



World Bridge Federation

Website [worldbridge.org](http://worldbridge.org)

## WBF website

Information, Information, Information...

Messages from the president, announcements, photos and videos...

All aspects of the WBF operation...

WBF charter, organization, zonal and NBO structure, officials, staff, headquarters, affiliated organizations, calendar of world events, championship results, archives, regulations, resources, and players.

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# World Bridge Federation

International Sport Federation recognized by the IOC

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## High Level Players Commission

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## WBF Simultaneous Pairs Events and other Festivals The World Wide Bridge Contest

Clubs Worldwide  
Tuesday 26 & Thursday 28 April  
Monday 9 & Wednesday 11 May  
Friday 3 & Saturday 4 June  
[Click here](#) for the results pages  
for these events

## Pairs to support Youth Bridge Clubs Worldwide

### Next events:

Mon 14 & Wed 16 March 2016  
Mon 15 & Wed 17 August 2016  
Mon 17 & Wed 19 October 2016  
Mon 12 & Wed 14 December  
2016

## WBF Online Women's Bridge Festival

4th - 10th April 2016  
14th - 20th November 2016

## FISU Tournaments

5th University Online World  
Bridge Team Championship  
Closing date: 1st March 2016  
FISU 8th World University  
Bridge Championship  
Lodz, Poland

## ♦ WBF Headline News



### The 30th World Wide Bridge Contest

Organized by the WBF in cooperation with  
CCBA & Beijing Lianzhong Interactive Network Inc



An exciting, revised Contest is coming for 2016 with an amazing prize for the winning pairs – qualification to a Final to be held in Beijing, China from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September with coverage for travel expenses, free B&B accommodation and a great prize fund!

[Click here to read more](#) and find out how your club can enter this great event.

### 2016 World Youth Teams Championships

Salsomaggiore, Italy, 3 – 13 August 2016

[Click here](#) to go to the information pages for the Youth Teams Championships

**Registration is now open, please [click here](#)**



### 2016 World Bridge Games, Wroclaw, Poland

**3rd - 17th September**  
at the magnificent [Hala Stulecia](#), or  
[Centennial Hall](#)

This event comprises National Open, Women's, Seniors and, for the first time Mixed Teams followed by National Open, Women's Seniors

and Mixed Pairs Championships.

It is strongly recommended that you reserve your accommodation as soon as possible in order to ensure that you are able to obtain rooms close to the venue and also to take advantage of the very favourable rates obtained by the local organisers. [Click here](#) for the list of hotels.

The **Registration pages** are now open

More information about this exciting event can be found by [clicking here](#)

The WBF looks forward to welcoming bridge players from all over the world to the 2016 World Bridge

[WBF Photo Gallery](#)[Follow @WorldBridgeFed](#)

## WBF & Zonal Events

### WBF International Events

2016

#### World Youth Team Championships

Salsomaggiore  
Terme, Italy  
3 - 13 August 2016

#### World Bridge Games

Wroclaw, Poland  
3 - 17 September

2017

#### World Teams Championship

Lyon, France  
12 - 26 August

#### World Youth Open Championship

Lyon, France  
This Championship  
will take place during  
the 2nd week of the  
World Teams  
Championship

2018

#### World Bridge Series

Orlando, USA  
22 September - 6



# World Bridge Federation

## About Us

- Charter: to promote, foster and promulgate the game of Bridge throughout the world ...
- History: The World Bridge Federation was formed in 1958 by Europe, USA and South America ...
- Administration: Executive Council; Committees; Appointments; Staff
- Zonal organizations and National Bridge Organizations (NBOs)
- Headquarters: Maison du Sport International, Lausanne, Switzerland








# Home of International Sport

Maison du Sport International  
Lausanne, Switzerland



The headquarters of (30) international sports federations and organizations and (20) twenty companies active in the field of sport

# Zonal Organizations & NBOs

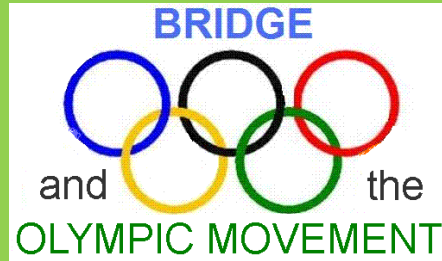
Zone	Organization			Area	Member Countries	Total Members
1		EBL	<a href="#">European Bridge League</a>	Europe	46	384,186
2		ACBL	<a href="#">American Contract Bridge League</a>	North America	3	170,606
3		CSB	<a href="#">Confederacion Sudamericana de Bridge</a>	South America	10	3,575
4		BFAME	<a href="#">Bridge Federation Asia &amp; the Middle East</a>	Asia	11	7,307
5		CAC	<a href="#">Central American &amp; Caribbean Bridge Federation</a>	Central America	14	895
6		APBF	<a href="#">Asia Pacific Bridge Federation</a>	Pacific Asia	12	59,242
7		SPBF	<a href="#">South Pacific Bridge Federation</a>	South Pacific	4	51,420
8		ABF	<a href="#">African Bridge Federation</a>	Africa	12	6,086
<b>Total:</b>				<b>112</b>	<b>683,317</b>	

## Administration and Staff

- The President
- Executive Council
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- Committee Chairmen
- Special Appointments
- Secretariat
- TD Official Register



# Affiliated Sports Organizations



In June 1995 the International Olympic Committee (IOC) admitted the *WBF* as part of the Olympic Movement.



WADA  
World Anti-  
Doping  
Association



IMSA  
Bridge, Chess,  
Draughts, Go  
and Xiangqi



SportAccord  
Umbrella  
organization for all  
international sports  
federations



ARISF  
Association  
of all IOC  
recognized  
sports



FISU  
*Fédération  
internationale  
du sport  
universitaire*



# Competitions

## Categories of World Bridge Championships

- Open
- Women
- Seniors
- Youth
- Special Events
  - Women's Online Festival
  - University Online Championship
  - Computer-Bridge Championship
  - The 2016 IMSA Elite Mind Games opens in Huai'an, China

All play results are archived for future viewing

# The 42<sup>nd</sup> World Bridge Teams Championships

An example of covering of a championship event

Results, videos, bulletins and more, can be found on the [WBF website](#):

[Complete results](#);

[Daily Bulletins](#);

[Videos](#); [Look for the Queen of Spades](#) [Closing d'Orsi Trophy - Prize Giving](#)

[Tournament Facebook Page](#);

a very entertaining [Online Tournament Bulletin](#)

# Youth Bridge

- The World Youth Championships, held in the even numbered years.
- The World Youth Open Bridge Championships held in odd numbered years.

WBF's Youth Projects include:

- better teaching aids for countries trying to encourage young players;
- assistance for youngsters to attend World Championships;
- special Simultaneous Pairs for schools;
- and other initiatives to encourage youngsters to learn bridge.

# Regulations

- Constitution & Bylaws
- Anti-Doping
- Conditions of Contest
- Disciplinary Code
- Eligibility Regulations
  - Age Criteria
  - Youth Open Championships Eligibility Regulations
  - Eligibility for BB and VC
- Laws
- Master Points
- Systems
- Victory Point Scales
- TD Regulations

# Resources

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- Press Releases
- Convention Cards
  - Convention Card Editors
  - WBF Standard Card
- WBF Master Point Records
  - Title Holders
  - Master Point Lookup
- International Links
- Videos and Photos
- Teaching Bridge
- Archives
  - Past Championships Results
  - Bulletins and Systems
- News Articles
- Education
- International Database

# WBF High Level Players Commission



The HLPC approved the institution, starting from January 1, 2016, of the HLPC Express Line to enable concerns regarding possible unethical behavior.

# Big News

The WBF has been pursuing the inclusion of bridge in traditional physical sporting events. To that end bridge has been recognized as a sport by the IOC.

Recently there were applications to include bridge in three upcoming sporting events:

- ★ 2017 Southeast Asian Games – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ★ 2018 Asian Games – Jakarta, Indonesia
- X 2020 Olympics – Tokyo

The Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games), held every other year, is a multi-sport event involving participants from the 11 countries of Southeast Asia.

The Asian Games, held every four years among athletes from Asia. The Asian Games is organized by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and is the second largest multi-sport event after the Olympics.

The WBF, as well as the other 33 sports, received a request to send an application to participate in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo



