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16th World Bridge Games
Vanderbilt Trophy (Open National Teams), Anna Maria
Torlontano Trophy (Women's National Teams), National Seniors
& Mixed Teams
National Open, Women's, Seniors & Mixed Pairs

We are very pleased to confirm that the 16th World Bridge Games will be held at

Palazzo dei Congressi
Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy
21st August – 4th September 2020



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National Teams

Format of the Championship

The championship consists of 4 categories: Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed.

In each of the four categories the teams will be divided into groups which will then play a single complete round-robin with all the teams within the group playing each other. At the end of the round-robin the highest ranked teams from each group will qualify for the knock-out stages: Round of 16, Quarter-final, Semifinal and Final & Play-off KO matches will be played.

Timetable

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| • Teams Registration | Friday 21 st August from 10.00 to 19.30 |
| • Captains meeting | Friday 21 st August at 17.00 |
| • Opening Ceremony | Friday 21 st August at 19.30 |
| • Round Robin 1 st Match | Saturday 22 nd August at 10.30 |
| • Round Robin Last Match | Thursday 27 th August |
| • Round of 16 | Friday 28 th – Saturday 29 th August |
| • Quarter-final | Sunday 30 th – Monday 31 st August |
| • Semi-final | Tuesday 1 st – Wednesday 2 nd September |
| • Final & Play-Off | Thursday 3 rd – Friday 4 th September |
| • Closing Ceremony - Prize-giving | Friday 4 th September at 19.30 hrs. |

National Open, Women's, Seniors, Mixed Pairs

The Pairs Championship for all four categories will take place during the second week (**starting on the morning of Saturday 29th August and ending on Friday 4th September**) and will consist of a Qualification stage, Semi-final and Final.

Players eliminated from the Teams Championship both in the Round of 16 and the Quarter-finals may drop-in into the Pairs Championship, in the appropriate categories, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations to be published for the competition.

Right to enter

Each affiliated NBO in good standing with the WBF may be represented by its National team (one team per Country) and by an unlimited number of its National Pairs in each of the four categories, Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed.

To be eligible for participation in the 2020 World Bridge Games each player, non-playing captain, coach, trainer and other team official must comply with the WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the Rules & Regulations pertaining to the Championships and furthermore must abide by the Competitors



Commitment which they will be required to sign before the event. In addition the players and non-playing captains must comply with the conditions of eligibility set forth in the WBF Eligibility Code.

The World Bridge Games are by invitation and all entries are subject to approval by the Credentials Committee.

The WBF General Conditions of Contest, incorporating the WBF Eligibility Code, WBF Disciplinary Code, WBF Anti-Doping Rules, WBF Anti-Betting Regulation, WBF Dress Code, WBF Systems Policy, WBF Alerting Policy, WBF Psychic Bidding Guidelines, and the WBF Code of Practice is available on the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org. The Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 2020 World Bridge Games will also be published on the website in due course.

**Participation in World Bridge Games as a condition for participation
in the 2021 & 2023 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup**

Only NBOs participating in the World Bridge Games 2020 are eligible to qualify to participate in the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup Championships held in 2021 and 2023; in each case, an Open Team or at least one Open Pair must participate in the World Bridge Games 2020 in order to be eligible for the Bermuda Bowl 2021 & 2023 and a Women's Team or at least one Women's Pair must participate to be eligible for the Venice Cup. There is no such criteria for the d'Orsi Seniors Bowl and Wuhan Cup (Mixed Teams).

General Information

Registration of Teams for the World National Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed Teams Championship

All entries to the Championships **must be submitted electronically** (the pages will be available from 1st April 2020), **via the WBF website (not by email)** at www.worldbridge.org **by 15th June 2020**. It is very important that this deadline is respected.

Registration of Players' Names

The names of the players, Captains and Coaches must be registered **by 1st July 2020** via the WBF website (not by email) at www.worldbridge.org

Registration of Pairs for the National Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed Pairs Championship

Registration of Pairs should be made **by 31st July 2020** wherever possible. Entries will be accepted later provided there is sufficient space at the venue. Entries from pairs composed of players eliminated from the Teams Championship events may be made on site. All entries are subject to approval by the Credentials Committee.



Entry Fees & Payment

- Open, Women's, Seniors, Mixed Teams € 4.000 before or on 1st July
- Open, Women's, Seniors, Mixed Pairs € 500 before or on 31st July

Players, NPCs and coaches from the teams who do not qualify for the KO stages may form partnerships with players **of the same nationality** who have not participated in the teams in which event the entry fee is €250.

Players, NPCs and coaches eliminated in Round of 16 and Quarter-final of the Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed Teams may form pairs and may enter the Pairs Championship in the appropriate categories, receiving free entry.

In order to receive free entry the players, NPC or coach must have been a registered member of the team before the deadline for registration (i.e. before 31st July 2020)

The entry-fees may be paid **by bank transfer 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)

Rules & Regulations - Players Commitment – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including, the Conditions of Contest, Anti-doping Regulation, the Eligibility Code, the Disciplinary Code and the Dress Code will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF website.

Each player is required to sign the Players Commitment which will be available on the website at the time of registration, scan and email it to anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com by 31st July 2020 in the case of players in the teams event and at the time of registration for players in the pairs event

Systems Registration

Systems for the Teams Championships (all series) at the World Bridge Games **must be registered with the World Bridge Federation Systems Administrator by 1st July 2020** and sent by email to: anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com. The conditions of contest will give full details of systems regulations and registration.

Dress Code

The WBF Dress Code will be applied.



Anti-doping

From the day of the Opening Ceremony up to and including the day of the Closing Ceremony, individual competitors from the Open, Women's and Mixed Teams and Pairs will, in accordance with the WBF Anti-Doping Regulations, be randomly selected for anti-doping testing. It is obligatory for selected competitors to undergo such testing. The analyses will be done by WADA accredited laboratories.

The NBOs are invited to pay attention to the Anti-doping Regulations and to ensure that their players are fully aware both of the regulations and of the penalties for not following them.

If a Competitor is undergoing medical treatment for a condition which requires medication on the World Anti-Doping Authority Prohibited list, the Competitor must get a dispensation (TUE) from the WBF Medical Commission.

Any players requiring exemption certificates should ensure that they complete the TUE form and return it ***as soon as possible and no later than 30 days before the commencement of the competition*** in which they are participating to

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The list of prohibited substances can be found at

<http://www.wada-ama.org/>

and the TUE form is available from the WBF website at

www.worldbridge.org or by email from anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com



Hotel Accommodation & Booking

A selection of hotel rooms at different price categories has been reserved in Salsomaggiore Terme by the LOC for the World Bridge Games 2020. Hotels rated from 2 to 5 stars are available at the following rates (Bed & Breakfast accommodation):

Grand Hotel (Main Hotel) 5 Stars (200 meters from the venue)

Double Single Use Room € 130

Double Room € 170

4 Star Hotels (between 200 and 500 meters from the venue)

Double Single Use Room € 98.

Single Room € 93

Double Room € 130

3 Star Hotels (between 200 and 500 meters from the venue)

Double Single Use Room € 77

Single Room € 67

Double Room € 105

2 Star Hotels (between 200 and 500 meters from the venue)

Double Single Use Room € 65

Single Room € 60

Double Room € 85

In addition to the above rates, each participant may have meals at their hotel (either lunch or dinner) a set menu, including bottled water, will be available at the following rates:

Grand Hotel: 30 €; 4 Star Hotel 25€; 3 Star Hotel 22 €; 2 Star Hotel 20 €.

It's possible to arrange with the hotels a full or half board rate. Also arrangement in triple room is available.

Participants are advised to make their reservation as early as possible to have the best choice of available rooms. **Hotel accommodation is subject to availability and will be allocated on first come, first served basis.** The LOC guarantees that current pricing will remain in effect until the end of June 2020.

The LOC designated official accommodation partner for World Bridge Games 2020 is ADAST. All the hotel reservations must be done through

ADAST – Salsomaggiore Terme

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Laura Morsia

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Available also for any further information regarding hotels & accommodation.



Further Information

For further information contact

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and additional information will also be published on the WBF website for the Championships at:
<http://championships.worldbridge.org/16th-world-bridge-games> as it becomes available.

Being sure of your support and cooperation, we are confident we will enjoy once again all together another great bridge event.

Yours sincerely,
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