

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

Wednesday 29th March 2017

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,

I am very pleased to confirm you that the 26th European Youth Bridge Team Championships will be held at

X-Bionic Sphere
Samorin, Slovakia
8th to 15th July 2017

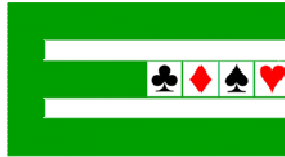
Format of the Championships

The Championships consist of 4 Series: U26 Open, U26 Women, U21 and U16. Each Series consists of a complete Round Robin with teams playing against all other teams in the same series. The number of boards played will depend on the number of participants.

In the U26 Open, U26 Women and U21 Series it is expected that 16, 20 or 32 board matches will be played over 7 days with a maximum of 64 or 60 boards per day. The U16 series will be played over 4 days.

Schedule of event

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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 |



Registration of teams

The entries to the Championships must be submitted electronically, via the EBL Website (not by e-mail) starting today until **12th May 2017** the latest (it is very important that this deadline is respected) at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/17Samorin/microsite/Participants.asp>

Registrations of players' names

The names of the players must be submitted electronically (not by e-mail), via the EBL Website by **5th June 2017** at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/17Samorin/microsite/Participants.asp>

Right to enter

Each member NBO, being up-to-date with the payment of its dues (including the 2017 dues) to the EBL is authorized 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 and U26W 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 and € 800 both for the U26W 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, Wroclaw 2013 and Tromsø 2015: for these teams the entry fees are € 750 for the U26 and € 500 both for the U26W 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 5th 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 hotel at the following special rates (per pers/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 (**2 quadruple rooms –Maximum of 6 persons** including U16 players & accompanying persons – Period of 5 nights from Saturday 8th July dinner to Thursday 13th July after breakfast).

We inform you that the NBOs will be asked to pay the hotel accommodation for all their registered teams (including U16) and the EBL will reimburse the U16 accommodation agreed part to the concerned NBOs before the end of the Championships by bank transfer.

We encourage you to book your rooms as soon as possible. Please contact:

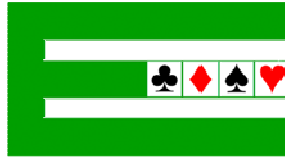
Organising Committee at mej2017@bridgeclub.sk

Transfers

The Slovak Bridge Association organises shuttles from Vienna and Bratislava to the Venue in Samorin. The organisers have created a questionnaire to be filled in by the NBOs which intend to book a shuttle for their players. As soon as you have the travel details of your participating teams, we ask you to fill in the questionnaire. The organisers will then establish a schedule which will be publicized for your convenience and not later than a fortnight before the championship. Depending on the number of persons in a shuttle, the price per trip will be from 5 to 10€ per person.

Furthermore, there are comfortable public buses from Vienna airport to Bratislava bus terminal or Bratislava city centre operated twice an hour from morning to midnight, The regular price is 5 to 7,50€ per person depending on day, time and occupancy of the bus.

If you are interested, please register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/Saym8vP46OqIPpm12>.



Submission of systems

The systems in all the Series must be sent by email to the EBL Systems Administrator, Anna Gudge, at anna@ecats.co.uk by **21st June 2017** (refer to Section 11.5 of the GcoC).

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including the Disciplinary Code, are published, together with the Systems Policy, on the EBL website.

Further Information

For any additional information, please contact:

EBL Secretariat – Catherine Vitry

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I look forward to the participation of your Federation in the 26th Youth Bridge Team Championships.

Sincerely yours,

Yves Aubry