



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

To the EBL NBO Presidents

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5th EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Poznan, Poland

17th June – 2nd July 2011

Organised by the European Bridge League

In cooperation with the Polish Bridge Union

Dear President,

We are very pleased to confirm that the 5th European Open Bridge Championships will be held at:

MTP Miedzynarodowe Targi Poznanskie

Poznan, Poland

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Format of the Championships

The Championships includes the following events:

- Mixed Teams and Mixed Pairs
- Open Teams and Open Pairs
- Women Teams and Women Pairs
- Senior Teams and Senior Pairs

The Pairs events, in every category (Open, Women's, Senior and Mixed), shall consist of three phases: qualification, semi-finals and final.

The Teams events, in every category (Open, Women's, Senior and Mixed), shall consist of two phases:

- qualification in which the teams are divided into groups and play a complete Round-Robin
- final by KO (16th, 8th, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final).

All the competitions, Pairs and Teams, are transnational.



Schedule of Play

Friday 17 th	- 12.00/20.00	- Mixed Teams Registration
Saturday 18 th	- 10.30	- Mixed Teams Qualification
	- 20.30	- Opening Ceremony
Sunday 19 th	- 10.30	- Mixed Teams Qualification
	- 12.00/20.00	- Mixed Pairs Registration
Monday 20 th	- 08.30/10.00	- Mixed Pairs Registration (cont.)
	- 10.00	- Mixed Teams (16 [^] Final - 8 [^] Final)
	- 10.30	- Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session
Tuesday 21 st	- 10.30	- Mixed Teams (4 [^] Final - Semi-final)
	- 10.30	- Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session
Wednesday 22 nd	- 10.30	- Mixed Teams Final
	- 10.30	- Mixed Pairs Semi-Final
Thursday 23 rd	- 10.30	- Mixed Pairs Final
	- 12.00/20.00	- Open, Women & Senior Teams Registration
	- 20.30	- O/W/S Teams Welcome & Mixed Prize-giving
Friday 24 th	- 10.00/13.00	- Open, Women & Senior Teams Registration (cont.)
	- 14.00	- Open, Women & Senior Teams Qualification
Saturday 25 th	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Teams Qualification
Sunday 26 st	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Teams Qualification
	- 12.00/20.00	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Registration
Monday 27 th	- 08.30/10.00	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Registration (cont.)
	- 10.00	- Open Teams (16 [^] Final - 8 [^] Final)
	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Qualification
Tuesday 28 th	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Teams (4 [^] Final - Semi-final)
	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Qualification
Wednesday 29 th	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Teams Final
	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Semi-Final
	- 20.30	- Open, Women & Senior Teams Prize-giving
Thursday 30 th	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Semi-Final
Friday 1 st	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Final
Saturday 2 nd	- 10.30	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Final
	- 20.30	- Open, Women & Senior Pairs Prize-Giving & Closing

Right of Entry

Bridge players from all WBF zones are entitled to participate, provided they are members in good standing of their Federation. All events will be TRANSNATIONAL and there will be no restrictions on the number of entries per NBO.

Registration

All entries to the Championships tournaments must be submitted electronically (not by e-mail) on the website at <http://www.poznan2011.pl/>. All players must be registered until 31st May 2011.



The registration process will be started as soon as possible.

All entries will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of the applicant, and are subject to their approval. Applications submitted after the deadline of 31st May 2011 will be accepted only if technically convenient. Withdrawals of accepted entries must be sent by e-mail to registration@poznan2011.pl by the same deadline, to avoid payment of the entry fee.

How to Reach Poznan

By plane: Poznan International Airport (direct flights from Warsaw, Frankfurt, Munchen, London, Milano and others)

By car: From Berlin: Motorway A2 approx. 300 km (there are major roadworks on part of this highway)

By train: From Berlin or from Warsaw approx. 3 hours

Hotel Accommodation - Booking

All details and reservations on the website: www.poznan2011.pl

Entry Fees

To be paid by bank transfer (see below) or in cash (Euros or Polish Zloties) or by Credit Card at the Tournament Reception and Registration Desk at the venue:

Mixed Teams	€ 800
Mixed Pairs	€ 270
Open, Women's & Senior Teams	€ 950
Open, Women's & Senior Pairs	€ 400

The entries are calculated on the basis of approximately 20 Euro per person per qualifying session (and semi-final in pairs). There is no extra cost for players reaching the Pairs Finals or the KO phase of the Team events. Players from the finals of the Teams can drop into the Final of the Pairs event of the same category free of charge.

A 25% reduction on the entry fees will be offered to all players entering the four events.

The bank account to be used to pay the entry fees is:

BNP PARIBAS PRIVATE BANK
2, Place de Hollande
1211 Genève 11 - Switzerland
Bank account European Bridge League – nr. 30 97 300
IBAN CH 46 0868 6309 7300 04978
Swift Code: BPPBCHGG



Awards

European Bridge League Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded. The winners in each category will receive the title of European Open Champions. Honour prizes will be presented to the best ranking pairs and teams in each category.

EBL Master Points will also be awarded.

Champions' Prizes

The Teams and Pairs winning the European title in Poznan will be hosted by the EBL at the 6th European Open Bridge Championships to be held in 2013 for one week (the winners of the Mixed events will be invited to the Mixed playing week, the winners of the Open / Women's and Seniors events will be invited to the O/W/S playing week) with free entry and B&B Hotel accommodation in a double room.

I am sure that there will be a large entry in the 5th European Open Bridge Championships and that your members would greatly enjoy the challenge and excitement of playing in Poznan in June

Yours sincerely,

Yves Aubry
