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1 INTRODUCTION, FORMAT AND TIMETABLE

1.1 Introduction

The 2018 European Youth Pairs Championships (“the Championships”) will be conducted under the auspices of the European Bridge League (“the EBL”) at the Sport Hall Marino Cvetković commencing on Wednesday 11th July 2018 and ending not later than Sunday 15th July 2018. The Championships consists of 5 Series in the pairs (Under 26 open, Under 26 Women, Under 21 open, Under 16 open and Under 13 open and one series in the Mixed pairs. (But see Sec. 1.2.4)

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 tournaments.

1.2.1. Mixed Pairs

One field open to all mixed pairs. A mixed pair may consist of two players from the same or different series, but from the same NBO.

It is anticipated that there will be one phase (a round robin all play all whenever possible depending on number of participants.)

1.2.2 Pairs

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

It is anticipated that the U16 and Under 13 Series will be a one phase round robin.

It is anticipated that each of the other 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 will 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 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 U26 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

Mixed pairs	10.00	Wednesday 11 th July
Mixed pairs	10.00	Thursday 12 th July
M.P prizes and Opening Ceremony	20:00	Thursday 12 th July
Pairs qualification sessions	10.00	Friday 13 th July
Pairs qualification sessions	10.00	Saturday 14 th July
Pairs final sessions	10.00	Sunday 15 th July
President's Cup	10.00	Sunday 15 th July
Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	20.00	Sunday 15 th July

2 ADVANCE ORGANIZATION

2.1 Registration

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

Nominations of pairs for all series, which must be from the NBO, must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email).

db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/18Opatija/microsite/participants/asp
until 1st June 2018

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 1993 for the U26 and Women series, or on or after 1 January 1998 for the U21 series, or on or after 1 January 2003 for the U16 series, or on or after 1 January 2006 for the U13 series.
- b. was nominated by the NBO of an EBL member country, which is in good standing with the EBL and not in arrears in the payment of monies due to the EBL.

The Mixed Pairs and all five series in the Pairs are for National Pairs (i.e. both players must come from the same NBO; transnational pairs are not permitted). The President's Cup (see section 1.2.3) is transnational and trans-series.

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.

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 Competitor's Commitment

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

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

2.4 Entry fees

- Mixed Pairs: €100 (pair of two U16s or two U13s or combination of U16 and U13 – no entry fee; pair of one U16 or U13 and one other - €50)
- U26, U21, and Women pairs: €150.
- U16 and U13 pairs: no entry fee.
- There is no entry fee for the President's Cup.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer before or on 1st June 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

3 SYSTEMS

3.1 Systems Policy

The European Bridge League's Systems Regulations and Systems Policy (Revised Jul.2015) apply to these Championships.

The Championships are Category 3 and therefore the use of both HUM systems and 'Brown Sticker conventions' is prohibited. 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 11.2 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

Each individual player is responsible for seeing that his own cards are returned to the proper pocket. A player responsible for fouling a board will be assessed a penalty equal to half a standard penalty (see GCoC 21.2).

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 exist, 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 *Bidding Boxes, Screens and Bridgemates*

Bidding boxes, Bridgemates and Screens will be used for all phases.

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.

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, U26 Pairs, U21 Pairs, U16 Pairs and Women Pairs Championships. U13 Pairs: A Gold medal will be awarded to the top classified pair in the U13 Pairs. The awards of Silver and Bronze medals will be determined when the number of participants is known.

7.2 President's Cup

The first classified overall pair (regardless of composition) will receive a cup and will be considered the U26 winner. In addition the first classified only U21 pair (not ranked overall first), the first classified only Women pair (not ranked overall first), the first ranked U16 pair (not ranked overall first) and the first ranked U13 pair (not ranked overall first) will receive awards.

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.

APPENDIX I: COMPETITOR'S COMMITMENT



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

A ZONAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION
International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

COMPETITOR'S COMMITMENT

First Name: _____

Family name: _____

Address: _____

NBO and EBL Code No: _____

Gender: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I wish to play in European Bridge League ("EBL") events

If a minor, name and address of the legal guardian(s) and date of birth:

1. I agree and commit myself to participate in such EBL events that I apply to play in and/or that I am nominated by others to play in and to compete with respect for the EBL rules and fair play.
2. I am aware that the EBL events are governed by the Laws of Bridge, the Conditions of Contest, the EBL Disciplinary Code and all other Rules & Regulations of the EBL and I undertake to comply with such rules, all of which are fully known to me, and/or any amendment of, or addition to, the same that is published on the official website of the EBL.
3. I therefore agree to be submitted to such rules, regulations, and procedures to the jurisdiction of the bodies and persons that are in charge of applying them. After the exhaustion of internal remedies within the EBL system, I acknowledge that the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne, Switzerland) has ultimate jurisdiction for all disputes in connection with the EBL events and agree that recourse to the ordinary courts of law is prohibited.
4. I undertake to behave properly under all circumstances and contribute in all aspects to the good image of the EBL events and of the hosts of such events.

5. Through my participation in the EBL events I commit to promote the celebration of bridge in an international community with respect for cultures and customs from all over the world.
6. I agree that I will abstain from all public display of political actions, statements or comments within any EBL event and acknowledge that the EBL will not, without limitation, be responsible for any political, financial or other sanctions that any local or national authorities may impose on me.
7. I accept that EBL has the final authority to exclude me from its events in cases of non-compliance with this commitment (including any applicable EBL rules and regulations) or in cases of misconduct, the meaning of which shall take into account local customs and traditions.
8. I confirm that I have not received any information including, without limitation, advice by a physician or another person that my health might be negatively affected or that my level of fitness may not be sufficient to participate in any EBL event.
9. I agree that I will be personally responsible for any damage that I may cause to persons or property and that I will be liable for indemnifying such damage. Therefore I accept that EBL (including its members, directors, officers, employers, staff operators, volunteers, contractors or agents) shall not be liable under any circumstances in connection with any damage that I may cause during any EBL event.
10. I accept and agree that if I participate in any EBL event it shall be at my own expense except for such costs as EBL, the Host City, and/or any other party explicitly accepts to bear.
11. In particular and without limitation to the foregoing, I accept that all the expenses concerning the travel to the Host City and back and all the costs of my stay, including accommodation, meals, transfers etc. are not in the responsibility or at charge of EBL or the host.
12. I agree to follow the regulation in the General Conditions of Contest or Supplemental Conditions of Contest for each particular event in which I participate concerning the use and possession in the playing area of electronic devices (for example mobile phones, pagers, smart phones, pocket computers etc.). I accept and agree to be inspected in order to ensure compliance with the present clause.
13. I accept and agree not to smoke or to consume alcoholic beverages at the competition venue, except in such areas where smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages might be explicitly allowed and in such case only after the end of the segment, match or game in which I am participating.
14. I accept to be subject to the anti-doping rules of the WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION (WBF). In particular I accept to submit to doping control by or at the request of WBF or EBL and I accept consequences and sanctions as well as the jurisdiction of WBF and EBL and of the Court of Arbitration for Sports as provided for in the anti-doping rules of WBF which I can consult on www.worldbridge.org
15. I agree to be photographed, filmed, identified and otherwise recorded during any EBL event, both during and outside the competitions. I accept that such photos, films, footage and other recordings may be published and broadcast worldwide by any means (TV, internet etc.) and may be used by EBL and the host for non-commercial promotion purposes at no cost to EBL or the host. I agree that such photos, films, footage and other recordings may be used for any investigatory and evidential purposes in connection with any disciplinary enquiries.
16. I accept that such photos, films, footage and other recordings may also be used by EBL post-event for promotional and editorial purposes related to future EBL events.
17. I will not participate in, nor support betting related to EBL events and understand that all forms of promotion of betting related to such events are prohibited.
18. I agree that any dispute not to be adjudicated in application of specific procedures provided for by EBL but which arise between myself and EBL and/or Host Member Federation and/or the Championship Organising Committee and/or their respective members, directors, officers, staff operators, employees and volunteers, including but not limited to claims for damages of either party

against the other arising out of occurrences (acts or omissions) linked with my participation to a EBL event shall be governed by Swiss Law and exclusively settled by arbitration before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, in accordance with the CAS rules then in effect.

19. I am aware and I agree that my participation in any EBL event is conditional upon my valid acceptance of and my compliance with each and all the provisions of this document. I acknowledge that if there is from time to time any contradiction or inconsistency between this declaration (on the one hand) and the EBL Statutes and Rules and Regulations (on the other), the latter will prevail.
20. In addition, I accept the conditions of the WADA Athlete Consent form detailed below:

As a member of the EBL and/or a participant in an event authorized or recognized by the EBL, I hereby declare as follows:

- (a) I acknowledge that I am bound by, and confirm that I shall comply with, all of the provisions of the WBF Anti-Doping Rules (as amended from time to time), the World Anti-Doping Code (the “Code”) and the *International Standards* issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency, as amended from time to time, and published on WADA’s website.
- (b) I consent and agree to the creation of my profile in the WADA Doping Control Clearing House (“ADAMS”), as requested under the *Code* to which WBF is a *Signatory*, and/or any other authorized *National Anti-Doping Organization’s* similar system for the sharing of information, and to the entry on my *Doping Control, Whereabouts* and *Therapeutic Use Exemptions* related data in such systems.
- (c) I acknowledge the authority of EBL under the WBF Anti-Doping Rules to enforce, to manage results under, and to impose sanctions in accordance with the WBF Anti-Doping Rules.
- (d) I acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the WBF Anti-Doping Rules, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in the WBF Anti-Doping Rules, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 13 of the WBF Anti-Doping Rules to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of *International-Level Athletes* is the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
- (e) I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.

21. I have read and understand the present declaration and wish to be bound by its contents.

Date

Signature (or, if a minor, signature of legal guardian and minor)

APPENDIX II : PARENTAL CONSENT

I/We the undersigned: _____

Authorise my/our child: _____

Born on: _____

To leave the “country” territory to participate in the following event/s in Opatija, Croatia
(Mark ✓ as necessary)

EUROPEAN YOUTH BRIDGE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS, 11 – 15 July 2018

EUROPEAN YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP, 16 – 18 July 2018

During this period, my/our address is: _____

Phone number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Responsible person during the championship: _____

Mobile: _____

This person is responsible for the good behaviour of the child during and on the way to and from the championship.

In case of misconduct, which will be determined by the EBL at its absolute discretion, the EBL has the right to withdraw the child from the competition and send him/her back home without any warning.

In addition to all the regulations applicable to the child as a consequence of his/her registration for the championship and his/her NBO membership, in particular the provisions of the Disciplinary Code and the sanctions set forth therein, the undersigned herewith accept(s) that the child must at all times behave impeccably inside and outside the playing area.

Please note that consumption of alcohol, tobacco or drugs, or engaging in any kind of misconduct is strictly forbidden, e.g. having a non-respectful or aggressive attitude, causing trouble or damage, taking part in any violent action, etc.

The parent(s) authorise the EBL and the responsible person to take all actions (medical treatment, hospitalisation, surgery) made necessary by the state of health of my child.

The parent(s) accept(s) being held liable for any misconduct and damage caused by their child.

Signature of the parent(s): _____

At _____ Date: _____

Signature of the child : _____

At _____ Date: _____

Signature of the responsible person : _____

At _____ Date: _____