in the competition at any other time without the permission of the Head Tournament Director and the Operations Director, which permission shall only be given if the pair can show good cause.

If a team ceasing to participate in the Championship will create a bye, and consequently cause inconvenience to other competitors, the rule is that all teams are expected to participate until the end of the Championship. Any team failing to comply with this rule can expect to be disciplined. If a team believes it cannot continue to participate through force majeure or other good reason it should seek permission to withdraw from the Head Tournament Director and the Operations Director.

#### **15. SUBSTITUTE CAPTAINS**

The Captain may appoint a deputy or substitute who shall not be a player. Such an appointment shall be effective for the whole of the match.

#### **16. GENERAL RULES DURING PLAY IN TEAM EVENTS**

##### ***16.1 Non-playing Pairs***

Non-playing members of a team are not allowed to watch their teammates playing.

##### ***16.2 Leaving the Playing Room***

No player may leave the playing room during a match unless accompanied by a person designated by the Tournament Director. In case a player does, that player's team may be penalized up to the standard penalty (Sec. 21 .2 in GCoC).

##### ***16.3 Finish of Play***

At each table, when play has finished, the players should agree the score and then leave the room as quickly and quietly as possible.

#### **17. SCORING AT THE TABLE**

Bridgemates will be used for the official scoring throughout the Championship.

#### **18. SCORE CORRECTIONS**

The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified; and thereafter, the result will be final, with the following exceptions:

- i) Awaiting decision of the Reviewer on a filed appeal;
- ii) Completion of play of replay boards where such replay has been ordered by the Head Tournament Director, the Reviewer or their designee.
- iii) In respect of scores the protest time of all boards played in a day is as follows:
  - (a) If the day includes a change of stage, protest time ends 30 minutes after the posting of scores of the last round of the stage.

- (b) If the day does not include a change of stage, or if the protest is in respect of a round after the change of stage, protest time ends 30 minutes before the starting time of the next stage.
- (c) In respect of the final stage's play protest time ends two hours after the official finishing time of that stage but, in any case, not later than the official starting time of the Prize-giving ceremony or Closing Ceremony.

iv) The time for a request for a TD ruling or for a review of a ruling already received (Law 92B) ends 30 minutes after the round (teams) or session (pairs) has ended.

## **19. APPEALS: REVIEW PROCEDURE**

The Review Procedure outlined in Section 31 of the GCoC shall apply.

## **20. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

All players are reminded that English is the official language in which they should converse during play. Once cards have been removed from the board no language other than English may be used at the table without the agreement of all four players.

See also Section 3 of the GCoC

## **21. JOURNALISTS AND SPECTATORS**

Journalists and spectators are subject to the provisions, conditions and restrictions laid out in Section 27 of the GCoC and section 22 hereunder.

## **22. SECURITY**

No player or team official or non-participant is allowed at the Championship Playing Areas without displaying the personal identification badge.

## **23. AWARDS & PRIZES**

### ***23.1 Titles and Awards***

Gold, Silver and Bronze EBL medals will be awarded in each medal competition, in both Team and Pair. Winners will receive the title of European Open Champion.

Trophies in the Pair medal events will be awarded in each category, Open, Women and Seniors, to the NBOs to which the top ranked European pairs belong; Giorgio Belladonna Trophy, European Women's Trophy and Paul Magerman Trophy respectively. The top ranked European pairs in each of the categories will receive replicas.

The above only applies to European pairs where both players are members of the same NBO.

### ***23.2 Master Points***

EBL Master Points will be awarded in all events, including the non-medal events.

WBF, Zonal and National Master Points may be awarded according to the respective Master Point rules and regulations of those organizations.



## **24. CHANGES IN REGULATIONS**

These Regulations may be amended and augmented at the discretion of the EBL if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure the smooth, efficient and enjoyable running of the Championship.

## **25. 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.

## **26. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

The following can be found on the EBL website at [www.eurobridge.org](http://www.eurobridge.org)

The EBL Systems Policy

The EBL Disciplinary Code

The EBL Alert Procedure

The EBL Bidding Boxes, Bridgemates and Screen Regulations

For a full list of EBL Regulations, Codes and Policies see GCoC Section 35

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Trophies in the Pairs medal events will be given in each category, Open, Women and Seniors, to the NBOs to which the top ranked European pairs belong; Giorgio Belladonna Trophy, European Women's Trophy and Paul Magerman Trophy respectively. The top ranked European pairs in each of the categories will receive replicas.

The above only applies to European pairs where both players are members of the same NBO.

**APPENDIX 1: Example of Fixed Bracket for 32 teams**

**32 Team Single Elimination**

