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Preamble

The 11th European Transnational Championships (ETC) will be hosted at the Poznan Congress Centre, Poznan, Poland from June 21st to July 5th 2025.

The ETC will be conducted under the auspices of the European Bridge League (EBL). Unless stated otherwise in these Regulations, the ETC shall be governed by the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge and the EBL General Conditions of Contest (GCoC).

The ETC will consist of Pair and Team medal events in the categories Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed as well as other Pair and Team events. All events will be transnational and there will be no restriction on the number of entries per NBO.

These SCoC may be amended and/or augmented in accordance with Section 24

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1.1 RIGHT OF ENTRY

Bridge players (registered members of WBF NBOs) from all WBF zones, in good standing with their Federation, are entitled to apply to participate

All participants are bound by the regulations contained within this document. Invitations for Pair events will be issued to 2 players and invitations for Team events will be issued to teams of four, five or six (comprising at least two men and two women in the Mixed event).

All members of a team and both members of a pair in Senior events must have been born in 1961 or earlier.

1.2 PARTICIPANT'S COMMITMENT

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players in Pair events and Participants in Team events are required to have signed the EBL Participant's Commitment Form. (see Appendix 2 of EBL GCoC).

1.3 REGISTRATION

All applications to the medal events must be submitted electronically using the following link <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/25Poznan/Microsite/Participants.htm> on the website. The deadline for guaranteed participation is 7 days prior to the start of the respective event.

Applications submitted after this deadline will be accepted only if technically and logistically convenient.

All applications will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of the applicant, and are subject to its approval.

The names of each pair and the names of the captain, coach and the other members of each team, as submitted to the EBL website will be transmitted to the Credentials Committee for consideration of invitation to participate. Only accredited people can enter the venue of the Championship.

Withdrawals of accepted entries must be acknowledged by email to webmaster@europeanbridge.org latest 5 days prior to the start of the respective event to allow a refund of the entry fee (minus costs). Those who fail to notify withdrawals by this date may incur disciplinary sanctions.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/25Poznan/Microsite/information.htm>

2. ENTRY FEES

All information relating to payment methods and amounts, and any applicable discounts, is available at <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/25Poznan/Microsite/information.htm#Fees>.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The details of the events (as noted in Sections 5 and 6) may change depending on entries, but the dates hereunder will not change.

| DATES | MEDAL EVENT | OTHER EVENTS |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Saturday 21 June – Friday 27 June | Mixed Teams | |
| Monday 23 June – Friday 27 June | Mixed BAM | Mixed BAM (final B) |
| Monday 23 June – Friday 27 June | Mixed Pairs | Mixed Pairs (final B) |
| Saturday 21 June – Thursday 26 June | Senior Teams | |
| Tuesday 24 June – Friday 27 June | Senior Pairs | Senior Pairs (final B) |
| Saturday 28 June – Saturday 5 July | Open Teams | |
| Tuesday 1 July – Saturday 5 July | Open BAM | Open BAM (final B) |

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|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Tuesday 1 July – Saturday 5 July | Open Pairs | Open Pairs (final B) |
| Saturday 28 June – Thursday 3 July | Women Teams | |
| Tuesday 1 July – Saturday 5 July | Women Pairs | Women Pairs (final B) |

For up to date information regarding the programme and details of the schedule refer to <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/25PoznanMicrosite/information.htm>

EBL Master Points will be awarded in all events.

4. DROP-INS FOR MEDAL PAIR EVENTS

4.1 OPEN PAIRS

Provided they have already registered and paid for the Open Pairs medal event at the stipulated time, pairs formed by players from teams still playing in the Open Teams at the start of the qualifying stage of the Open Pairs may enter the Open Pairs as soon as both players of the pair are available. However, for a Pair medal event such a player may form a pair also with a player who did not participate in the same, or indeed any team in the Open Team competition.

A team with four players may contribute a maximum of two, and a team with five/six players a maximum of three, drop-in pairs.

These pairs may be awarded a carry-over. The carry-over formula will be published when the number of participating pairs is known.

4.2 MIXED PAIRS

The arrangements and conditions for drop-in pairs for the Open Pairs medal event shall apply also to the Mixed Pairs medal event quid pro quo. In addition, the losing semi-finalists in the Mixed Teams may enter directly into the final stage of the Mixed Pairs.

4.3 WOMEN PAIRS AND SENIOR PAIRS

The arrangements and conditions for drop-in pairs for the Open Pairs medal event shall apply also to the Women Pairs and Senior Pairs medal events quid pro quo.

5. TEAM COMPETITIONS

5.1 GENERAL

In the qualifying stages in all categories the results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales.

In Section 5.2 hereunder the details are based on the anticipated numbers of participants, and subject to change once the exact numbers are known.

In the Swiss stage, errors in assigning opponents shall not invalidate the result of that, or any other, match. When there are an odd number of teams the bye team will receive 12 VPs.

In The Swiss, in all series, the first round matches will be seeded.

5.2 OPEN AND MIXED TEAMS

In the Mixed Teams, the qualifying stage will be played over two days and each team plays 10 matches of 10 boards. The top 32 teams advancing to the Round of 32.

In the Open, up to 110 entries, the qualifying stage will be played as a Swiss over three days, and each team plays 12 matches of 14 boards with the top 32 advancing to the Round of 32. However, will the entered teams be more than 110, after two days the top 60 teams qualify to the (virtual) Round of 64

| | R32 | R16 | QF | SF | F |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mixed and Open (32) | 4 x 14 | 4 x 14 | 4 x 14 | 4 x 14 | 4 x 14 |
| Seniors and Women (8) | - | - | 4 x 14 | 4 x 14 | 4 x 14 |
| Seniors and Women (4) | - | - | - | 4 x 14 | 4 x 14 |

while at the end of day 3 of the Swiss the top two remaining teams will join the KO stage (Round of 32).

There will be no carry-over from the qualifying stage to the knockout, but see tie break regulations in a KO.

i) A fixed bracket (see example for 32 teams in Appendix 1) will be created. There is no re-seeding between rounds and a lower ranked team that beats a higher ranked team takes over that higher ranked team's seed-number.

ii) In the Open knockout, in case of a KO stage starting with a Round of 64, the teams placed between 1 to 16 in the Swiss are seeded nos. 1 to 16. They, in that order, get to choose their "round of 64" opponents from the team placed 45th to 60th in the Swiss. Those chosen teams are assigned seed nos. 60-45 respectively. The

remaining seeds nos. 17-44 are assigned in ascending order according to the original seeding made before the start. The two teams joining after the third day of the Swiss will be seeded as 31st and 32nd. Otherwise, the teams placed 1 to 8 in the Swiss are seeded nos. 1-8. They, in that order, get to choose their “round of 32” opponents from the teams placed 17th to 32nd in the Swiss. Those chosen teams are assigned seeds nos. 32-25 respectively. The remaining seeds nos. 9-24 are assigned in ascending order according to the original seeding made before the start. In all cases, the original seeding will be published as soon as possible and in any case before the end of the Swiss.

iii) In the Mixed knockout the teams placed 1 to 8 in the Swiss are seeded nos. 1-8. They, in that order, get to choose their “round of 32” opponents from the teams placed 17th-32nd in the Swiss. Those chosen teams are assigned seeds nos. 32-25 respectively. The remaining seeds nos. 9-24 are assigned in ascending order according to the final Swiss ranking.

iv) Players from teams not qualifying for the knockout stage in the Open and Mixed Teams have the right to enter the Pairs event or the BAM.

5.3 WOMEN AND SENIOR TEAMS

The qualifying stage will be played either as a Swiss or a Round Robin, the exact format being determined only when the final number of entries will be known. A KO stage will follow, starting with either a Round of 8 or a semi-final.

v) In the event of 4 qualifiers the teams placed 1 to 2 in the Swiss are seeded nos. 1-2. The winner of the Swiss gets to choose its semi-final opponent from the teams placed 3rd-4th in the Swiss. Such chosen team is assigned seed no. 4.

In the event of 8 qualifiers the teams placed 1 to 2 in the Swiss are seeded nos. 1-2. They, in that order, get to choose their quarter-final opponents from the teams placed 5th-8th in the Swiss. Those chosen teams are assigned seeds nos. 8 – 7 respectively. The remaining seeds nos. 3-6 are assigned in ascending order according to the original seeding made before the start and published as soon as possible.

vi) Players from teams not qualifying for the knockout stage in the Women and Senior Teams have the right to enter the pairs events held on the last three days of the Championships.

vii) There will be no play off for 3rd place. In all series the losing teams of the semi-finals will both receive bronze medals, and the players will receive the average of EBL Master Points for 3rd and 4th place in accordance with the [Master Points](#) Regulations.

viii) If the final number of entries in any of the Team competitions is very different from the expectations the format may be changed. This will be published in the Daily Bulletin prior to the start of the relevant event.

5.4 MIXED AND OPEN BAM EVENT

Teams can either register directly and pay the entry fees of the appropriate BAM Event or they can register after drop-in from Mixed/Open Teams Event.

The detailed format and schedule will be defined and published when the number of entries is known.

It is anticipated that there will be a two-day qualification stage followed by a two-day semi-finals A and B followed by a one-day final A and B.

The first day of semi-final B will qualify a certain number of teams for the second day of semi-final A, depending on the original number of participants in the competition and the second day of semi-final B will qualify one team for the next day final A.

5.5 Tie Breaking

5.5.1 SWISS

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of Victory Points, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- i) The total Victory Points of each team's opponents ("Swiss Points") is calculated and the team with the largest number of "Swiss Points" is ranked first, and so on.
- ii) If two or more teams have the same number of "Swiss Points", their rankings will be determined by their relative IMP quotients.

5.5.2 DIRECT KNOCKOUT

WHEN A TIE EXISTS AT THE END OF A KNOCKOUT MATCH, IT WILL BE RESOLVED IN FAVOUR OF THE TEAM WHICH WON THE HEAD TO HEAD MATCH, IF ANY, OTHERWISE, IN FAVOUR OF THE BEST RANKED TEAM OF THE QUALIFICATION STAGE. WOULD A TIE STILL EXIST, IT WILL BE BROKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5.5.1.5.5.3 ROUND ROBIN

A tie between two teams will be broken in accordance with the result of the match between those two teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches against the same opponents will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

Where more than two teams have the same number of VPs the tie will be decided by the result of the matches between those teams. If one of the teams has defeated all the other teams involved, it will be ranked ahead of the others regardless of the number of VPs obtained. The other tied teams will be ranked according to the VPs obtained in the matches between them.

5.5.4 MIXED AND OPEN BAM EVENTS

The following criteria will be used in order until the tie is broken:

- Minimum number of boards lost.
- If all teams involved played each other the result of all boards played among them.
- Total points of all boards played in common.
- Total points of all boards played.

6. PAIRS COMPETITIONS

Details in this section are based on the anticipated numbers of participants, and subject to change once the exact numbers are known. The number of days allocated to an event will not be changed.

It is expected to play between 48 to 54 boards per day in all pair events and stages.

6.1 OPEN PAIRS

The competition consists of three stages : qualifying, semi-final and final.

It is anticipated that the format of the qualifying and semi-final stages will be Mitchell Movements with two-board rounds. Scoring will be done “over the field”. For each pair, the match-point score for each session is converted to a percentage. (If some sessions consist of a different number of boards, the percentage scores will be adjusted pro rata). In any stage where each pair does not play against most of the other pairs the field will be divided into sections, which may be seeded so as to achieve a reasonable balance.

(If the format requires less than 24 board Mitchell movements then for purposes of Law 12C2 only (awarding of Average+ and Average-), a session is defined as a stage, and contains all the sessions in that stage.)

6.1.1 QUALIFYING

Depending on the number of entries and technical considerations approx. 1/3 of the pairs playing the qualification, plus drop-ins (see section 4 above), will qualify for the semi-final A, and the rest for the semi-final B.

6.1.2 SEMI-FINAL A AND SEMI-FINAL B

There may be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the qualification to semi-final A. 46 pairs from semi-final A and 6 pairs from semi-final B will qualify for the final.

6.1.3 FINAL

There may be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the semi-finals. The final will be played in a barometer Endless Howell movement.

6.2 WOMEN AND SENIORS PAIRS

Each competition consists of three match pointed stages: qualifying, semi-final and final.

6.2.1 QUALIFYING

Depending on the final number of entries in the respective Series it will be played either

- i) as a "Mitchell". If each pair does not play against most of the other pairs the field will be divided into sections that may be seeded so as to achieve a reasonable balance,
- ii) as a full Round Robin.
- iii) Depending on the number of entries and technical considerations approximately 1/3 of the pairs playing the qualification, plus drop-ins (see section 4 above), will qualify for semi-final A, the rest will play in semi-final B. The exact number will be announced prior to the start of the qualifying stage.

6.2.2 SEMI-FINAL A AND SEMI-FINAL B

There may be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the qualification to semi-final A.

The same criteria as per 6.2.1 apply to the semi-finals' movement, depending on original entries. The number of qualifiers to the final will be announced prior to the start of the stage.

6.2.3 FINAL

There may be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the semi-finals.

The final will be played in a barometer Endless Howell movement.

6.3 MIXED PAIRS

The competition consists of three match-pointed stages: qualifying, semi-final and final.

6.3.1 QUALIFYING

Depending on the number of entries and technical considerations approx. 1/3 of the pairs playing the qualification, plus drop-ins (see section 4 above), will qualify for the semi-final A, and the rest for the semi-final B.

6.3.2 SEMI-FINAL A AND SEMI-FINAL B

There may be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the qualification to semi-final A. Further details will be published when the number of entries is known.

6.3.3 FINAL

There may be a carry-over score (see section 6.5 below) from the semi-finals.

The final will be played in a barometer Endless Howell movement.

6.4 TIE BREAKING

(For this section, “session” refers to the period of play between assignments of starting position).

Scores are tied only if they are identical. Except in the finals, if a tie needs to be broken, the winner is the pair with the highest score in its best session played at that stage. Further ties are broken likewise. If there is still a tie, the highest score in its two best sessions is decisive. In the finals the direct encounter(s) decides.

If a tie (or ties) still exists the remaining tie (or ties) shall be broken in favour of the pair who scored the most match points against the highest ranking pair or pairs that all the tied pairs played against. 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.

6.5 CARRY-OVERS

As mentioned above there may be carry-over scores between the various stages in the Pairs competitions (including drop-ins). The exact amount of carry-over may vary from event to event, and will depend on the relative number of boards played at each stage as well as the percentage of pairs moving to the following stage. Once the number of entries is known and the final formats are set the carry-over will be published.

7. SYSTEMS POLICY AND SYSTEM CARDS

7.1 SYSTEMS POLICY

All events at these championships are designated Category 3 events. Consequently, neither HUM Systems nor Brown Sticker conventions, as defined by the EBL Systems Policy as revised February 2025 (the [SYSTEMS POLICY](#)), are permitted at any time or in any event.

Psyching artificial opening bids is forbidden.

Both members of a partnership must agree to adopt the same meanings for calls in the auction and for defensive card play. This does not restrict the exercise of style and judgement.

7.2 SYSTEM (CONVENTION) CARDS

7.2.1 TEAM COMPETITIONS

- i) Each pair must complete legibly in English the WBF's or EBL's Official System Card in all respects in accordance with the [SYSTEMS POLICY](#).
- ii) Each pair is required to hand two copies of its system card to the opponents before the start of the match. During the knockout phase each team delivers a copy of each system to its opponents as soon as the matches to be played are decided. Detailed instructions will be given at the captains' meeting.

7.2.2 PAIR COMPETITIONS

- i) Each pair must complete legibly in English either the EBL's or the WBF's Official System Card in all respects in accordance with the [SYSTEMS POLICY](#).
- ii) Each pair is required to hand two copies of its system card to the opponents at the start of each round.

7.2.3 TEAM AND PAIR COMPETITIONS

Failure to complete the System Card in accordance with the [SYSTEMS POLICY](#) may lead to the imposition of procedural penalties.

In particular the Head Tournament Director shall impose a procedural penalty (of 1 VP for Team events and of 25% of the match-points available on a board for Pair events) for each occasion on which he considers that an opponent has been severely inconvenienced by a pair's incomplete or inaccurate System Card. The procedural penalty will be in addition to any adjusted score that a Tournament Director deems appropriate because of damage caused to the opponent.

During a match or round changes in system cards are normally not allowed. If a pair nevertheless wants to change a system card it lodges a request with the System Coordinator, who needs to approve such change.

8. TIME ALLOWED

8.1 PAIR EVENTS

Players are expected to complete each round in the allotted time.

The Tournament Director may remove un-played or partly-played boards from pairs who are persistently slow.

8.1.1 IF AN UN-PLAYED BOARD IS REMOVED

- i) The offending pair or pairs shall be awarded 40% of the match-point available 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, subject to Law 12C2, 60% of the match-points available for the board.

8.1.2 IF A PARTLY-PLAYED BOARD IS REMOVED

Each pair shall be awarded the match-point score for the result on the board which the Head Tournament Director deems to be likely in the light of the bidding and play up to the time the board is removed. If the Head Tournament Director determines that one pair did not contribute to the slow play, he may apply Law 12 to assign scores.

8.1.3 LATE ARRIVAL IN PAIR EVENTS

All participants should be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time of the session. Should either member of a partnership not be seated at the starting time, the pair will receive a warning for a first offence during that stage of the event for being up to 5 minutes late. A late arrival of more than 5 minutes, or further late arrivals will be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Head Director ranging from 10% of a top up to the standard penalty (see Section 21 of GCoC). These penalties are in addition to any boards removed and scored as 40%.

8.2 TEAM EVENTS

Players are expected to complete each 10 board Swiss Team match in one hour twenty-five minutes; each 14 board session in knockout matches in two hours.

For procedures when a match is not completed within the allotted time refer to GCoC Section 20.1.2 (Swiss) and GCoC Section 20.1.3 (knockout).

8.2.1 LATE ARRIVAL IN TEAM EVENTS

All participants should be in their proper seating positions five minutes before the announced starting time. Any team not seated and ready to play at the announced starting time will receive a warning for a first offence during that phase of the event for being up to 5 minutes late. Late arrivals of more than 5 minutes, or further late arrivals, will be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Head Tournament Director. For knockout matches the penalty will range from half the standard penalty to the standard penalty. For other team matches the penalty will range from 0.5 VP to the standard penalty. For standard penalties, refer to Section 21 of GCoC.

9. LINE-UPS AND SEATING IN TEAM EVENTS

9.1 LINE-UPS

9.1.1 SWISS

In each match of the Swiss, the first named team will be the Home Team and there is no requirement to submit line-ups in advance.

9.1.2 Direct Knockout Line-ups for the knockout will be explained on site, including the time for the first line-up to be submitted. From the second segment of the KO stage onward, the Visiting Team shall submit its line-up no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session, or at such other time as the Operations Director determines. The Home Team shall submit its line-up no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled starting time for the session: provided that if the team required to submit its line-up first is late, the other team shall be allowed 5 minutes from the time of such late submission in which to submit its line-up. Violation of these time schedules will be subject to IMP penalties according to the following scale, and the non-offending team will be relieved from posting its line-up until 10 minutes before start of play.

- First occasion – a written warning
- Second occasion – 1 IMP penalty
- Subsequently – 3 IMPs penalty for each occasion

9.2 SEATING

9.2.1 SWISS

In the Swiss, the designated Home Team (see section 9.1.1) sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match. The Home Team has the right to seat its players after the Visiting Team has done so.

9.2.2 DIRECT KNOCKOUT

The scoring system will automatically assign seating rights for each stanza (set of 14 boards) using a random draw. The following restrictions will apply :

- A) Each team will have seating rights in two stanzas.
- B) The four stanzas are divided into portions of two each : 1-2, 3-4; when a team is assigned seating rights in one stanza, the other team automatically gets seating rights the other stanza of that portion.
- C) If a team gets seating rights in stanza four, the other will get seating rights in stanza one.

9.2.3 OPEN AND CLOSED ROOMS

The rooms respectively referred to as the “Open” and the “Closed” rooms shall be so designated in each match (or session) by the Operation Director or his designee.

10. ASSIGNMENT OF STARTING POSITION IN PAIR EVENTS

Pairs will be assigned starting positions so as to ensure, as far as is practicable, that pairs from the same NBO do not play against each other in the later sessions of a stage.

Pairs will be seeded so as to, as far as possible, create balanced sections.

Subject to the above the assignment of starting positions shall be at the discretion of the Championships Committee.

11. PARTNERSHIPS FOR MIXED EVENTS

Each partnership must at all times consist of a man and a woman.

12. MANDATORY PENALTIES IN PAIR EVENTS

Fouling a board results in a penalty of 25% of the match-points available on the board during the session.

13. OBLIGATION TO REMAIN AT THE TABLE

Leaving the table needlessly before the round is finished is a breach of the Proprieties. Players guilty of this impropriety may be liable to a penalty of up to the standard penalty (Sec. 21.2 in GCoC).

14. PROHIBITION ON LEAVING THE COMPETITION

All pairs and teams are expected to participate until the end of the Championship. Any pair may cease participation in the Pair competition after the last session of each stage provided it so notifies the Operations Director or the Head Tournament Director in writing no later than 15 minutes after the publication of the ranking list at the end of the session in question. No pair may cease participation in the competition at any other time without the permission of the Head Tournament Director or the Operations Director, which permission shall only be given if the pair can show good cause.

If a team ceasing to participate in the Championship will create a bye, and consequently cause inconvenience to other competitors, the rule is that all teams are expected to participate until the end of the Championship. Any team failing to comply with this rule can expect to be disciplined. If a team believes it cannot continue to participate through force majeure or other good reason it should seek permission to withdraw from the Head Tournament Director or the Operations Director.

15. SUBSTITUTE CAPTAINS

The Captain may appoint a deputy or substitute who shall not be a player. Such an appointment shall be effective for the whole of the match.

16. GENERAL RULES DURING PLAY IN TEAM EVENTS

16.1 NON-PLAYING PAIRS

Non-playing members of a team are not allowed to watch their teammates playing in the playing area.

16.2 LEAVING THE PLAYING ROOM

No player may leave the playing room during a match unless accompanied by a person designated by the Tournament Director. In case a player does, that player's team may be penalized up to the standard penalty (Sec. 21.2 in GCoC).

16.3 FINISH OF PLAY

At each table, when play has finished, the players should agree the score and then leave the room as quickly and quietly as possible.

17. BIDDING AND SCORING AT THE TABLE

Whenever possible, tablets will be used for bidding and scoring (see 22.2 of GCoC).

At each table one tablet will be allocated to each player. Each player uses the tablet for bidding and scoring the result. See Regulations for Tablet Bidding on the EBL Site.

18. SCORE CORRECTIONS

The correction period in Law 79C expires at the time specified; and thereafter, the result will be final, with the following exceptions:

- i) Awaiting decision of the Reviewer on a filed appeal;
- ii) Completion of play of replay boards where such replay has been ordered by the Head Tournament Director, the Reviewer or their designee.
- iii) In respect of scores the protest time of all boards played in a day is as follows:
 - (a) Whether or not 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) 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 the official starting time of the Prize-giving Ceremony or Closing Ceremony.
- iv) The time for a request for a TD ruling or for a review of a ruling already received (Law 92B) ends 30 minutes after the round (teams) or session (pairs) has ended.

19. APPEALS: REVIEW PROCEDURE

The Review Procedure outlined in Section 31 of the GCoC shall apply.

20. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

All players are reminded that English is the official language in which they should converse during play. Once cards have been removed from the board no language other than English may be used at the table without the agreement of all four players.

See also Section 3 of the GCoC .

21. JOURNALISTS AND SPECTATORS

Journalists and spectators are subject to the provisions, conditions and restrictions laid out in Section 27 of the GCoC and section 22 hereunder.

22. SECURITY

No player or team official or non-participant is allowed at the Championship Playing Areas without displaying the personal identification badge.

23. AWARDS & PRIZES

23.1 TITLES AND AWARDS

Gold, Silver and Bronze EBL medals will be awarded in each medal competition, in both Teams and Pairs. Winners will receive the title of European Transnational Champion.

Trophies in the Pair medal events will be awarded in each category, Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors, to the NBOs to which the top ranked European pairs belong; European Mixed Trophy, Giorgio Belladonna Trophy, European Women's Trophy and Paul Magerman Trophy respectively. The top ranked European pairs in each of the categories will receive replicas. The above only applies to European pairs where both players are members of the same NBO.

23.2 MASTER POINTS

Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the EBL Master Points scheme, provided that the player has played at least 40% of the boards played by his team in the Swiss stage and at least 40% of the boards played by his team in the last KO match won by his team. The relevant EMP scales are available on the EBL website.

WBF and National Master Points may be awarded according to the respective Master Point rules and regulations of those organizations.

24. CHANGES IN REGULATIONS

These Regulations may be amended and augmented at the discretion of the EBL if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure the smooth, efficient and enjoyable running of the Championship.

25. CONFLICTING REGULATIONS

In case of a conflict between these Regulations and the General Conditions of Contest, these Regulations shall prevail.

Matters not regulated here are governed by the General Conditions of Contest and the 2017 Laws of Contract Bridge.

26. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

The following can be found on the EBL website at www.eurobridge.org

The EBL Systems Policy

The EBL Disciplinary Code

The EBL Alert Procedure

The EBL Bidding Boxes, Tablets, Bridgemates and Screen Regulations

For a full list of EBL Regulations, Codes and Policies see GCoC Section 36.

32 Team Single Elimination

