

EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

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6th EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Ostend, Belgium
15th June – 29th June 2013
Organised by the European Bridge League
In cooperation with the Royal Belgian Bridge Federation

Dear President and Friend,

Today, we are pleased to send you some new information on the 6th European Open Bridge Championships to be held at:

Kursaal Oostende (Sea Promenade)
Ostend, Belgium
15th June – 29th June 2013

Format of the Championships

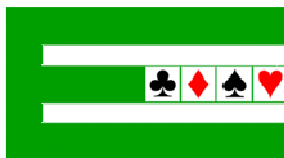
You will find here enclosed a **booklet** detailing the format of these Championships.

Compared to our first information letter you will notice a change concerning the WOMEN and SENIORS TEAMS schedule.

These Championships include Medal events (Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors by Pairs and by Teams) and side events by Pairs or by Teams with usual competitions but also some IMP or BAM (Board a Match) formats.

The finals of the Pairs will be played with Barometer.

All participants will play 5 segments of 10 boards that is to say 50 boards a day in all events except Saturday 29th June (4 segments of 10 boards followed by the Closing Ceremony). However, the KO in Open/Women/Seniors per Teams will be played with 2x14 boards (56 boards per day).



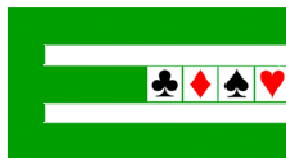
Schedule of Play

Each daily session will start at 10:00 except on the first day Saturday 15th June when the starting time will be 09:45.

Date & Time	Event (Medal events in bold)	Format
<u>Saturday June 15</u>		
09:45 - 19:15	Welcome Address then immediatly	
	MIXED PAIRS Qualifying day 1 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Board a Match Teams day 1 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
<u>Sunday June 16</u>		
10:00 - 19:15	MIXED PAIRS Qualifying day 2 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open IMP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Board a Match Teams day 2 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
<u>Monday June 17</u>		
10:00 - 19:15	MIXED PAIRS Final day 1 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Swiss Teams day 1 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
<u>Tuesday June 18</u>		
10:00 - 19:15	MIXED PAIRS Final day 2 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Swiss Teams day 2 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
19:45	MIXED PAIRS Prize Giving	
<u>Wednesday June 19</u>		
10:00 - 19:15	MIXED SWISS TEAMS day 1 of 3	5 matches of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
<u>Thursday June 20</u>		
10:00 - 19:15	MIXED SWISS TEAMS day 2 of 3	5 matches of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
<u>Friday June 21</u>		
10:00 - 19:15	MIXED SWISS TEAMS day 3 of 3	5 matches of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Swiss Teams 1 day	Depending on no.of entries
19:45	MIXED TEAMS Prize Giving	



Date & Time	Event (Medal events in bold)	Format
Saturday June 22		
10:00 - 19:15	OPEN/WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS	
	Qualifying Swiss day 1 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
Sunday June 23		
10:00 - 19:15	OPEN/WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS	
	Qualifying Swiss day 2 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
Monday June 24		
10:00 - 14:15	OPEN TEAMS KO round of 16	2 times 14 boards
	WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS KO Semifinals	2 times 14 boards
15:15 - 19:30	OPEN TEAMS KO Quarterfinals	2 times 14 boards
	WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS KO Final	2 times 14 boards
10:00 - 19:15	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Swiss Teams 1 day	Depending on no.of entries
Tuesday June 25		
10:00 - 14:15	OPEN TEAMS KO Semifinals	2 times 14 boards
15:15 - 19:30	OPEN TEAM KO Final	2 times 14 boards
10:00 - 19:15	OPEN PAIRS Qualifying day 1 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open IMP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
20:00	O/W/S TEAMS Prize Giving	
Wednesday June 26		
10:00 - 19:15	OPEN PAIRS Qualifying day 2 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
Thursday June 27		
10:00 - 19:15	OPEN PAIRS Semifinal	5 segments of 10 boards
	WOMEN/SENIOR PAIRS Qualif. Day 1 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
Friday June 28		
10:00 - 19:15	OPEN PAIRS Final day 1 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	WOMEN/SENIOR PAIRS Qualif. Day 2 of 2	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	5 segments of 10 boards
	Open Board a Match Teams day 1 of 2	5 matches of 10 boards
Saturday June 29		
10:00 - 17:30	OPEN PAIRS Final day 2 of 2	4 segments of 10 boards
	WOMEN/SENIOR Final	4 segments of 10 boards
	Open MP Pairs 1 day	4 segments of 10 boards
	Open Board a Match Teams day 2 of 2	4 matches of 10 boards
18:30	O/W/S PAIRS Prize Giving, Closing Ceremony and Cocktails	



Registration

All entries to the various competitions must be submitted electronically **by 31st May 2013** via the EBL Website (not by email).

The registration process will be open in March.

Bridge players from all WBF zones are entitled to participate in the Championships provided they are members in good standing of a National Bridge Federation (NBO).

To be eligible for participation in the 2013 European Open Championships a player must comply with the EBL Rules & Regulations and the EBL Eligibility Code under the control of the EBL Credentials Committee.

Entries received will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of each proposed player, and are subject to their NBO's approval. Entry applications submitted after the deadline will be accepted only if technically convenient. Withdrawals of accepted entries are subject to the same deadline.

For Open, Women and Seniors Teams the players must only apply to one event. No player may be registered in two teams.

Women and Seniors pairs can also try qualifying in the OPEN PAIRS, while still retaining the option to enter the WOMEN/SENIORS PAIRS.

Entry fees

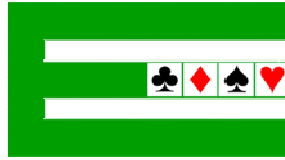
To be paid by bank transfer (see below) or by Credit Card (via the EBL website – Opening in March).

Bank Transfer **before or on 31st May 2013** to

HSBC Bank
31 Chequer Street
St Albans AL1 3YN – UK -
Account : EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE
IBAN: GB82MIDL 4005 1571 2825 45
SWIFT/BIC: MIDLGB22
(to be mentioned)

For later registrations to Medal events and for all side events, to be paid in cash (Euros) or by Credit Card at the Tournament Reception and Registration Desk in the venue.

Event	Entry fees
Mixed Pairs (per pair)	€ 400
Mixed Teams (per team)	€ 720
Open Teams (per team)	€ 800
Women/Seniors Teams	€ 720
Open Pairs (per pair)	€ 400
Women/Seniors Pairs (+ Qualification in Open)	€ 400
Women/Seniors Pairs (without Qualification in Open)	€ 350



The entry fees to a main event allow playing the event on its complete duration. In case of elimination at the end of two days each pair or team will play a free side event on the third day. A registration guarantees a minimum of 3 days of play.

- ♠ A 25% discount on the entry fees will be granted to Juniors (born in 1988 or later)
- ♠ A 15% discount on the entry fees will also be granted to the members of the RBBF and the NBB.

Please note that these two discounts are non-accumulative.

Entry fees for all side events are EUR 70 per pair respectively EUR 140 per team, per day. No junior/local discounts apply for these events.

Awards

European Bridge League Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded. The winners in each category (Mixed, Open, Women, Seniors) will receive the title of European Open Champions. EBL medals will not be awarded for outside events.

EBL Master Points will also be awarded.

Hotel accommodation

Special prices have been negotiated with hotels in Ostend and you can book:

- directly with the Hotel Thermae Palace : www.thermaepalace.be (Booking form attached)
- through the Ostend Tourism Office : list of other hotels via the following link :
https://secure.cubilis.eu/portal/belgie/oostende/view_packages.aspx?pid=103&lang=en

Code: bridge2013

The EBL strongly recommends you to book your room through the Ostend Tourism Office as soon as possible in order to ensure that you get the required accommodation.

Rules & Regulations

The Rules & Regulations, including the Anti-doping Regulation, the Eligibility Code, the Disciplinary Code, and the Dress Code will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the EBL website from **1st April 2013**.

Contact

For technical information, please send a mail to ostend2013@europeanbridge.org

For logistical information (hotel, travel, etc...), please contact:

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Yours sincerely,

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