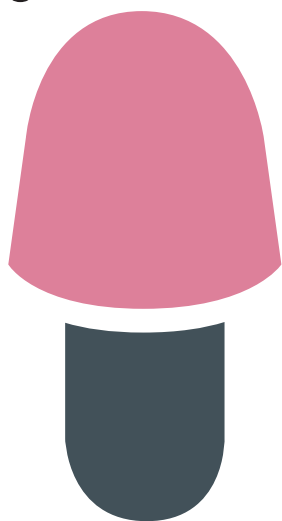




WORLD
♦ ♠ YOUTH ♣ ♥
TEAMS
Championships

Salsomaggiore 12-17 July 2025



WELCOME!

WELCOME MESSAGE – WBF



Dear Players, Delegates, Officials, and Friends,

On behalf of the World Bridge Federation, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 19th World Youth Teams Championships here in the beautiful town of Salsomaggiore Terme.

This Championship is much more than a competition—it is a celebration of talent, friendship, and the global bridge community.

Seeing so many young people from around the world come together, united by their passion for this wonderful game, fills us with hope and pride for the future of bridge.

Salsomaggiore has long been a cherished home for international bridge events, and we are deeply grateful to all those whose dedication has made this event possible.

To all participants: play your best, respect your opponents, and enjoy every moment—both at the table and beyond. You are the heart of this Championships, the future of our World.

May your enthusiasm and sportsmanship inspire us all.
Wishing you a successful and unforgettable experience.

Yours sincerely,

Franck Riehm
WBF President

WELCOME MESSAGE – IOC



International
Olympic
Committee



Dear Participants,

I am delighted to welcome you to the World Teams Bridge Championships 2025.

The World Bridge Federation is a valued partner of the IOC and we are proud to recognise your promotion of the Olympic Values: Excellence, Respect and Friendship. As a mind sport, Bridge fosters strategy, discipline and international cooperation, and also has a role to play in education, inclusion and global understanding. We look forward to seeing the players come together from across the globe and epitomise these attributes.

The IOC is inspired by your commitment to fostering cooperation and your dedication to reaching younger generations. The 19th World Youth Bridge

Championships in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy this July offers an opportunity for young players to engage in international competition whilst supporting their intellectual growth and development through sport and fair play.

Furthermore, congratulations to the World Bridge Federation as you celebrate the 75th anniversary of The Bermuda Bowl at the 47th World Bridge Championships in Heming, Denmark in August. This is a prestigious event that honours the sport's long-standing tradition and global reach.

I would like to express our appreciation to the international bridge community's dedication to promoting lifelong learning and cross-cultural engagement as well as to acknowledge the shared values of excellence and unity that Bridge and the Olympic Movement embody.

I wish you every success at the World Teams Bridge Championships.

Irina Gladkikh

Associate Director, IOC Winter & Recognised Sports and IF Relations

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Irina Gladkikh.

WELCOME MESSAGE – ARISF



Dear Bridge Friends,
On behalf of the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), it is with great honour that I extend the High Patronage of ARISF to the World Bridge Federation (WBF) for its two major international events in 2025. This distinction reflects WBF's commitment to the development of sport and its dedication to the values we collectively uphold.

ARISF unites the 40 International Federations recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and together, through our members, we represent hundreds of millions of athletes and supporters across the globe. Guided

by the Olympic values, ARISF works to promote integrity, innovation, and inclusion throughout the international sporting community.

We are proud to count the WBF among our valued Members, as Bridge truly reflects the Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect. Bridge is a mind sport that cultivates strategic thinking, patience, and effective communication. Its universal appeal across generations and cultures brings players together, reflecting the values ARISF upholds and the spirit of the Olympic Movement.

Guided by these shared values, it is with great pleasure that we extend our High Patronage to both the 19th World Youth Bridge Championships and the 47th World Bridge Team Championships.

The 19th World Youth Bridge Championships, taking place from 11 to 17 July in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, reflects the WBF's vigorous commitment to youth development and education. Encouraging young people to engage in international competition fosters not only cognitive growth but also a sense of

WELCOME MESSAGE – ARISF



global citizenship, values profoundly aligned with the Olympic philosophy and the role of sport in building a better world.

As the 47th World Bridge Team Championships take place from 19 to 31 August in Herning, Denmark, we warmly congratulate the WBF on celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Bermuda Bowl, the oldest of the four major events.

Alongside it, the Venice Cup, the d'Orsi Senior Trophy, and the Wuhan Cup, these prestigious events showcase the WBF's devotion to diversity, inclusion, and sporting excellence.

It is with great pride that ARISF stands alongside the World Bridge Federation in celebrating these two championships, as both organisations are united by a steadfast commitment to excellence, inclusion, and the promotion of friendship across cultures and generations. Together, we champion the power of sport, not only as competition but as a universal language that brings people closer.

We look forward to continuing our shared journey in advancing these values within the international sporting community and beyond.

Please accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes for the success of these two outstanding championships and for the continued growth and inspiration Bridge brings to communities worldwide.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Raffaele Chiulli
ARISF President

WELCOME MESSAGE – SALSOMAGGIORE TERME



It is with great honor and heartfelt emotion that the City of Salsomaggiore Terme welcomes athletes, coaches, families, and delegations from all over the world on the occasion of two prestigious sporting events: the World Youth Teams Championships and the European Youth Pairs Championships.

For our community, it is a privilege to host an event of such magnitude, which highlights the values of dedication, fair play, and healthy competition among young people who represent the future of international sport. Salsomaggiore Terme, with its long-standing tradition of hospitality and the beauty of its surroundings, is ready to accompany you

in this experience with enthusiasm and warmth.

I hope that during your stay, you will not only experience unforgettable moments at the playing tables but also discover the charm of our city, the quality of its tourist offerings, the well-being provided by its thermal baths, and the warmth of its people.

On behalf of the City Administration and all our citizens, I extend to you the warmest welcome and my best wishes for days filled with sport, friendship, and shared experiences.

Luca Musile Tanzi
Mayor of Salsomaggiore

WELCOME MESSAGE – SALSOMAGGIORE TERME



Salsomaggiore

LA CITTÀ BELLISSIMA

Welcome to Salsomaggiore to all the young participants in the World and European Bridge Championships. A warm welcome back to the Presidents of the World Bridge Federation and European Bridge League, and to all the organizing friends who, for years, have chosen Salsomaggiore as the venue for the Championships.

Salsomaggiore is indeed a “proven” destination, as it regularly hosts the Italian Championships.

Welcome to everyone!

Antonella Passera

Welcome Salso-Tabiano President

HELP!

We would very much like to make these bulletins the best that they can be, but there are only two of us and, sadly, we are not even in Salsomaggiore. Inevitably, we will be watching the wrong table when you or your partner produces a brilliancy, so we need you to tell us about it.

If you think that something that happens at your table is newsworthy, please let us know. The easiest way is by email to:

bsenior@hotmail.com

We don't need the hand diagram, or even the auction, as those are both recorded, but we do need explanations for any bids we are unlikely to be able to work out for ourselves. Otherwise, the round and board number, plus details of the play, please.

Of course, you are more than welcome to completely write up the deal yourself if you prefer, in which case the article will appear under your byline.

MAIN AWARDS

The Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy

U26 Teams

The José Damiani Trophy

U21 Teams

The Gianarrigo Rona Trophy

U26 Women Teams

The Koç University Trophy

U16 Teams

Robert A. Howes Trophy

U31 Teams

THE JOAN GERARD YOUTH AWARDS

The Joan Gerard Youth Awards aims at rewarding aptitude, fair play, good sportsmanship and a friendly international spirit, rejecting any discrimination.

Each of the attending players, NPCs, coaches, WBF championship officials and members of the staff can nominate one player from each category to receive the Joan Gerard Youth Award. No one can nominate players from his own country.

The final selection will be made by a Commission composed of the members of the Championship Committee and chaired by the Master of Protocol & Ceremony.

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Your Nominations:

UNDER 26	
UNDER 21	
WOMEN UNDER 26	
UNDER 16	
UNDER 31	

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**BRIDGE
CHAMP**

LIST OF PARTICIPATING NBOs

		Series				
Countries		Under 26	Under 21	Under 26 Women	Under 16	Under 31
	ARGENTINA	✓				✓
	AUSTRALIA	✓	✓			
	BRAZIL	✓				
	BULGARIA					✓
	CANADA	✓			✓	
	CHILE					✓
	CHINA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	CHINESE TAIPEI		✓		✓	✓
	DENMARK	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	ENGLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	ESTONIA		✓			✓
	FRANCE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	GERMANY			✓	✓	✓
	GREECE	✓			✓	
	HONG KONG, CHINA	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	HUNGARY		✓	✓		
	INDIA	✓	✓		✓	✓

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Countries		Series				
		Under 26	Under 21	Under 26 Women	Under 16	Under 31
	INDONESIA					✓
	ISRAEL	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	ITALY	✓		✓		✓
	JAPAN	✓	✓	✓		
	LATVIA				✓	✓
	NETHERLANDS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	NORWAY		✓	✓	✓	
	POLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	SCOTLAND					✓
	SERBIA					✓
	SINGAPORE			✓		✓
	SWEDEN	✓	✓			
	THAILAND	✓	✓		✓	
	URUGUAY		✓			
	USA1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	USA2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

DRAW

UNDER 26

- 1 ARGENTINA
- 2 BRASIL
- 3 ITALY
- 4 USA2
- 5 DENMARK
- 6 ISRAEL
- 7 THAILAND
- 8 ENGLAND
- 9 NETHERLANDS
- 10 AUSTRALIA
- 11 CANADA
- 12 HONG KONG, CHINA
- 13 GREECE
- 14 SWEDEN
- 15 INDIA
- 16 FRANCE
- 17 USA1
- 18 POLAND
- 19 CHINA
- 20 JAPAN

UNDER 26 WOMEN

- 1 NORWAY
- 2 USA1
- 3 GERMANY
- 4 ISRAEL
- 5 FRANCE
- 6 NETHERLANDS
- 7 USA2
- 8 ITALY
- 9 JAPAN
- 10 SINGAPORE
- 11 CHINA
- 12 ENGLAND
- 13 HONG KONG, CHINA
- 14 POLAND
- 15 HUNGARY
- 16 DENMARK

UNDER 21

- 1 JAPAN
- 2 HUNGARY
- 3 CHINA
- 4 CHINESE TAIPEI
- 5 URUGUAY
- 6 AUSTRALIA
- 7 THAILAND
- 8 Norway
- 9 USA1
- 10 ISRAEL
- 11 NETHERLANDS
- 12 USA2
- 13 SWEDEN
- 14 ESTONIA
- 15 ENGLAND
- 16 POLAND
- 17 DENMARK
- 18 INDIA
- 19 HONG KONG, CHINA
- 20 FRANCE

UNDER 16

- 1 USA2
- 2 DENMARK
- 3 FRANCE
- 4 LATVIA
- 5 NETHERLANDS
- 6 GERMANY
- 7 POLAND
- 8 CANADA
- 9 NORWAY
- 10 ENGLAND
- 11 THAILAND
- 12 HONG KONG, CHINA
- 13 INDIA
- 14 CHINESE TAIPEI
- 15 USA1
- 16 CHINA
- 17 ISRAEL
- 18 GREECE

UNDER 31

- 1 BULGARIA
- 2 ENGLAND
- 3 SCOTLAND
- 4 ESTONIA
- 5 CHINA
- 6 GERMANY
- 7 POLAND
- 8 CHILE
- 9 NETHERLANDS
- 10 ITALY
- 11 INDIA
- 12 LATVIA
- 13 ARGENTINA
- 14 SINGAPORE
- 15 SERBIA
- 16 INDONESIA
- 17 USA2
- 18 CHINESE TAIPEI
- 19 USA1
- 20 FRANCE

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 12 JULY

UNDER 26			
10.00 - 11.05	R1	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R2	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R3	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R4	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R5	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R6	8 boards	

UNDER 21			
10.00 - 11.05	R1	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R2	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R3	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R4	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R5	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R6	8 boards	

UNDER 26 WOMEN			
10.00 - 11.05	R1	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R2	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R3	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R4	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R5	8 boards	

UNDER 16			
10.00 - 11.05	R1	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R2	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R3	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R4	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R5	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R6	8 boards	

UNDER 31			
10.00 - 11.05	R1	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R2	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R3	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R4	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R5	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R6	8 boards	

SUNDAY, 13 JULY

UNDER 26			
10.00 - 11.05	R7	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R8	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R9	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R10	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R11	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R12	8 boards	
19.00 - 20.05	R13	8 boards	

UNDER 21			
10.00 - 11.05	R7	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R8	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R9	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R10	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R11	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R12	8 boards	
19.00 - 20.05	R13	8 boards	

UNDER 26 WOMEN			
10.00 - 11.05	R6	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R7	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R8	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R9	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R10	8 boards	

UNDER 16			
10.00 - 11.05	R7	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R8	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R9	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R10	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R11	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R12	8 boards	

UNDER 31			
10.00 - 11.05	R7	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R8	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R9	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R10	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R11	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R12	8 boards	
19.00 - 20.05	R13	8 boards	

MONDAY, 14 JULY

UNDER 26			
10.00 - 11.05	R14	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R15	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R16	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R17	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R18	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R19	8 boards	

UNDER 21			
10.00 - 11.05	R14	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R15	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R16	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R17	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R18	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R19	8 boards	

UNDER 26 WOMEN			
10.00 - 11.05	R11	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R12	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R13	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R14	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R15	8 boards	

UNDER 16			
10.00 - 11.05	R13	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R14	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R15	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R16	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R17	8 boards	

UNDER 31			
10.00 - 11.05	R14	8 boards	
11.20 - 12.25	R15	8 boards	
13.40 - 14.45	R16	8 boards	
15.00 - 16.05	R17	8 boards	
16.20 - 17.25	R18	8 boards	
17.40 - 18.45	R19	8 boards	

TUESDAY, 15 JULY

UNDER 26			
QUARTERFINALS			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

UNDER 21			
QUARTERFINALS			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

UNDER 26 WOMEN			
QUARTERFINALS			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

UNDER 16			
QUARTERFINALS			
10.00 - 11.50	12 boards		
13.15 - 15.05	12 boards		
15.35 - 17.25	12 boards		

UNDER 31			
QUARTERFINALS			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

BAM			
QUALIFICATION			
10.00 - 12.35	14 boards		
13.50 - 16.40	14 boards		
16.55 - 19.20	14 boards		

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY

UNDER 26			
SEMIFINALS			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 board		

UNDER 21			
SEMIFINALS			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

UNDER 26 WOMEN			
SEMIFINALS			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

UNDER 16			
SEMIFINALS			
10.00 - 11.50	12 boards		
13.15 - 15.05	12 boards		
15.35 - 17.25	12 boards		

UNDER 31			
SEMIFINALS			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

BAM			
SEMIFINALS A&B*			
10.00 - 12.35	14 boards		
13.50 - 16.40	14 boards		
16.55 - 19.20	14 boards		

* SF and Finals of the BAM are played as mirror endless howell barometer movements, therefore the time schedule might well be slightly different depending on numbers
 ** Final B of the BAM will be played over two sessions only

THURSDAY, 17 JULY

UNDER 26			
FINAL & PLAY-OFF			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 board		

UNDER 21			
FINAL & PLAY-OFF			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

UNDER 26 WOMEN			
FINAL & PLAY-OFF			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

UNDER 16			
FINAL & PLAY-OFF			
10.00 - 11.50	12 boards		
13.15 - 15.05	12 boards		
15.35 - 17.25	12 boards		

UNDER 31			
FINAL & PLAY-OFF			
10.00 - 12.00	14 boards		
13.15 - 15.15	14 boards		
15.35 - 17.35	14 boards		
17.55 - 19.55	14 boards		

BAM			
FINALS A&B*			
10.00 - 12.35	14 boards		
13.50 - 16.40	14 boards		
16.55 - 19.20	14 boards		

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MASTERPOINTS

Rank	U26	U26W	U21	U16	U31
1	400	250	250	160	400
2	350	220	220	140	350
3	250	160	160	100	250
4	200	130	130	80	200
5	130	80	80	50	130
6	120	75	75	45	120
7	110	70	70	40	110
8	100	65	65	35	100
9	60	40	40	23	60
10	55	37	37	21	55
11	50	34	34	19	50
12	45	31	31	17	45
13	40	28	28	16	40
14	35	25	25	15	35
15	30	22	22	14	30
16	25	19	19	13	25
17	23	17	17	12	23
18	21	15	15	11	21
19	19	13	13	10	19
20	17	11	11	9	17
21	15	10	10	8	15
22	14	9	9	7	14
23	13	8	8	6	13
24	12	7	7	5	12
25					
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NOTES FOR PLAYERS

These notes are for the convenience of players and captains. They do not substitute for the obligation to know and follow the Conditions, Regulations and Policies of the WBF covering this event.

GENERAL

- Smoking is prohibited anywhere in the venue building, including in the toilets, and in the outside smokers must stay at least five meters away from the entrances. Leaving the table during play in order to smoke is strictly forbidden and leads to severe, automatic VP penalties, and you risk expulsion (warning first, then yellow card, then red card). Smoking inside the building causes an immediate yellow card and a red comes at second offence. The use of electronic devices to smoke is subjected to the same penalties and disciplinary measures.
- The same measures as for smoking are applied to the consume of alcoholic beverages of any kind.
- Coming to the playing area under the effect of alcohol and/or drugs leads to immediate expulsion.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and must be placed in the tables' fishnet pouches i.e. they may not be brought to the toilets and never switched on during play sessions. Random checks will be made.
- All participants at the Championship venue must visibly wear their official identification badge.
- Players are requested to be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Any team or pair that is not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be subject to VP penalties. 0 tolerance policy applies.
- At the table, whether play is actually taking place at the moment or not, players (and NPCs) may converse only in English unless both pairs (and/or captains) agree to use some other common language at their own risk. TD adjudication will be in English only.
- During the period of play players should avoid discussions or arguments with partner or opponents. In case of a dispute a player's proper recourse is to a TD (or to the Captain of the team).

BIDDING TABLETS WILL BE IN USE: PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Calls will be made by selecting the appropriate keys on the tablet.
- Requests for explanations of calls and play, and the responses thereto, shall be made either through tablets or in writing.
- TDs should be summoned using the appropriate button ONLY, and not raising hands or calling by voice.
- Please make reference to the dedicated section of the Conditions of Contest for further details.
- Please take note that written defences against multi 2♦ (2♣) are NOT allowed anymore.

DURING AND AFTER PLAY

- The opening lead must be made before the screen aperture is opened and only Declarer or Dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.
- Each card should be played towards partner in a consistent manner and placed on the table in the same position each time. Once played, the player should not vary the orientation of the card.
- Quitted tricks should be placed consistently in a neat row in front of the player, evenly overlapping and at an equal distance from the previous card.
- If a player finds an opponent not following any of these rules, even after a warning, the proper recourse is to call a TD.
- If a pair should claim that the responsibility for the slow play is with their opponents, they will do so by calling a TD. TDs are authorized to remove boards when play has not finished in the allotted time or when slow play may lead to play not being finished in time. Law 86B may apply to cancelled boards.
- If a player on the side of the screen receiving the tray considers there has been a break in tempo and consequently there may be unauthorised information he should call a TD. He may do so at any time before the opening lead is made.
- Declarer enters the score on the tablet and both defenders confirm the score. After confirming the score
 - ♦ on the last board played players should leave the playing room as quickly and quietly as possible.
 - ♦ Players are strictly forbidden to watch play at any table.
- The time for a request for a TD ruling ends 30 minutes after the end of the match.
- As for asking for a review, or a score change, please make reference to the appropriate section of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

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DENMARK

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ENGLAND

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Jamie FEGARTY
Thomas GARDNER
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USA1

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Jack BOGE
Ethan DERMAN
Michael HAAS
Samuel PAHK
Avery SILVERSTEIN
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USA2

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Zoey MAUBERQUEZ
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Ziwen ZHAO
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Joseph HEDGES
Wilf MARSHALL
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Clement LEJOSNE
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 CHINESE TAIPEI Yen-Jung CHEN Yung-Yun CHENG Chia-fan CHIANG Da-Yung HSIAO Shuo LI Chien-Ya LIN Yohsin FANG (captain)	 ITALY Giovanni DONATI Gabriele GIUBILO Andrea MANGANELLA Giacomo PERCARIO Roberto SAU Sebastiano SCATA Valerio GIUBILO (captain) Dario ATTANASIO (coach)	 SINGAPORE Heng GAO Han Wei KOH Derek LEE (captain) Ryan LEE Jazlene ONG Sida WU
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2024 WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Brian Senior

There has, of course, been no play as yet in the current championships, so here is a taster from last year's championships to whet your appetite.

We had a visit from two American captains, each with a story about a grand slam deal involving their teams.

U21 Round 16 – USA1 v New Zealand

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ AKQJ8	
	♥ 86	
	♦ 10932	
	♣ A2	
♠ 932	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 1064
♥ 97		♥ Q43
♦ 7		♦ J865
♣ KQ98743		♣ J105
	♠ 75	
	♥ AKJ1052	
	♦ AKQ4	
	♣ 6	

West	North	East	South
	Xu		Schireson
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

At the other table, the New Zealand N/S got to 7♦, a good contract, but not the best available as, even with the diamonds onside, the four-one split meant that a heart finesse was required for the thirteenth trick.

For USA, Olivia Schireson opened 1♥ and, mindful of being vulnerable, West passed, just as was the case in the other room. Michael Xu responded 1♠ and Schireson jumped to 3♦, GF. Xu's next bid was the key to the successful auction, repeating the chunky spades rather than supporting diamonds. A good tip is to avoid bidding weak suits on good hands, and there would always be the possibility to get back to diamonds later if it really seemed necessary.

Schireson bid 4♥ and now it was time for Key-card. Schireson showed three, for hearts, then the king of diamonds, and Xu was sure that Seven had to have fair play facing a hand that could force to game opposite a possibly misfitting five- or six-count, so jumped to 7♠.

Seven Spades is, of course, much better than 7♦, as declarer will be able to ruff one or two hearts, according to the trump split, as required to establish a thirteenth trick in the suit.

On the actual deal, USA1 gained 2 IMPs. Apart from this match, there were two more pairs in 7♦ and one in 7NT. Nobody else reached the top spot of 7♠.

Technically, our second exhibit is not an American Grand, in that it was bid by the opposition, but it was a great triumph for the American team.

U26 Round 15 – USA2 v Poland

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ 10 2	
	♥ 9 7 3	
	♦ Q 9 8 6 5 2	
	♣ 8 3	
♠ A Q 7	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ K 8 6 4
♥ A K 6 5		♥ J
♦ K 10		♦ A 7 4 3
♣ A Q J 10		♣ K 7 4 2
	♠ J 9 5 3	
	♥ Q 10 8 4 2	
	♦ J	
	♣ 9 6 5	

West	North	East	South
	Wan		Duffie
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
7NT	All Pass		

Cornelius Duffie decided to open very light in third seat and, when the Polish West doubled, Qinqin Wan made a simple raise to 2♥. East jumped to 4♠ and, looking at a mere 23-count, West asked for key-cards, finding two, then for kings, finding one. So East was known to have the two black kings and the ace of diamonds, and West made the fine bid of 7♣ to offer a choice of grand slams.

This auction might well have been an award winner, as East made the obvious choice to leave partner in 7♣, which was quite cold. But now Duffie came back to life with a psychic Lightner Double. What could West think? Clearly South was ruffing something, presumably a spade, so he ran to the hoped for safety of 7NT, only to find that he had been conned.

Starting with 11 top tricks, that is the number that declarer came to, so the contract was down two for –200. That wasn't quite as big a pick-up as it might have been, because in the other room the Polish North opened 3♦ and, after two passes, West overcalled 3NT and played there for +660 and 13 IMPs to USA2.

Elsewhere, two pairs reached 7♠, going down, of course, and two bid and made 7♣. Their auctions were as follows:

For Turkey v France

West	North	East	South
<i>Gulez</i>		<i>Eker</i>	
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

For England v Argentina

West	North	East	South
<i>Winter</i>		<i>Anoyrkatis</i>	
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6Nt	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Take a bow, Cem Gulez and Muhammed Furkan Eker, and Daniel Winter and Sam Anoyrkatis.

Paul Barden (England U16 npc), wrote about a defensive intrafinesse:

He was impressed with the defence found by Harriet Cork and Thomas Bradkin on the first board of our Round 11 match against Chinese Taipei.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ K 4		
	♥ Q 8 4		
	♦ Q 7 5 4		
	♣ K J 10 5		
♠ A Q 7 5 3		♠ J 10	
♥ 10 7 2		♥ A K J 6	
♦ 10 2		♦ K J 6	
♣ A 9 8		♣ Q 7 6 2	
	♠ 9 8 6 2		
	♥ 9 5 3		
	♦ A 9 8 3		
	♣ 4 3		

West	North	East	South
<i>Cheng</i>	<i>Cork</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Bradkin</i>
–	1♦	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Harriet Cork, North, opened 1♦ – I thoroughly approve of opening 11-counts at love all - East overcalled 1NT, then West transferred to spades and bid 3NT, which became the final contract.

Thomas Bradkin, naturally, led his partner's suit, and intelligently chose the nine, which had the effect of taking an 'intra-finesse' – the defence can now establish the diamonds for only one loser.

Declarer won the first trick with the jack and tried the spade finesse, which lost, and now Harriet played her part by returning the queen of diamonds to the king and ace, pinning dummy's ten. Thomas cashed the eight of diamonds then continued the fine defence by switching to a club, rather than leading a fourth diamond which his partner would have had to win and which would have left her with no effective exit card. Declarer had to take dummy's ace to avoid going off at once but, with the spades blocked, he could take only two tricks in the suit and, despite the friendly lie of the hearts, could come to only eight in all.

At the other table, the three of diamonds lead went to the queen and ace (North could have brought off the same intra-finesse by playing the seven, but couldn't possibly know to do that). Will Battersby took the spade finesse, the defence played more diamonds, and so declarer made 11 tricks. That was 11 IMPs to England, and an eventual narrow win in the match.

Anders Brogeland of the Norwegian U21 team found a neat ducking play on this deal which was overlooked by his counterpart at the other table.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 7 5 4 2		
	♥ 3 2		
	♦ Q 2		
	♣ K 8 7 5		
♠ A K 9 6 3		♠ –	
♥ K 10		♥ 9 8 7 6	
♦ K J 3		♦ A 10 8 7 6 5	
♣ J 4 2		♣ A Q 3	
	♠ J 10 8		
	♥ A Q J 5 4		
	♦ 9 4		
	♣ 10 9 6		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Saetre</i>		<i>Brogeland</i>
–	–	1♦	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At the other table there was no 1♥ overcall, but North led the three of hearts anyway, West having bid spades then clubs before admitting to a heart stopper. South won the ace at trick one and continued with a low heart to declarer's ace. It would not have been clear to declarer, Christian Johnsen, who had the heart length, only that they might be five-two, if the defensive carding to these two tricks was to be believed. However, declarer picked up the diamonds successfully, leading low to the ace then back to the king, and came to 10 tricks for +430.

Magnus Saetre also led the three of hearts, but Brogeland followed with an encouraging four, playing for the heart lay-out to be exactly as it was. Not only did this keep defensive communications open, but it also seems to have convinced declarer that it was North who held the heart length. That being the case, South rated to have the diamond length, so he won the ten of hearts, led a diamond to the ace, and back to the jack, losing to the doubleton queen. Saetre duly led his remaining heart, and Brogeland cashed four of those for, apparently, down two for -100 and 11 IMPs to Norway. Don't ask me where the second undertrick comes from.

Eric Bô sent in a message to point out an interesting ending on this deal from Round 12 of the U31 championship.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p> ♠ A K Q J 4 ♥ K 7 6 3 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ A </p>			
<p> ♠ 9 8 ♥ 4 ♦ J 10 7 3 ♣ J 10 9 8 5 4 </p>	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>S</div> <div>E</div> </div>	<p> ♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A Q 8 2 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ K Q 7 </p>	
	<p> ♠ 10 5 2 ♥ J 10 9 5 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ 6 3 2 </p>		
West	North	East	South
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

This was the auction at one table, 2♠ followed by 3♣ of course being an attempt to play in the latter contract.

West led the nine of spades, declarer winning in dummy to preserve his spade entry to hand for later in the play. Declarer led a low heart off the dummy and East played low, so he won the ♥J and played a second heart. That did not look so good when East won the queen and ace of hearts then played a fourth round.

It may not have looked so good for declarer, but it actually meant that the contract was now cold as the cards lay. Can you see it?

Declarer wins the fourth heart and cashes all the spades, and neither opponent can afford to discard a diamond, else a diamond to the queen and a diamond back sets up two tricks in the suit while declarer still has the ace of clubs to get back in with. So both defenders must come down to a singleton club and, if declarer has read the position correctly, dummy has two cards in each minor. He cashes the ace of clubs and leads low towards the ♦Q, and the small club is his tenth trick. Both defenders have been squeezed in the same two suits.

The best chance for the defence is for East to keep two clubs and two diamonds, and West three diamonds. Now declarer has to come down to three diamonds in dummy, else East can rise with the ace on the first diamond and

return a club, leaving the diamonds blocked.

Sadly for us, declarer did not find this position in real life, so was down one.

I am indebted by Barry Goren for spotting this beautiful piece of declarer play from the Israel v Netherlands U26 semi-final, session two. I am also indebted to Barry for his being able to name the type of squeeze involved – a vice squeeze – I am clueless where squeeze nomenclature is concerned.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p> ♠ 5 ♥ 6 3 ♦ A 9 8 3 2 ♣ K 8 7 6 5 </p>			
<p> ♠ A 9 8 6 4 ♥ J 10 4 2 ♦ 6 ♣ J 9 2 </p>	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>S</div> <div>E</div> </div>	<p> ♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ J 7 5 4 ♣ 4 3 </p>	
	<p> ♠ K 10 2 ♥ A K Q 7 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ A Q 10 </p>		

West	North	East	South
Zamir	V de Pavverd	Toledano	Nijssen
–	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

In the other room, the Israeli N/S had bid to the cold 6♣, played by South, for a safe and secure +920.

Here, Tim Van de Pavverd opened 2♣ with the North hand, showing either a weak two bid in clubs, or a game-forcing hand. I doubt that Oscar Nijssen had too much difficulty in guessing which hand-type his partner held on this occasion.

Two No Trump asked, 3♠ said something but I don't know what, but the important thing was that when Nijssen set trumps, his partner could show the ace of diamonds, after which Nijssen asked, found two key-cards, and bid the club slam.

West, Ami Zamir, led the ten of hearts, their systemic lead against a NT contract, and Oren Toledano signalled with the nine. Nijssen won the heart and tested the diamonds. However, Zamir showed out on the second round, pitching a spade, so Nijssen abandoned diamonds for now and turned his attention to clubs.

On the third club, East threw a spade, and on the fourth, the eight of hearts, then another spade on the fifth. Meanwhile, West discarded two more spades, and Nijssen, who had clearly seen the ending that he wanted to play for, bared the king of spades. Finally, he cashed the ace of diamonds, and that forced West down to a bare ace of spades. Nijssen came to hand with a heart, eliminating East's last card in the suit, then exited with the king of spades to the ace, and West had to lead away from the jack of hearts and round to declarer's queen-seven; 12 tricks bid and made for +990 and +2 IMPs to Netherlands.

'If only I had led a low heart at trick one,' thought West.