



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs

Cc EBL Executive Committee

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10th European Women's National Pairs Championship
8th European Seniors' National Pairs Championship
6th to 9th June 2018
Kursaal – Ostend/Belgium
Organised by the European Bridge League
In cooperation with the Royal Belgian Bridge Federation

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

We are pleased to send you some additional information on the 10th European Women's National Pairs Championship and the 8th European Seniors' National Pairs Championship to be held at:

Kursaal Oostende (Sea Promenade)
6th to 9th June 2018

Format of the Championship

It is anticipated that each Championship will consist of two stages: a Qualifying Stage, and a Final Stage (Final A and Final B). However, should the number of participants permit, there will be a one stage all-play-all (Endless Howell) competition. Details of the competitions may be changed according to the final registration of participants. The details of the format are available in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest to be published today on the EBL Website (<http://www.eurobridge.org/conditions-of-contest.aspx>).

Schedule

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| ♥ Women & Seniors' Pairs registration | 10:00-20:00 | Tuesday 5 th June |
| ♥ Qualification and Final | | Wednesday 6 th to Saturday 9 th June |
| ♥ Prize-Giving Ceremony | 19:30 | Saturday 9 th June |

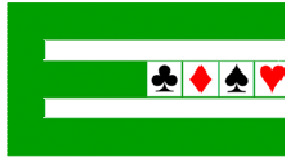
Right to enter

Women or Senior bridge players who are registered members of Zone 1 NBOs and in good standing with their Federation, are entitled to participate.

Except for Final B, all pairs will comprise two players from the same NBO.

To participate in the Seniors Series a player must have been born in **1957 or earlier**.

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players are required to have signed the EBL Competitor's Commitment Form (see GCoC Appendix 2) before the start of the event.



Entry Fees

The entry fees are € 300 for a pair.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 23rd May 2018** 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

Registration of Pairs

All entries to the Championship **must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email) available from the beginning of December 2017 at**

db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/18Ostende/microsite/participants.asp

Deadline: **by 23rd May 2018.**

It is very important to **respect this deadline.**

Entries after the dead-line will only be accepted if there is sufficient space in the designated playing areas, however every eligible pair registering before the dead-line will be welcomed.

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

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

Awards

European Bridge League Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded. The winners will receive the title of European Women Pairs Champion or European Seniors' Pairs Champion.

EBL Master Points will also be awarded.

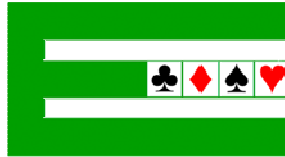
Hotel accommodation

Thanks to the Royal Belgian Bridge Federation, we have arranged special rates with the hotels in Ostend (2 documents attached).

To book your hotel, please contact:

Ostend Tourism Office

Brigitte Boddin at b.boddin@toerisme-oostende.be or Tel: +32(0)59.29.53.35



Further Information

For any additional information please contact:

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I look forward to seeing you and your players in Ostend, where I am confident we will enjoy a great event for these Women's and Seniors' National Pairs Championships.

Sincerely yours,

Yves Aubry