



# The WBF Championships

The World Bridge Championships  
operate on a four-year cycle



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## In the odd-numbered years

- The World Bridge Team Championships
- The World Youth Transnational Championship

## In the even-numbered years

- The World Bridge Games
- The World Bridge Series
- The World Youth Bridge Team Championships

In the Youth's events the

**Joan Gerard Awards** are presented



# The World Bridge Team Championships

This event includes the **Bermuda Bowl**, the **Venice Cup**, the **d'Orsi Seniors Trophy**, the **Wuhan Cup**

and the **Transnational Paul Magerman Trophy**.

The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy and Wuhan Cup are for national teams, respectively Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed, **representing their own countries**, qualified from the 8 WBF Zonal Conferences.

The Transnational Paul Magerman Trophy is open, without any qualification, to all teams, **national or transnational**, wanting to participate



# The World Youth Transnational Championship

This event includes pairs, teams and individual and is open, **without any qualification**, to all young players, Under 31, Under 26 Open, Under 26 Women, Under 21 and Under 16, who want to participate according to the conditions of contest.



# The World Bridge Games

## The World Bridge Games

(previously up to 2004 Bridge Olympiads, founded in 1960), are held **every four years in the**

### **Summer Olympic Year**

The WBG include National Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed Teams and Pairs

In the Open Teams the **Vanderbilt Trophy**

and in the Women's Teams

the **Anna Maria Torlontano Trophy** are awarded.

Each WBF NBO is entitled to **one national team and unlimited national pairs** in each category



# The World Bridge Series

The World Bridge Series  
are held every four years

in the **non summer Olympic year**

and consist of a series of teams and pairs  
championships including the **Rosenblum Trophy**,  
the **McConnell Cup**, the **Rand Cup** and the **Bali  
Bowl**.

All the events are **open and transnational**, having  
**no national restrictions nor quota**.



# The World Youth Team Championships

The World Youth Bridge Team Championships include the Under 31 Cup, the **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy** for Under 26 Open, the **José Damiani Cup** for Under 21, the **Gianarrigo Rona Trophy** for Under 26 Women and the **Koç University Trophy** for Under 16

All the events are for **national teams** representing their own countries, **qualified** from the 8 WBF Zonal Conferences



# The International Events participated in by WBF

The Asian Olympic Games  
The World Mind Sport Games  
The SportAccord World Mind Games  
The IMSA Games  
The University World Teams  
Championship





# The other WBF events

The Generali World Masters

The IOC Grand Prix

The World Juniors Camp

The World Wide Bridge Contest

The Pro Youth Simultaneous Tournaments

The Youth Online World Championship

The World Online Championship



# Awards

**Gold, Silver and Bronze** Medals will normally be awarded at WBF Championships.

**Master Points** and **Placement Points** will be awarded in accordance with the WBF Master Points Plan.

The titles, medals, trophies and replicas are awarded to the members of the team, **irrespective** of the number of boards played, but the MPs and PPs awarded will be **adjusted**.



# Eligibility

To be eligible for participation in the World Championships a player, non-playing captain, coach, trainer and other team official **must comply** with the WBF Laws and Rules & Regulations pertaining to the Championships and furthermore must abide by the Competitor's 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.



# Eligibility

**The WBF Eligibility Code applies to all those who wish to participate in any WBF Championship or Competition. The WBF Events are either representative in nature or open to all NBO Registered Members (“Transnational”).**

**WBF Representative Events are restricted to participants representing their NBO/Country.**

**WBF Representative Events include Zonal Competitions that lead to qualification for a WBF Representative Event.**



# Eligibility

The participation and accreditation to any WBF Championship has to be extended **by strict personal invitation** and all entries are subject to approval by the Credentials Committee.



# Eligibility

Any player convicted of collusive cheating is **ineligible** to play in partnership with or to play as a team-mate of another player convicted of collusive cheating **in any WBF event.**



# Eligibility

Any player and non playing captain  
**must be** a National  
or a Bona Fide Resident  
of the country of the NBO that he will  
represent.



# Eligibility

No player may represent another country in a WBF Representative event, until at least **two subsequent calendar years (1<sup>st</sup> January-31<sup>st</sup> December)** have passed since he/she has represented a different country in such events.





# Eligibility

To be considered Bona Fide Resident, a non-citizen is required to submit appropriate documentation to prove that he/she is a bona fide resident. Failing to so establish that fact will result in the denial of an invitation by the WBF Credentials Committee.

The criteria to prove that a player is bona fide resident of the Country are an integral part of the WBF Eligibility Code.



# Eligibility

The choice to represent a Country  
as a bona fide resident  
may be made **only once** in any 10-year period  
and is in any case subject to the rule that  
at least two subsequent calendar years  
(January 1st to December 31st) have passed.

The 10-year period commences  
from the date of approval of BFR status  
by the WBF Credentials Committee.



# Eligibility

A player who is Bona Fide Resident of a country and seeks to re-establish his primary affiliation to the NBO of his first Nationality, may do so at will; however, he cannot represent this country until at least two subsequent calendar years (January 1st to December 31st) have passed.



# Eligibility

The definitions of Youth Events and Transnational Events are stated in the latest General Conditions of Contest published on the WBF website.

Those players nominated for participation in Youth Events or Transnational Events are not subject to the conditions set forth in articles 1.4, 2 and 3 of the WBF Eligibility Code.



# Eligibility

Only NBOs recognized by the WBF and in good standing may submit entries for competitors in WBF Representative Events, ensuring that all players registered by them are compliant with the Eligibility Code.

For participants in Transnational Events, NBOs are responsible for notifying the WBF if they are not in good standing with the NBO; a player who is subject to pending ethical violation charges is deemed not to be in good standing.



# Eligibility

Violations of the WBF Eligibility Code  
are subject to the WBF Disciplinary Code.

If one or more members of a team  
are deemed to have been ineligible as  
provided for in this Code

(including any qualifying event),  
the entire team shall be disqualified by the  
WBF Disciplinary Organs.



# Eligibility

## Special Conditions for Bermuda Bowl & 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.