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**18<sup>th</sup> WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, José Damiani Cup,  
Gianarrigo Rona Trophy, Koç University Trophy, Under 31 Cup**

We are very pleased to confirm that the Championships will be held at

Palazzo dei Congressi  
Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy  
31<sup>st</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**WBFF/EBL Combined Event**

We are also very pleased to inform you that this year the WBFF and EBL decided to combine their Youth Events in Salsomaggiore Terme. We believe that by doing this it will help the NBOs and the players in the preparation and organisation of their participation, facilitate their attendance and reduce the cost usually faced in the past to travel, reach and stay in venue in two different periods in the years and in two different Countries. We are confident that this new initiative will find your agreement and will receive your support.

The event will include:

- From 31<sup>st</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August the WBFF World Youth Bridge Teams Championship.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August the WBFF/EBL Transnational Swiss Teams Championship.
- All the teams/players participating in the WBFF Teams Championship but not qualifying for the KO phase can enter the WBFF/EBL Swiss Teams Championship free of charge. In addition, the teams/players losing in the Quarterfinal will also be able to drop into this Championship free of charge.
- The EBL National Youth Open and Mixed Pairs Championship will be held on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August. The EBL will provide full details concerning the EBL National Pairs events in due course.



## Timetable

• Teams registration	Friday 31st July, from 10.00 hrs.
• Captains meeting	Friday 31st July 17.00
• Opening ceremony	Friday 31st July at 19.00
• Round Robin	Sat. 1st (start at 10.00) – Thur. 6th August
• Qualified Teams Captains Meeting	Thursday 6th August at 18.15
• Quarterfinals & WBF/EBL Swiss Teams	Friday 7th August
• Semifinals & WBF/EBL Swiss Teams	Saturday 8th August
• Final & Play-off	Sunday 9th August
• Closing ceremony - Prizegiving	Sunday 9th August at 19.30 hrs.

## Format of the World Youth Bridge Teams Championship

The Championship consists of five Series: Under 31 (new competition introduced this year and for the first edition by invitation), Under 26 Open (Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy) and Women (Gianarrigo Rona Trophy), Under 21 (José Damiani Cup) and Under 16 (Koç University Trophy). All the Series will be played as a complete round-robin of 14 Board Matches (12 in the Koç University Trophy) with all teams playing each other: at the end of the round-robin the highest ranked 8 teams in each series will qualify for the knock-out stages that will be played as 4 sessions of 14 boards each.

## Right to enter

Zonal Qualified Teams	Under 26 Open & Under 21	Under 26 Women
Host Country	1 team	1 team
Zone 1	8 teams	8 teams
Zone 2	3 teams	3 teams
Zone 3	2 teams	2 teams
Zone 4	1 team	1 team
Zone 5	1 team	1 team
Zone 6	4 teams	6 teams
Zone 7	2 teams	1 team
Zone 8	2 teams	1 team

If any Zone is unable to fulfil its quota, they must inform the WBF President **no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020** by emailing Gianarrigo Rona – WBF President [president@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:president@worldbridgefed.com)

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second to Zone 6 and the third to Zone 1.

Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

## Eligibility

In addition to the other requirements requested by the Eligibility Code and Rules & Regulations, each player in the Under 31 Series must have been born **on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1990** in the Under 26 Open & Women Series must have been born **on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1995**, in the Under 21 Series must have been born **on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000** and those in the Under 16 Series must have been born **on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005**.



## Qualified Teams

The following teams are already qualified and are invited to attend the championship:

### Zone 1:

Under 26 Open Teams: Italy, Sweden, Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Poland, Bulgaria, Israel, England.

Under 26 Women's Teams: Italy, Poland, Hungary, Netherlands, France, Norway, Turkey, England, Israel.

Under 21 Teams: Italy, Netherlands, France, England, Poland, Sweden, Israel, Norway, Turkey.

### Zone 2:

Under 26 Open Teams: Canada, USA 1, USA 2.

Under 26 Women's Teams: Canada, USA 1, USA 2.

Under 21 Teams: Canada, USA 1, USA 2.

### Zone 6:

Under 26 Open Teams: China, Singapore, Indonesia, China Hong Kong.

Under 26 Women's Teams: Indonesia, China, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Singapore, Japan.

Under 21 Teams: China, Japan, Singapore, Thailand

### Zone 7:

Under 26 Open Teams: Australia, New Zealand.

Under 26 Women's Teams: Australia, New Zealand.

Under 21 Teams: Australia, New Zealand.

The NBOs of the above mentioned qualified teams must confirm their participation or withdrawal as soon as possible and in any case **before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 by emailing Gianarrigo Rona – WBF President at [president@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:president@worldbridgefed.com)**

In order to permit any replacement teams to make travel and accommodation arrangements in good time

## Under 16 Teams

The following teams are invited to attend the Championship: **Zone 1:** Italy, Israel, Denmark, England, Poland, Sweden, France, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, Greece; **Zone 2:** Canada, USA 1, USA 2; **Zone 4:** India; **Zone 6:** China 1, China 2, China Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand. Additional four teams will be invited, one from **Zone 3**, one from **Zone 5**, one from **Zone 7** and 1 from **Zone 8**.

Zones 3, 5, 7 and 8 are allowed to be represented by a Zonal Team, composed of players from different NBOs of that Zone

## Under 31 Teams

The following teams are invited to attend the Championship: Australia, Chile, China, China Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Denmark, Japan, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Sweden, Turkey, USA 1, USA 2.

## Communication of the other Qualified Teams

Other Zones that have not yet organized their trials must inform the WBF President of the teams qualified to participate in the Championship, in accordance with the above mentioned quotas **as soon as they are known and in any case not later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 by emailing Gianarrigo Rona – WBF President at [president@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:president@worldbridgefed.com)**



## Registration of Teams

The entries to the Championships must be submitted electronically **by 1st June 2020**, it is very important that this deadline is respected, **via the WBF website (not by email) at <http://championships.worldbridge.org/>** where a link to registration will be provided after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

Any teams not confirming will be considered to have withdrawn and will be automatically replaced.

## Registration of Players' Names

Registration of players, Non Playing Captains and Coaches names must be sent **by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020** via the WBF website (not by email). The link will be at <http://championships.worldbridge.org/> and will also be advised to the qualifying NBOs.

## Entry Fees

The entry fees are € (Euros) 1,000 (one-thousand) for each team in Under 31, Under 26 Open and Women, Under 21, while for Under-16 teams no entry-fee will be charged.

As above mentioned all the teams participating in the WBF Teams Championship not qualified to the KO phase can enter free of charge the WBF/EBL Transnational Swiss Teams Championship as well as the teams losing in the Quarterfinal can drop in free of charge. The entry fees for new teams are € (Euros) 200 (two-hundred) for each team.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **on or before 15th June 2020** to

Crédit Suisse SA, Rue du Lion d'Or 5-7  
P.O. Box 5722, 1002 Lausanne, Switzerland  
€ account  
IBAN CH58 0483 5154 6496 9200 0  
Account n° 0425-1546496-92  
SWIFT CRESCHZZ80A  
Clearing 4835  
**To be indicated**

## Hotel Accommodation – Booking

The LOC has arranged in recommended hotels the following rates for **full board accommodation** ( including breakfast, lunch and dinner):

### 5 Star Hotel

Single Occupancy DUS	€ 150 per day
Double Occupancy	€ 120 per day per person
Triple Occupancy	€ 100 per day per person

### 4 Star Hotels:

Single occupancy	€ 95 per day
Double Occupancy	€ 85 per day per person
Triple Occupancy	€ 76 per person

### 3 Star Hotels:

Single occupancy DUS	€ 78 per day
Single occupancy (Single room)	€ 75 per day



Double Occupancy € 68 per day per person  
Triple Occupancy € 58 per day person

### 2 Star Hotels

Single occupancy (Single room) € 65 per day  
Double Occupancy € 57 per day per person  
Triple Occupancy € 50 per day person

All the recommended hotels are at walking distance from the Palazzo dei Congressi.

The above rates are valid also for the 4 days preceding the day of the Opening Ceremony and 3 days after the Closing

All the hotel reservations must be done through:

ADAST – Salsomaggiore Terme  
Anna Maria Dodi  
Laura Morsia  
E-mail: [adast@salsomaggioreterme.com](mailto:adast@salsomaggioreterme.com)  
Office Phone: +39 0524 575375

**Please note: The hotel booking will be on first come first served basis.**

### Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including the Disciplinary Code, will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF website at [www.worldbridge.org](http://www.worldbridge.org)

### Competitor's Commitment

Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials in any WBF Championships are required to **have signed the WBF Competitor's Commitment before the start of the event**. The Competitor's Commitment is binding and the absence of a valid signature **renders the competitor ineligible to participate the championship**. The NBOs are directly responsible for the fulfilment of the above mentioned mandatory requirement.

Please go to : <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/players-commitment/> where you will find all the details for downloading and sending the commitment forms to ensure this regulation is complied with in good time.

### Systems Registration

Systems for the Under 31 Cup, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy and Gianarrigo Rona Trophy have to be registered with the World Bridge Federation Systems Administrator by 15th June 2020 to: [anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com)

The conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration. No HUM, or Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted at any stage of the Round Robin in either the Under 31 Cup, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy and Gianarrigo Rona Trophy nor will they be permitted at any stage of the José Damiani Cup and Koç University Trophy.

Pairs wishing to register Brown Sticker conventions or HUM systems for use in the KO phase must register these, together with the relevant BS forms, by 15th June 2020.

No extension to this deadline will be accepted. Players playing HUM systems will lose their seating rights.



## Antidoping & TUE

Players competing in the Under 31, Under 26 Open & Women and Under 21 will be liable for anti-doping testing under WBF's authority: all players should be aware that failure to attend or refusal of a test if selected is deemed a positive test and may lead to a suspension and additional sanctions. In addition, in some countries it is also deemed a criminal offence.

The players requiring a Therapeutic Use Exemption Certificate must complete the Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) Application Form and return it to the address given on the document as soon as possible and no later than 30 days before the commencement of the competition in which they are participating. TUE forms can be downloaded by the WBF Website at <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/anti-doping-regulations/>, where other essential information about the Antidoping Rules can be found.

## Dress Code

The WBF Dress Code has to be respected by all the participants who are expected to be respectably dressed at all times and are also required to follow the instructions given by the TD, in particular:

- All players, captains and coaches are required to wear T-shirts, polo shirts, shirts or blouses that contain their Federation's logo
- If sweaters, cardigans and sweatshirts are used they must also carry the Federation's logo.

Everyone entering the venue is obliged to wear the official identification badge provided by the organization in order to avoid being denied entry by the Security Service. In case of loss the organization will provide a duplicate badge at a cost of € 10.

Any player, captain or coach not respecting the dress code in the playing area will receive a warning on the first occasion and a subsequent breach will result in that person being prohibited from entering the playing area.

## Further Information

Further detailed information will be sent with a successive Information Letter to the Federations of the qualified teams as soon as their names have been received by the President.

This letter will be forwarded to the NBOs of the above mentioned qualified and invited teams. If other teams are already qualified, we would be very grateful if you could forward this letter to their NBOs and at the same time communicate them to us at the above mentioned address.

Being sure of your support and cooperation and thanking you in advance,

Yours sincerely,

**Ata Aydın**  
Youth Committee Chairman

**Sevinç Atay**  
Kids Committee Chairman

**Gianarrigo Rona**  
WBF President