

EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

To: The Presidents of the EBL NBOs
Cc: EBL Executive Committee
EBL Youth Committee
EBL Kids Committee

16th December 2016

26th EUROPEAN YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
X-Bionic Sphere – Šamorín
8th to 15th July 2017
Organised by the European Bridge League
In cooperation with the Slovak Bridge Association

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

Further to our first letter dated 7th October, I am very pleased to confirm you that the 26th European Youth Bridge Team Championships will be held from 8th to 15th July 2017.

Format of the Championships

The Championships consist of 4 Series: U26 Open, U26 Women, U21 and U16.

Each of the four Series will be played as a complete Round-Robin with all teams playing each other.

Schedule of play:

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| • Opening Ceremony | Saturday 8 th July |
| • U26/U26W/U21 Teams Round Robin | Sunday 9 th to Saturday 15 th July |
| • U16 Teams Round Robin | Sunday 9 th to Wednesday 12 th July |
| • U16 Prize-Giving Ceremony | Wednesday 12 th July |
| • U26/U26W/U21 Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony | Saturday 15 th July |

Right to enter

Each member NBO, being up-to-date with the payment of its dues (including the 2017 dues) to the EBL is authorised to enter one team in the U26 Series, one team in the U26W Series, one team in the U21 Series and one team in the U16 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 NBO must play against all the other NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

Every proposed player must, along with other criteria, satisfy the Credentials Committee that:

- a. he/she is nominated by the NBO of the country of his/her birth or the NBO of which such nominated player first became a member, and has not, during the current or immediately preceding calendar year, represented a different NBO in any WBF competition or any zonal or intra-zonal competition; or
- b. he/she is nominated by the NBO of the country of his/her citizenship or bona fide residence and has not, during the current or immediately preceding two calendar years, represented a different NBO in any WBF competition or any zonal or intra-zonal competition; and
- c. to participate in the U26 Open & U26 Women Series a player must not have achieved his 25th birthday by 31st December 2016 (born **on or after 1st January 1992**), to participate in the U21 Series a player must not have achieved his 20th birthday by 31st December 2016 (born **on or after 1st January 1997**) and to participate in the U16 Series a player must not have achieved his 15th birthday by 31st December 2016 (born **on or after 1st January 2002**).

Entry fees

The entry fees are € 1,000 for the U26 Open and € 800 both for the U26 Women and the U21.

A discount will be given to the countries who did not participate in the last three EBL Youth Team Championships held in Albena 2011, Wrocław 2013 and Tromsø 2015: for these teams the entry fees are € 750 for the U26 Open and € 500 both for the U26 Women and the U21.

No entry fee to be paid for the U16 Series.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 15th June 2017** to

Credit Suisse AG

Rue de Lion d'Or 5-7

CH-1002 Lausanne-Switzerland

Account: EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

IBAN: CH88 0483 5135 2558 8200 0

SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZ80A

(to be mentioned)

Hotel accommodation

The Slovak Bridge Association has arranged Full Board accommodation with the X-Bionic Sphere hotel at the following special rates (per person/day):

- Single room : €122
- Double room : € 83,10
- Triple room: € 69
- Quadruple room: € 63,60

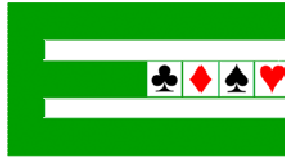
Remark: all room units are composed of 2 double rooms sharing one bathroom.

These prices are guaranteed for any reservations confirmed by 15th May 2017.

Concerning the U16 Series, the EBL covers the cost of the entry fees and Full Board accommodation (3 double rooms/team –Maximum of 6 persons including kids & accompanying persons – Period of 5 nights from Saturday 8th July dinner to Thursday 13th July after breakfast).

To book your rooms, please contact the:

Organising Committee at mej2017@bridgeclub.sk



Further Information

For any additional information, please contact:

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Sincerely yours,

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