



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

To: The Presidents of the EBL NBOs
Cc: The Presidents of the WBF NBOs

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EBL Youth Committee

Lausanne, 3rd February 2023

15th EUROPEAN NATIONAL & TRANSNATIONAL YOUTH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS
NH Eindhoven Conference Centre – Veldhoven/The Netherlands
From 24th to 29th July 2023
Organised by the European Bridge League

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

We are very pleased to inform you that the 15th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships will be held at the Conference Centre NH Koningshof in Veldhoven.

For the first time, the EBL Championships will be followed by an official youth WBF event (National Teams Championship) which will start on the 31st July at the same location.

The event will be a European Youth national pairs championship combined with transnational championship and will be **open to all players (worldwide)** with a transnational format as explained below.

These championships will take place according to the following programme:

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| • Registration & Opening Ceremony | | - Monday 24 th July |
| • Mixed pairs competition / IMP Pairs | 10.00 | - Tuesday 25 th July |
| • Mixed pairs competition / IMP Pairs | 10.00 | - Wednesday 26 th July |
| • Mixed / IMP pairs Prize-Giving | 20:00 | - Wednesday 26 th July |
| • Pairs qualification sessions | 10.00 | - Thursday 27 th July |
| • Pairs qualification sessions | 10.00 | - Friday 28 th July |
| • Pairs final sessions | 10.00 | - Saturday 29 th July |
| • President's Cup | 10.00 | - Saturday 29 th July |
| • Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony | 19.00 | - Saturday 29 th July |
| • Youth Coach Seminar | 10.00 | - Friday 28 th & Saturday 29 th July |

Format

- ✓ The championship will include participants from five series: U31, U26 Open, U26 Women, U21 and U16.
- ✓ The first two days will include a Mixed pairs tournament with a parallel IMP Pairs.
- ✓ The EBL Open pairs championship will be organised over the next three days.
- ✓ The exact format will be decided according to the registration in each age category.



Eligibility

- ✓ All tournaments are open to all players from all over the world.
- ✓ Transnational pairs will be permitted to participate in all tournaments (two players from different country).
- ✓ The events will include ranking for the EBL National title and total ranking of all participants.
- ✓ In order to win an EBL National title, both European players should be from the same country.

Age restriction

- ✓ Here are the age restrictions per Series:
 - U31 Series - Born on or after 1st January 1993
 - U26 Open & U26 Women Series - Born on or after 1st January 1998.
 - U21 Series – Born on or after 1st January 2003.
 - U16 Series – Born on or after 1st January 2008.
- ✓ Please also note that there will be **NO** age restriction exemptions for this EBL event.

EBL Youth coach seminar

- ✓ Following the success of the previous Youth Coach Seminars, these Championships will again include a two-day Youth Coach Seminar.
- ✓ The EBL will cover 3 nights of accommodation for EBL's NBO's officials (arrival on the 27th and departure on the 30th July).
- ✓ The Seminar is free of charge with a maximum of two participants per NBO; participants only pay for their travel.
- ✓ EBL highly recommends that EBL's NBO representatives be sent to the Youth Coach Seminar. These may be youth coordinators, coaches, or any related officials.

More detailed information on the format, entry fees, accommodation, etc will be sent out in a further information letter.

Sincerely yours

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EBL Youth Committee Chairman

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EBL President