



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Yves Aubry
President

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs
Cc EBL Executive Committee

10th February 2012

<p>51st EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS Organised by the European Bridge League In cooperation with the Irish Bridge Union</p>

Dear President and Friend,

I am very pleased to confirm that the 51st European Bridge Team Championships will be held at

Citywest Hotel
Dublin, Ireland
12th to 23rd June 2012

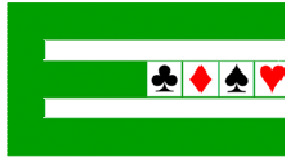
Format of the Championships

The Championships consist of 3 Series: Open, Women and Seniors

The Open Series will be played as two round-robins: In the first round-robin the teams will be divided into two groups in accordance with their ranking in the preceding 3 European Team Championships and will play a complete round robin within their group. At the end of the first round-robin the 9 best ranked teams from each group will qualify for the second round robin. The other teams finish the Championship at that stage. It is anticipated that matches will be of 20 boards. Each team qualified for the second (final) round robin will play a 20 board match against each of the 9 teams from the other group.

The Women's Series will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. It is anticipated that matches will be of 20 boards.

The Senior Series will be played as a single complete round-robin provided that the number of participating countries is sufficient. It is anticipated that matches will be of 16 or 20 boards, depending on the number of participating countries.



Timetable

- Open & Women Teams Registration Tuesday 12th June 10:00 – 18:00
- Captains meeting Tuesday 12th June at 17:00
- Opening Ceremony Tuesday 12th June at 19:00
- Open Teams 1st Round Robin Wednesday 13th – Tuesday 19th June
- Open Teams Final Round Robin Wednesday 20th – Saturday 23rd June
- Women's Teams Wednesday 13th – Friday 22nd June (*Saturday 23rd June if necessary*)

- Senior Teams Registration Friday 15th June 10:00 – 18:00
- Senior Captains Meeting Friday 15th June at 17:00
- Senior Teams Saturday 16th – Saturday 23rd June
- EBL General Assembly Sunday 17th June at 10:00
- Prize-giving & Closing Ceremony Saturday 23rd June at 19:00

Registration of Teams

All entries to the Championships tournaments **must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email) at**

<http://www.eurobridge.org/competitions/12Dublin/Information.htm>

by 1st April 2012. It is very important that this deadline is respected.

Registration of Players' names

Registration of players' and NBO Delegation members' names **must be sent by 15th April 2012 via the EBL website (not by email) at**

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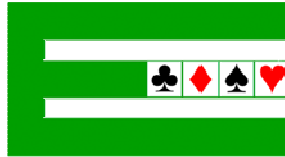
Right to enter

Each member NBO, being up to date with the payment of its dues (including the 2012 dues) to the E.B.L. is authorized to enter one team in the Open Series, one team in the Women's Series and one team in the Senior Series of the Championships. 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 Championships.

Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

Every proposed player must, along with other criteria, satisfy the EBL Eligibility rules and each team composition submitted by a NBO will be examined by the Credentials Committee.

To participate in the senior series a player must have been born **before the 1st January 1953**



Hotel accommodation

The Hotel of the Championships will be the Citywest Hotel and the Irish Bridge Federation has arranged special rates for the accommodation (see details on IBU document attached); please contact :

Citywest Hotel
Saggart, Co. Dublin
Promotional Code - *bridge12*
Group Enquiries mryan@citywesthotel.com
www.citywesthotel.com
Tel. +353 (0)1 401 0500

Deadline for booking is 1st April 2012. After this date the hotel can no longer guarantee the availability of rooms.

Entry Fees

The entry fees are € 3,500 for the Open and Women's Teams and € 3,250 for the Senior Teams. A discount will be given to countries who did not participate in the last three EBL Team Championships held in Warsaw 2006, Pau 2008 and Ostend 2010 : for these teams the entry fees are € 2,500 both for the Open and Women and € 2,000 for the Senior Teams.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 15th April 2012** 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)

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

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 2012.

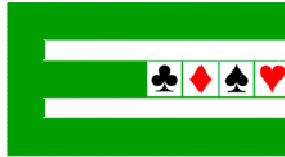
Systems Registration

Systems in all the series have to be registered with the European Bridge League Systems Administrator **by 1st May 2012** at

anna@ecats.co.uk

Visas

Some European countries need entry visas to Ireland: please refer to the IBU document attached to check the application conditions.



EBL General Assembly

The General Assembly of the European Bridge League will be held on Sunday 17th June at 10:00 at the Citywest Hotel at which the election of one new member of the Executive Committee for the end of current legislature will take place.

Further Information

For further information please contact

Catherine Vitry - EBL Secretariat
secretariat@europeanbridge.org

I do very much hope your Federation will be able to attend to the 51st European Bridge Teams Championships and I look forward to seeing you and your teams in Dublin, where I am confident we will enjoy together a great event.

Sincerely yours,

Yves Aubry

Encl : IBU document – Hotel and Visa -