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1 INTRODUCTION, FORMAT AND TIMETABLE

1.1 Introduction

The 2016 European Youth Pairs Championships (“the Championships”) will be conducted under the auspices of the European Bridge League (“the EBL”) at the “Liepājas Olimpiskais centrs” commencing on Tuesday 12th July 2016 and ending not later than Sunday 17th July 2016. The Championships consists of 4 Series in the pairs (Under 26 open, Under 26 Ladies, Under 21 open, and Under 16 open and one series in the Mixed pairs. (But see Sec. 1.2.4)

The Championships will be governed by the Laws of Bridge 2007, the EBL General Conditions of Contest (“the GCoC”, as published on the EBL website) and these Supplementary Conditions of Contest (“the SCoC”). Unless otherwise stated, or illogical in context, the definitions used in the GCoC apply also to these SCoC.

These SCoC may be amended and/or augmented, at the discretion of the EBL, if circumstances so warrant in order to ensure that the Championship can progress in a smooth, efficient and fair manner.

1.2 Format

The Championships are match pointed pairs tournaments.

1.2.1. Mixed Pairs

One field open to all mixed pairs. A mixed pair may consist of two players from the same or different series, but from the same NBO.

It is anticipated that there will be one phase (a round robin all play all whenever possible depending on number of participants.)

1.2.2 Pairs

Final movement and qualification details will be posted when the number of participating pairs in each series is finalized.

It is anticipated that the U16 series will be a one phase round robin.

It is anticipated that each of the other series will consist of two phases: a two day qualification phase and a final one day phase. Both phases will be round robin (all play all) whenever possible depending on number of participants.

There will be a carryover from the qualification phase to the final phase. Details of the carryover will be announced when the number of participating pairs in each series is known.

1.2.3 President’s Cup

Pairs not qualifying for the Pairs Finals in the four series may play in the President’s Cup, which is a match-pointed transnational and trans-series competition.

1.2.4 Changes to Format

The program and/or format (including number of qualifying pairs for the various phases, and the carryover provisions) may be altered by the Organizing Committee. This includes the amalgamation of two or more series for one or more phases, depending on the number of entries for each of the series. When two or more series are amalgamated into one series the criteria for qualification, carryover etc. will apply to the field and not to each individual series, and will be based on the conditions outlined for the U26 series. However separate prizes and awards will be based on the series to which the players are eligible.

1.2.5 Sessions

Only for purposes of Law 12C2, (awarding of Average+ and Average -) a session is defined as a phase, and contains all the sessions in that phase.

1.3 Programme and tentative timetable

Opening Ceremony	19.00	Tuesday 12th July
Mixed pairs	10.00	Wednesday 13th July
Mixed pairs	10.00	Thursday 14th July
Pairs qualification sessions	10.00	Friday 15th July
Pairs qualification sessions	10.00	Saturday 16th July
Pairs final sessions	10.00	Sunday 17th July
President Cup	10.00	Sunday 17th July
Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	20.00	Sunday 17th July

2 ADVANCE ORGANIZATION

2.1 Registration

There will be no restrictions on numbers of entries per NBO.

Nominations of pairs for all series, which must be from the NBO, must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email).

<http://www.eurobridge.org/competitions/15Liepaja/microsite/participants/asp>
until 1st June 2016

2.2 Conditions of Entry and Right to Enter

2.2.1 Eligibility

Participation in the Championships is by invitation by the EBL. Subject to the Eligibility Code of the EBL and the unfettered discretion of the EBL Credentials Committee, invitations will be issued to pairs where each member of the partnership:

- was born on or after 1 January 1991 for the U26 and Ladies series, or on or after 1 January 1996 for the U21 series, or on or after 1 January 2001 for the U16 series.
- was nominated by the NBO of an EBL member country, which is in good standing with the EBL and not in arrears in the payment of monies due to the EBL.

The Mixed Pairs and all four series in the Pairs are for National Pairs (i.e. both players must come from the same NBO; transnational pairs are not permitted). The President's Cup (see section 3a) is transnational and trans-series.

2.2.2 Obligation to Play

Each pair must play against any other pair as designated by the organizing committee and/or Tournament Director. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification. Other consequences are possible at the discretion of the EBL. By entering, each player accepts that he may be photographed, filmed or video-taped.

2.2.3 Credentials Committee

The names of the players submitted to the EBL website in accordance with 2.1 above will be transmitted to the EBL Credentials Committee for consideration of approval of participation.

Only accredited people can enter the venue of the Championships.

2.2.4 Competitor's Commitment

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players are expected to sign the EBL Competitor's Commitment Form (see Appendix) before the start of the event.

2.2.5 Parental Consent

Each participant who has not reached the age of 18 years by the start of the event must submit the Parental Consent form (see Appendix II) signed by their parent/s or legal guardian. Submission of this form is a condition of participation in the competition.

2.4 Entry fees

- Mixed Pairs: €100 (pair of two U16s – no entry fee; of one U16 and one other - €50)
- U26, U21, and Ladies pairs: €150.
- U16 pairs: no entry fee.
- There is no entry fee for the President's Cup.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer before or on 1st June 2016 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

3 SYSTEMS

3.1 Systems Policy

The European Bridge League's Systems Regulations and Systems Policy (Revised Jul.2015) apply to these Championships.

The Championships are Category 3 and therefore the use of both HUM systems and 'Brown Sticker conventions' is prohibited. In addition:

- a. The Championship Manager and Head Tournament Director may restrict the use of a partnership playing multiple systems.
- b. The two members of any partnership must play the same systems of bidding and card play.
- c. System variations are not permitted (except for varying point count ranges of one no trump openings).
- d. Psychic artificial opening bids are prohibited.
- e. Pairs playing a Red Sticker system must submit their system in full to the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his designee for approval before the start of the competition.

3.2 System Card

Sec 11.2 of the EBL General Conditions of contest will be strictly enforced.

Neither electronic submission nor filing of systems is required.

One copy of the System Card must be handed to each opponent before the start of each round.

It is the obligation of each pair to print and bring a sufficient number of copies of its own System Cards to the Championships. The EBL provides no facilities for pairs to make copies at the venue.

Failure to complete the System Card in accordance with Sec 11.2 of the General Conditions of Contest may give rise to the imposition of procedural penalties. In particular, the Head Tournament Director has been instructed to impose a procedural penalty of 25% of the match points available on a board for each occasion he considers that an opponent is inconvenienced by a pairs' incomplete or inaccurate System Card. (The procedural penalty will be in addition to any adjusted score which the Head

Tournament Director deems appropriate because of the damage caused to the opponent.)

4 RULES FOR RUNNING THE MATCHES

4.1 Dress Code

All players and officials are expected to comply with the EBL dress code with the exception of the requirements for formal occasions.

4.2 Assignment of Starting Positions

Pairs will be assigned starting positions so as to ensure, as far as possible, that pairs from the same NBO play, if necessary to do so, against each other in the early rounds of the competition.

Subject to the above, the assignment of starting positions shall be at the discretion of the Championship Manager.

4.3 Time allowed

All participants are required to be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time for each session of play. Should either member of a partnership not be seated in his starting position at the announced starting time, the pair shall be penalized 10% of the match points available on a board. If a player is more than five minutes late, the penalty shall be 20% of the match points available on a board, and the offense shall be reported to the Championship Committee for possible further penalty. If a player fails to arrive within thirty minutes of the announced starting time of the session, that pair shall be withdrawn from the Championship. In extenuating circumstances the Championship Committee may reduce or eliminate any of the above penalties.

Players are expected to complete each two-board round in 17 minutes and each three-board round in 25 minutes.

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

a. If an unplayed board is removed:

(i) the offending pair or pairs shall be awarded average minus 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 average plus for the board.

b. If a partly played board is removed the Tournament Director shall award a result on the board which he adjudges to be likely in the light of the bidding and play up to the time the board is removed.

4.4 Incorrect Number of Cards, Missing Cards, Fouled Boards

Each individual player is responsible for seeing that his own cards are returned to the proper pocket. A player responsible for fouling a board will be assessed a penalty equal to half a standard penalty (see GCoC 21.2).

When a board has been fouled, Law 87 shall apply and the scores will be divided into groups.

4.5 Ranking and Ties

4.5.1 Ranking

Scoring shall be in match points. Rank positions for all purposes in each phase in each series shall be in accordance with the match points earned, with any margin determining.

4.5.2 Ties

- (a) Scores are tied only if they are identical. In the event of a tie in the finals, the pair with the highest score in the final phase (disregarding carryovers) will earn rank priority. In all other cases, when it is necessary to break a tie (or ties), every board each tied contestant played in that phase is considered. On each of these boards, a tied contestant is awarded two points for every other tied contestant he beat, and one point for every other contestant whose score on that board was the same. On any boards that the tied contestants did not play in common, each contestant will receive two points for each board on which his score was greater than average and one point for each board he scored exactly average. The tied contestant with the greater number of points figured by this method earns rank priority.
- (b) If a tie (or ties) still exists the remaining tie (or ties) shall be broken in favor of the pair who scored the most match points against the highest ranking pair or pairs that all the tied pairs played against in that phase. 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.

4.6 Playing Area

The Playing Area, as referred to in the General Conditions of Contest, means the whole building where the competition is held (including the toilets).

4.7 Bidding Boxes, Screens and Bridgemates

Bidding boxes, Bridgemates and Screens will be used for all phases.

4.8 Withdrawal from the Competition

After the Tournament has started no pair may cease participation in the competition at any time without the permission of the Championship Manager or the Head Tournament Director. Such permission shall only be given if the pair can show good cause.

4.9 Appeals on Scoring.

- a. Any protest against a score, or against the total score attributed to a pair, must be made within the correction period (Law 79C): For each session the correction period expires 30 minutes after the official score has been made available for inspection.
- b. In accordance with Law 79C, and provided that the error is wholly an error of the Official Scorer, the correction period for the qualification and final phases will be extended and will end at 22:00 for the qualification phase and 30 minutes before the prize giving ceremony for the final.

5 REVIEW PROCEDURE

The Review Procedure (see Sec. 31 of the GCoC) applies to these Championships.

6 AWARDS

6.1 Championship Pairs

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three classified pairs respectively in each of the Mixed Pairs, U26 Pairs, U21 Pairs, U16 Pairs and Ladies Pairs Championships.

6.2 President's Cup

The first classified overall pair (regardless of composition) will receive a cup and will be considered the U26 winner. In addition the first classified only U21 pair (not ranked

overall first) and the first classified only Ladies pair (not ranked overall first) and the first ranked U16 pair (not ranked overall first) will receive cups.

7 CONFLICTING REGULATIONS

In case of a conflict between these Regulations and the **GCoC**, these Regulations shall prevail.

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

APPENDIX I



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

A ZONAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION
International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

COMPETITOR'S COMMITMENT

First Name: _____

Family name: _____

Address: _____

Nationality: _____ NBO represented _____

Gender: _____

If a minor, name and address of the legal guardian(s) and date of birth:

1. I agree and commit myself to participate in the 13th European Youth Pairs Championships (the Championships) in Liepaja from 12th – 17th July 2016 and to compete with respect for the European Bridge League (EBL) rules and fair play.
 2. I am aware that the Championships is governed by the Laws of Bridge, the Conditions of Contest, the EBL Disciplinary Code and all other Rules & Regulations of the EBL and I undertake to comply with such rules, all of which are fully known to me.
 3. I therefore agree to be submitted to such rules, regulations, and procedures to the jurisdiction of the bodies and persons that are in charge of applying them. After the exhaustion of internal remedies within the EBL system, I acknowledge that the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne, Switzerland) has ultimate jurisdiction for all disputes in connection with the Championships and agree that recourse to the ordinary courts of law is prohibited.
 4. I undertake to behave properly under all circumstances and contribute in all aspects to the good image of the Championships and of the host.
 5. Through my participation in the Championships I commit to promote the celebration of bridge in an international community with respect for cultures and customs from all over the world.
 6. I accept to abstain from political actions, statements or comments during the Championships. EBL will, without limitation, not be responsible for any political, financial or other sanctions that local or national authorities may impose on me.
 7. I accept that EBL has the final authority to exclude me from the Championships in case of non-compliance with this commitment (including any applicable EBL rules and
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regulations) or in case of misconduct, the meaning of which shall take into account local customs and traditions.

8. I confirm that I have not received any information, including without limitation, advice by a physician or another person, that my health might be negatively affected or my level of fitness not be sufficient to participate in the Championships.
9. I agree that I will be responsible for any damage that I may cause to persons or property and that I will be liable for indemnifying such damage. Therefore I accept that EBL (including its members, directors, officers, employers, staff operators, volunteers, contractors or agents) shall not be liable under any circumstances in connection with any damage that I may cause during the Championships.
10. I accept and agree that I participate in the Championships at my own expense except for such costs as EBL, the Host City, and/or any other party explicitly accepts to bear.
11. In particular and without limitation to the foregoing, I accept that all the expenses concerning the travel to the Host City and back and all the costs of my stay, including accommodation, meals, transfers etc. are not in the responsibility or at charge of EBL or the host.
12. I accept and agree to follow the regulation in the General or Supplemental Conditions of Contest concerning the use and possession in the playing area of electronic devices (for example mobile phones, pagers, smart phones, pocket computers etc). I accept and agree to be inspected in order to ensure compliance with the present clause.
13. I accept and agree not to smoke or to consume alcoholic beverages at the competition venue, except in such areas where smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages might be explicitly allowed and in such case only after the end of the segment, match or game in which I have to participate.
14. I accept to be subject to the anti-doping rules of the World Bridge Federation (WBF). In particular I accept to submit to doping control by or at the request of WBF or EBL and I accept consequences and sanctions as well as the jurisdiction of the WBF and EBL and of the Court of Arbitration for Sports as provided for in the anti-doping rules of WBF which I can consult on www.worldbridge.org
15. I consent and agree to the creation of my profile in the WADA Doping Control Clearinghouse (ADAMS) under WBF's agreement for the sharing of information, and to the entry of my data in this system as per the ADAMS Athlete's Information Form permanently published on its website.
16. I agree to be photographed, filmed, identified and otherwise recorded during the Championships, both during and outside the competitions. I accept that such photos, films, footage and other recordings may be publicised and broadcast worldwide by any means (TV, internet etc.) and are used by EBL and the host for non-commercial promotion purposes at no cost to EBL or the host.
17. I accept that such photos, films, footage and other recordings are used by EBL post-Championships for promotional and editorial purposes related to future Championships.
18. I will not participate in, nor support betting related to the Championships, and understand that all forms of promotion of betting related to the Championships are prohibited.
19. I agree that any dispute not to be adjudicated in application of specific procedures provided for by EBL but which arises between myself and EBL and/or Host Member Federation and/or the Championships Organising Committee and/or their respective members, directors, officers, staff operators, employees and volunteers, including but not limited to claims for damages of either party against the other arising out of occurrences (acts or omissions) linked with my participation to the Championships shall be governed by Swiss Law and exclusively settled by arbitration before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, in accordance with the CAS rules then in effect.

20. I am aware and I agree that my participation in the Championships is conditional upon my valid acceptance of and my compliance with each and all the provisions of this document.

21. I have read and understand the present declaration.

Place and Date

Signature (or, if a minor, signature of legal guardian and minor)

APPENDIX II

PARENTAL CONSENT

I/We the undersigned:

Authorise my/our child:

Born on:

To leave the "country" territory to participate in: 13th EUROPEAN YOUTH
BRIDGE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Liepaja, Latvia, 12 – 17 July 2016

During this period, my/our address is: _____

Phone number: _____ Mobile: _____

Responsible person during the championship:

Mobile: _____

This person is responsible for the good behaviour of the child during and on the way to and from the championship.

In case of misconduct, which will be determined by the EBL at its absolute discretion, the EBL has the right to withdraw the child from the competition and send him/her back home without any warning.

In addition to all the regulations applicable to the child as a consequence of his/her registration for the championship and his/her NBO membership, in particular the provisions of the Disciplinary Code and the sanctions set forth therein, the undersigned herewith accept(s) that the child must at all times behave impeccably inside and outside the playing area.

Please note that consumption of alcohol, tobacco or drugs, or engaging in any kind of misconduct is strictly forbidden, e.g. having a non-respectful or aggressive attitude, causing trouble or damage, taking part in any violent action, etc.

The parent(s) authorise the EBL and the responsible person to take all actions (medical treatment, hospitalisation, surgery) made necessary by the state of health of my child.

The parent(s) accept(s) being held liable for any misconduct and damage caused by their child.

Signature of the parent(s): _____

At _____ Date: _____

Signature of the child : _____

At _____ Date: _____

Signature of the responsible person : _____

Date: _____ At _____