



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

To: The Presidents of the EBL NBOs

Cc: EBL Executive Committee
EBL Youth & Kids Committees

29th January 2018

14th EUROPEAN YOUTH BRIDGE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sport Hall Marino Cvetković
Opatija – 11 to 18 July 2018
Organised by the European Bridge League
In cooperation with the Croatian Bridge Federation

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

I am very pleased to confirm you that the 14th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships will be held at

Sport Hall Marino Cvetković
Opatija, Croatia
11th to 18th July 2018

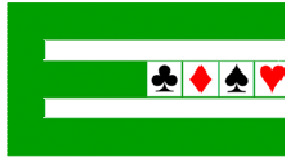
With the following programme

- Mixed competition 10.00 - Wednesday 11th July
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- MP Prize-Giving & Opening Ceremony 20:00 - Thursday 12th July
- Pairs qualification sessions 10.00 - Friday 13th July
- Pairs qualification sessions 10.00 - Saturday 14th July
- Pairs final sessions 10.00 - Sunday 15th July
- President's Cup 10.00 - Sunday 15th July
- Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony 20.00 - Sunday 15th July
- Camp - Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th July

Format of the Championships

There will be the Mixed Pairs competition and five series in the Youth Championship: U26, U26Women, U21, U16 & U13. Mixed Pairs and all five series are for National Pairs (i.e. both players must come from the same NBO - transnational pairs are not permitted). The "President Cup" will be a transnational and trans-age event.

Mixed Pairs: One field open to all mixed pairs, from all categories (U26, U26W, U21, U16, U13). A mixed pair consists of one young man and one young lady from the same NBO. Its is anticipating that there will be one phase.



Pairs: It is anticipated that the U16 and U13 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. Final movement and qualification details will be posted when the number of participating pairs in each series is finalised.

There will be a carryover from the qualification phase to the final phase

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. Also players who are participating in the camp, can play in the President's Cup.

Camp: these Championships will be followed by a three-day camp at which players of all abilities between the ages of 15 to 25 inclusive will be welcome.

Right of entry

Bridge players (registered members of EBL NBOs), in good standing with their Federation and born on 1st January 1993 or later (U26 & U26Women) and on 1st January 1998 or later (U21) and on 1st January 2003 or later (U16) and on 1st January or later 2006 (U13) are entitled to participate. There will be no restrictions on numbers of entries per NBO.

Mixed pairs: all mixed pairs are playing together but at the end of the competition the top 3 junior pairs and the 3 top youngsters pairs will be awarded with EBL medals.

Each member NBO, being up to date with the payment of its dues (including the 2018 dues) to the EBL is authorized to enter pairs. Countries must have paid the entry fee and be up to date with the payment of the dues to the EBL before they can participate in the Championship.

In any case participants must be nominated by their NBO and all such nominations are subject to authorisation by the EBL Credentials Committee.

Registration of Pairs

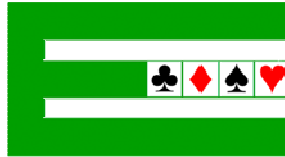
The registrations of pairs for all the series **must be made by the Federation**. All entries to the Championships tournaments **must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email)** at

db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/18Opatija/microsite/Participants.asp

- *Deadline is 1st June 2018* (It is very important to **respect this deadline**).

Entry Fees

The entry fees are **100€** per pair for Mixed Pairs (**50€** for a pair consisting of one U16 or U13 + one other, and no fee for mixed pair of two U16 or two U13) and **150€** per pair for U26, U26Women and U21 Pairs. No entry fees for U16-U13 and 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

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

Parental Consent

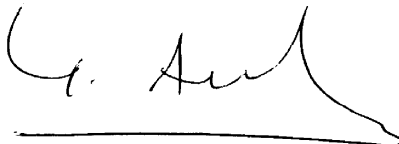
Each participant who has not reached the age of 18 years by the start of the event must submit the Parental Consent form (see Appendix II) signed by their parent/s or legal guardian. Submission of this form is a condition of participation in the competition.

Hotel Accommodation

Hotels bookings will be available in two weeks. A further information letter will be sent to all NBOs with all details (list of hotels, prices, booking contact)

I look forward to the participation of your Federation in the 14th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships in Opatija.

Sincerely yours,



Yves Aubry