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CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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1 INTRODUCTION, FORMAT AND TIMETABLE

1.1 Introduction

The 2025 European Youth Pairs Championships (“the Championships”) will be conducted under the auspices of the European Bridge League (“the EBL”) at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Salsomaggiore, Italy commencing on Friday 18th July 2025 and ending not later than Wednesday 23rd July 2025.

The Championships consists of 5 Series in the open pairs (Under 31, Under 26 open, Under 26 Women, Under 21 and Under 16), one serie in the Mixed pairs and there may be separate series for Under 16 (but see Sec. 1.2.2).

The Championships will be governed by the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, 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.

1.2.1. Mixed Pairs

One field open to all mixed pairs and may be separate section for U16. A mixed pair may consist of two players of different gender from the same or different series (except U16). It is anticipated that there will be one phase (a round robin all play all whenever possible depending on number of participants.) There will be a Trophy for the first U21 pair provided this pair is not in the first three pairs of the mixed tournament.

1.2.2 Open Pairs

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

It is anticipated that all 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.

However, depending on the number of participants, a series may consist of only one phase (which will be conducted as a round robin, single or multiple.) There might 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 Open Pairs Finals in the five 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 Championship 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 U31 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

- Registration 10.00 – 19.00 – Friday 18th July
- Mixed pairs 10.00 – Saturday 19th July
- Mixed pairs 10.00 – Sunday 20th July
- Mixed pairs Prize-Giving & Opening Ceremony - 20.30 - Sunday 20th July
- Pairs qualification sessions 10.00 – Monday 21st July
- Pairs qualification sessions 10.00 – Tuesday 22nd July
- Pairs final sessions 10.00 – Wednesday 23rd July
- President's Cup 10.00 - Wednesday 23rd July
- Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony 20.30 - Wednesday 23rd July

2 ADVANCE ORGANIZATION

2.1 Registration

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

Nominations of pairs for all series must be submitted electronically by their NBOs via the EBL website (not by email); transnational pairs may be registered by either NBOs or the players.

db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/25Salso/microsite/participants/asp

until 8th July 2025.

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:

- a. was born on or after 1 January 1995 for the U31,
- b. was born on or after 1 January 2000 for the U26 Women and U 26,
- c. was born on or after 1 January 2005 for the U21 series,
- d. was born on or after 1 January 2010 for the U16 series,
- e. was nominated by the NBO of an EBL/WBF member country, which is in good standing with the EBL/WBF and not in arrears in the payment of monies due to the EBL/WBF.

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 and that material will be used for EBL purpose.

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 Participant's Commitment

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players are expected to have signed the EBL Participant's Commitment Form before the start of the event.

https://eu1.documents.adobe.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFCIBAA3AAABLbqZhA3dplRmODm_RFB4seUimZ0gHqM3XB_rDHnT309J4zfARC8kgPWtELOU13p5EQ-bb0*

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 signed by their parent/s or legal guardian. Submission of this form is a condition of participation in the competition.

<https://eu1.documents.adobe.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFCIBAA3AAABLbqZhAy3HFzq4oWauw4B5v9gCxaRzXLKtEp47yDKEldU3pnW1VHpnjElk75q80Qu6QZPTM>

2.4 Entry fees

- Mixed Pairs : 150€ (75€ for a pair consisting of one U16 + one other, and no fee for two U16)
- U31, U26, U21, and U26 Women Open pairs: €200.
- U16 pairs: no entry fee.
- President's Cup : no entry fee.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer before or on 18th June 2025 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 EBL's Systems Regulations and Systems Policy (revised 2025) apply to these Championships. All events at these Championships are designated Category 3 events.

Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in the auction and in their carding.

In addition:

- a. The Operations Director or 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 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 at the venue for pairs to make copies.

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 Operations Director.

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

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 exists, 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 Tablets and Screens

Tablets will be used for bidding and entering results. At each table one tablet will be allocated to each player. Each player uses the tablet for bidding and scoring the result. See Regulations for Tablet Bidding on the EBL Site. (<http://db.eurobridge.org/Repository/documents/TabletBidding2022.pdf>)

Screens will be used for all phases except if the Championship committee decided otherwise .

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 Operations Director or the Head Tournament Director. Such permission shall only be given if the pair can show good cause. The pairs might not play in the President Cup (Consolation part of the Open pairs).

4.9 Protest time

4.9.1 In respect of scores

Any protest must be made within the correction period (Law 79C)

- (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 session after the change of stage, protest time ends 30 minutes after the end of the 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 30 minutes before the official starting time of the Prize-giving ceremony or Closing Ceremony.
- (d) 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.

4.9.2 In respect of TD ruling

The time for a request for a TD ruling or for a review of a ruling already received ends 30 minutes after the end of the session, but not later than 30 minutes before the official starting time of the Prize-giving ceremony or Closing Ceremony.

5 REVIEW PROCEDURE

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

6. SECURITY

An identification tag will be issued for entrance to the venue and/or playing area. No player or team official or non-participant is allowed at the Championship playing areas without displaying the personal tag.

7 AWARDS

7.1 Championship Pairs

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three classified pairs respectively in each of the Mixed Pairs, U31 Pairs, U26 Women Pairs, U 26 Pairs, U21 Pairs, U16 Pairs Championships.

7.2 President's Cup

There will be an overall ranking for the President's cup however the first pair in each age category will receive a medal.

8 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 2017.