The **GOAL.**

- Bridge, the best known and most played worldwide card game is embracing eSports by offering the first big World Online Championship (WOC).

- The World Bridge Federation in close partnership with FunBridge and BBO, the **two main online bridge providers** will jointly organize this event in 2020. **THE 1st WORLD ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

- This competition will be an **official** one.

- The winner or winners will be awarded the title of **WORLD ONLINE CHAMPION.**

**WHEN**

From March 2020 to November 2020

**WHO**

Every bridge player in the world
Some **KEY FIGURES!**

**ALREADY**

+50 **MILLION BRIDGE PLAYERS IN THE WORLD**

**MORE THAN**

2 **MILLION REGULAR ONLINE PLAYERS!**

**MORE THAN**

10 000 **PLAYERS EXPECTED FOR THIS FIRST ONLINE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP!**
Some KEY FIGURES!

3 DAYS FINAL SHOW

500
BEST PLAYERS
FULLY INVITED
FOR A LIVE FINAL DURING 3 CRAZY DAYS!

MORE THAN

500 K$
A TOTAL CASH PRIZE OF 500 K$ AND A 100K$ FOR THE WINNER: HIGHEST EVER CASH PRIZE FOR A BRIDGE TOURNAMENT!
2 phases
FROM MARCH TO NOVEMBER

PHASE 1
A FIRST PHASE OF QUALIFICATION
FROM MARCH TO AUGUST 2020
6 months

A LIVE FINAL PHASE
3 DAYS OF COMPETITION
LOCATION TBD
A LARGE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED PLAYERS FOR THE FINAL: 500*
November 2020

*TARGET
**Qualification**

**HOW WILL THIS WORK**

**THE RULE**

Every player, good or bad, young or more senior, no matter where in the world they are based **CAN participate** and become a World Champion!

**WHERE**

To enter, the qualification phase will be online only on:

- **FunBridge**
- **BBO** (Bridge Base Online)
- **CBO** (China Bridge Online)

The player can chose **which platform they prefer to use**, ensuring that it’s easy for every player to find a place to play.
Qualification

HOW WILL THIS WORK

UP TO 500 QUALIFY!

Players will have to subscribe to an WOC entry fee pack to participate
• A WOC pack contains 20 tournaments per month
• A player can buy as many packs as they want
* SEE ALL RULES ON THE NEXT PAGE

Qualification for an exciting 3 day Final at a venue to be determined, with all expenses (travel and accommodation) paid

PLATFORMS

BBO
CBO
FUNBRIDGE

PER MONTH
A number of players, depending on the number of participants will qualify based on their best 20 tournaments

DURING THE 6 MONTHS
A number of players, depending on the total number of participants will qualify based on their best 60 tournaments

QUALIFICATIONS
Up to 500 players qualify for the Finals
How this will work

BASIC RULES

• Rules are the same on each platform.

• A WOC entry pack contains 20 tournaments.

• Price for a WOC entry pack will be €50 or $55(US).

• All players can buy several packs every month if they want.

• Each WOC pack bought during the month must be played during the same calendar month.
How this will work

BASIC RULES

• All tournaments will be 12 boards.
• All tournaments can be played at any time in the month.
• All tournaments will be closed at the end of each calendar month.
• The number of qualified players will be announced.

*BASED ON MINIMUM 10,000 PARTICIPANTS PURCHASING A MINIMUM OF 120 PACKS IN TOTAL
How this will work

BASIC RULES

• The number of qualified players on each platform will be proportional to the number of participants by platform.

• Every month, some players will qualify based on their best 20 tournaments, and at the end of the 6 months others will qualify based on their best 60 tournaments to give a maximum of 500 players in the Final*.

*BASED ON MINIMUM 10,000 PARTICIPANTS PURCHASING A MINIMUM OF 120 PACKS IN TOTAL
How this will work
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• Consideration is being given to offering a reduced rate to Junior players upon proof of age being provided.

• Definitive rules regarding this and other matters will be published on the website in due course.
Final

HOW WILL THIS WORK
UP TO 500 QUALIFY!

THE QUALIFIERS WILL BE INVITED TO THE VENUE OF THE FINAL WITH THEIR TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED.

DAY 1

2 TIMES
5 X 12 BOARDS
500 PLAYERS
[PLAYING ON FUNBRIDGE]

DAY 2

2 TIMES
5 X 12 BOARDS
NUMBER TO BE DECIDED BEFORE THE CUT
[PLAYING ON FUNBRIDGE]

DAY 3

FINAL : 52 PLAYERS
PLAYING ON BBO “GENERALI” SYSTEM & INDIVIDUAL FORMAT

(THIS FORMAT IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS)
Cash prize Breakdown
500K US$

• $100,000 (US) to the winner.

• Minimum award of $1000 (US) to 50th place**.

• Additional prizes (non cumulative) may be offered to some different categories of players, non registered in any NBOs, juniors, or special prizes for best women and first of their Zone.

** BASED ON A FIELD OF 500 IN THE FINAL
Great World Bridge Day
THURSDAY 12th DEC!

There will be a test before going live consisting of a daylong tournament free of charge.

These will be on Thursday 12th December 2019 played on the Funbridge WBF Robots site (www.funbridge.com)

The top five players from each of these tournaments will receive:

- A free year’s subscription to Funbridge.

In addition:

- The next 250 players from each of the tournaments will be awarded 10 free WBF Robot Tournament entries.
- WBF Robot Master Points will be awarded free of charge for that day.
- Everyone can participate in the Journalists’ competition (See IBPA Bulletin April – issue N° 651).
Thanks!

WORLD ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to everyone – yes that means YOU! A great event with big cash prizes … come and join the fun!

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