



“Bridge for Peace”

Gianarrigo Rona
President

To the
WBF Zonal Presidents
Qualified & Invited NBOs Presidents

c/c Chinese Contract Bridge Association
WBF Executive Council Members
WBF Youth Committee Members
WBF Kids Sub-Committee Members
WBF Communications Manager
WBF Secretariat

Their e-mail addresses

Lausanne, 2nd January 2018

Dear President and Friend,

17th WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, José Damiani Cup,
Gianarrigo Rona Trophy, Koç University Trophy

We are very pleased to confirm that the Championships will be held at

Li Ze Culture and Sports Palace
Wujiang, China
8th - 18th August 2018

Format of the Championships

The Championship consists of four Series: Juniors, Girls, Youngsters and Kids. All the Series will be played as a complete round-robin with all teams playing each other: at the end of the round-robin the highest ranked 8 teams in each series will qualify for the knock-out stages.



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Timetable

- J, G, Y, K Teams registration Wednesday 8th August, from 10.00 hrs.
- Captains meeting Wednesday 8th August 17.00
- Opening ceremony Wednesday 8th August at 19.00
- J, G, Y. Round Robin Thursday 9th - Tuesday 14th August
- Kids Round Robin Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th August
- Kids Quarterfinals Monday 13th August
- Kids Semifinals Tuesday 14th August
- Kids Finals & Prize-giving Wednesday 15th August
- J, G, Y Quarterfinals & BAM Wednesday 15th August
- J, G, Y Semifinals & BAM Thursday 16th August
- J, G, Y Final & Play-off Friday 17th (Play-off end) & Saturday 18th August
- Closing ceremony Saturday 18th August at 17.30 hrs.

Right to enter

Zonal Qualified Teams	Juniors – Girls – Youngsters
Host Country	1 team
Zone 1	6 teams
Zone 2	3 teams
Zone 3	2 teams
Zone 4	1 team
Zone 5	1 team
Zone 6	4 teams
Zone 7	2 teams
Zone 8	2 teams

For the Girls Championship Zones 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are allowed to be represented by a Zonal Team, composed of players from different NBOs of that Zone.

If any Zone is unable to fulfil its quota, they must inform the WBF President **no later than 31st March 2018** to

Gianarrigo Rona – WBF President
president@worldbridgefed.com

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second to Zone 4.

Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

Each player in the Juniors & Girls Series must have been born **on or after 1st January 1993**, in the Youngsters Series must have been born **on or after 1st January 1998** and those in the Kids Series must have been born **on or after 1st January 2003**.



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Already qualified Teams

The following teams are already qualified and are invited to attend the championship:

Zone 1:

Juniors Teams: Sweden, France, Poland, Netherlands, Italy, England,

Girls Teams: Netherlands, Poland, England, France, Hungary, Turkey, Norway

Youngsters Teams: Sweden, Israel, England, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Italy,

Zone 2:

Juniors Teams: Canada, USA 1, USA 2

Girls Teams: Canada, USA 1, USA 2

Youngsters Teams: Canada, USA 1, USA 2

Zone 6:

Juniors Teams: China, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, China Hong Kong, Indonesia

Girls Teams: China, Indonesia, China Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Thailand

Youngsters Teams: China, China Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Chinese Taipei,

Zone 7:

Juniors Teams: Australia, New Zealand

Girls Teams: Australia, New Zealand

Youngsters Teams: Australia, New Zealand

The NBOs of the above mentioned qualified teams **must confirm their participation as well as their withdrawal as soon as possible and in any case before on 15th February 2018** to

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to consent to the replacing teams to provide in advance their travel and accommodation booking.

Kids Teams

The following teams are invited to attend the Championship: Zone 1: Denmark, England, France, Israel, Norway, Poland, Sweden; Zone 2: Canada, USA 1, USA 2; Zone 4: India; Zone 6: China 1, China 2; Zone 7: Australia, New Zealand.

Additional three teams will be invited from Zone 6, one from Zone 3, one from Zone 4, one from Zone 5 and one from Zone 8.

Zones 3, 5, and 8 are allowed to be represented by a Zonal Team, composed of players from different NBOs of that Zone



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Communication of Qualified Teams

The other Zones that did not still organised the trials must inform the WBF President of the teams qualified to participate in the Championship, in accordance with the above mentioned quotas **as soon as they are known and in any case not later than 15th June 2018 to**

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Registration of Teams

The entries to the Championships must be submitted electronically **by 1st June 2018**, it is very important that this deadline is respected, **via the WBF website (not by email) at**

<http://db.worldbridge.org/repository/tourn/suzhou.18/microsite/participants.asp>

The teams not confirming will be considered withdrawing and automatically replaced. The link to the registration area will be available after 1st April 2018.

Registration of Players' Names

Registration of players, Not Playing Captains and Coaches names **must be sent by 30th June 2018 via the WBF website (not by email)**. The link can will be found at <http://db.worldbridge.org/repository/tourn/suzhou.18/microsite/participants.asp> and will also be advised to the qualifying NBOs.

Entry Fees

The entry fees are € (Euros) 1,000 (one-thousand) for each team in Juniors, Girls and Youngsters, while for Kids no entry-fee will be charged. The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 1st July 2018** to

Crédit Suisse SA, Rue du Lion d'Or 5-7
P.O. Box 5722, 1002 Lausanne, Switzerland
€ account
IBAN CH58 0483 5154 6496 9200 0
Account n° 0425-1546496-92
SWIFT CRESCHZZ80A
Clearing 4835
To be indicated

Hotel Accommodation – Booking

The LOC has arranged in recommended hotels the following rates for full board accommodation (including breakfast, lunch and dinner):

4 Stars Hotels:

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Dong Heng Sheng Hotel (Main Hotel (Walking distance but shuttle if needed))

Wujiang Hotel (shuttle service)

Single occupancy US\$ 95 per day
Double Occupancy US\$ 70 per day per person

3 Stars Hotels:

Song Ling Hotel (Shuttle service)

Cheng Yuan Song Ling Hotel (Walking distance but shuttle if needed)

Single occupancy US\$ 70 per day
Double Occupancy US\$ 55 per day per person

All the hotel reservations have to be done through:

LiXingKang Sports Culture Development
No.99, LiZe Road, SongLing Town, Wujiang District,
Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province, China
lixingkanty@163.com
Contact person: ZhenYuan Lv

The hotel booking will be on first come first served basis.

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including the Disciplinary Code, will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF website at www.worldbridge.org

Competitor's Commitment

Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials in Teams Championships are required **to have signed the WBF Competitor's Commitment before the start of the event**. The Competitor's Commitment is binding and the absence of a valid signature **renders the competitor ineligible to participate the championship**. The cNBOs are directly responsible for the fulfilment of the above mentioned mandatory requirement.

Blank copies of the Commitment form can be downloaded from <http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/WBFPlayersCommitmentDeclaration.pdf> or may be obtained from Anna Gudge (anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com). The signed copies must be scanned, not photographed and returned by email.

Antidoping & TUE

Players competing in the Juniors and Girls Series will be liable for anti-doping testing under WBF's authority: all players should be aware that failure to attend or refusal of a test if selected is deemed a positive test and may lead to a suspension and additional sanctions. In addition, in some countries it is also deemed a criminal offence.

The players requiring a Therapeutic Use Exemption Certificate **must complete the Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) Application Form and return it to the address**



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given on the document as soon as possible and no later than 30 days before the commencement of the competition in which they are participating. TUE forms can be downloaded by the WBF Website, where other essential information about the Antidoping Rules can be found.

Dress Code

The WBF Dress Code has to be respected by all the participants who are expected to be respectably dressed at all times and are also required to follow the instructions given by the TD, in particular:

- All players, captains and coaches are required to wear T-shirts, polo shirts, shirts or blouses that contain their Federation's logo
- If sweaters, cardigans and sweatshirts are used they must also carry the Federation's logo.

Everyone entering the playing rooms is obliged to wear the official identification badge provided by the organization. In case of loss the organization will provide a duplicate badge at a cost of € 5,00.

Any player, captain or coach not respecting the dress code in the playing area will receive a warning on the first occasion and a subsequent breach will result in that person being prohibited from entering the playing area.

Further Information

Further detailed information will be sent with a successive Information Letter to the Federations of the qualified teams as soon as their names will be communicated in the above mentioned term.

This letter will be forwarded to the NBOs of the above mentioned qualified and invited teams. If other teams are already qualified, we would be very grateful if you could forward this letter to their NBOs and at the same time communicate them to us at the above mentioned address.

Being sure of your support and cooperation and thanking you in advance,
Yours sincerely,

Ata Aydin
Youth Committee Chairman

Sevinç Atay
Kids Committee Chairman

Gianarrigo Rona
WBF President