



WELCOME BULLETIN



Dear Players, Officials, Organizers, Staff and Esteemed Guests,

it is my great pleasure and honour to welcome you all to the 23rd European Open Champions' Cup and 3rd European Women Champions' Cup, taking place in the beautiful city of Jūrmala, Latvia.

This event brings together some of the finest bridge teams in Europe to compete at the highest level. We are also celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship, international friendship, and the enduring passion we all share for the game of bridge.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Latvian Bridge Federation and its President Imants Parādnieks for generously hosting this prestigious tournament. Your support has played a vital role in bringing the Champions' Cup to this wonderful place.

I also extend my deep appreciation to Kārlis Rubīns for his outstanding work in organizing the event in such a fantastic venue, and within the welcoming and vibrant atmosphere of Jūrmala. Your dedication, attention to detail, and passion for bridge are evident in every aspect of this event, and we are truly grateful for your commitment.

To all the participants, I wish you the best of luck and enjoyable play. May this tournament be filled with exciting competition, fair play, and moments to remember. May your play be sharp, your partnership harmonious and your experience enjoyable and inspiring.

Let us enjoy this celebration of bridge together and make this edition of Bridge Champions' Cup a true success.

Warm regards,

Eric Laurant

President, European Bridge League



It is a great honour — and an even greater responsibility — to host Europe's best national teams in the battle for the prestigious Champions' Cup.

I hope that the time you spend here in Latvia, in Jūrmala — both at the bridge table and beyond the game — will remain a vivid memory filled with strong emotions, passionate competition, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere that makes you want to return again and again.

May bridge in Jūrmala, where the seagull is our symbol, lift the wings of the champion spirit that lives within each of you.

Enjoy every moment!

Imants Parādnieks, LBF President



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LINKS

FULL SCHEDULE

Click on the button below for the full official schedule.



FULL SCHEDULE

BROADCAST

For each round, **2 matches** (a total of 4 tables) will be on broadcast.

The platforms in use are **LoveBridge** and **Bridge Base Online**.

Click on the button below to check the Broadcast Schedule, where you can also find details about the platform used for each featured match.



BROADCAST SCHEDULE



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MICROSITE

Find results, rankings, list of participants, etc. here.



MICROSITE

CONVENTION CARDS

Check your opponents' Convention Cards:



CONVENTION CARDS

BIDDING WITH THE TABLETS

In all categories, bidding will be entered using tablets.

Find both text and video instructions on tablet bidding at this link.



BIDDING WITH THE TABLETS

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

OPEN CHAMPIONS CUP



BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB

Frederic Carpentier
Bernard Dehaye
Clovis Dehaye
Isabelle Dewasme
Jean-Francois Jourdain
Daniel Kurgan



DAUGAVA

Andis Mikus Geste
Ugis Jansons
Andris Smilgajs
Ivars Rubenis (captain)



GOLDEN AGE

Victor Aronov
Nikola Barantiev
Antoni Ivanov
Klimentin Nikolchev



BC DE LOMBARD

Aarnout Helmich
Jacco Hop
Jan Jansma
Rob Lindeman
Dennis Stuurman
Tim Van de Paverd



PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

John Atthey
Graham Osborne
Neil Rosen
Frances Hinden (captain)



HEIMDAL BK

Terje Aa
Per Erik Austberg
Geir Helgemo
Allan Livgard
Arild Rasmussen
Kaare Bogo (captain)



NATIONAL DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Thomas Bessis
Baptiste Combescure
Pierre Franceschetti
Cedric Lorenzini
Quentin Robert
Hilda Setton



BK EKSPERT

Aldo Giovanni Gerli
Jovana Maricic
Selena Pepic
Piotr Tuczynski
Stojan Vazic
Marko Seizovic (captain)



ISRAELI CHAMPIONS

Ehud Friedlander
Ofek Sabbah
Yonatan Sliwowicz
Asaf Yekutieli



BK ST ERIC

Steven Ashe
Antonio Palma
Frederic Wrang
Simon Hult (captain)



BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD

Franco Cedolin
Luca De Michelis
Giuseppe Failla
Ida Gronkvist
Ron Pachtman
Piotr Zatorski
Luca De Michelis (captain)
Fulvio Manno (coach)



CONTACT CLUB GENEVA

Jacek Kalita
Michal Klukowski
Franck Multon
Michal Nowosadzki
Pierre Zimmermann
Fernando Piedra (captain)

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS CUP



DANISH CHAMPIONS

Katrine Martensen-Larsen
Ella Rosthoej
Julie Marina Sigsgaard
Leise Hemberg (captain)



BC CRASH

Fleur Beekman
Anouk Casparie
Lotte De Wijs
Sarah De Wijs
Eva Poppe
Malou Sprinkhuizen



2024 CHAMPIONS

Sally Brock
Fiona Brown
Helen Erichsen
Diana Nettleton
Nevena Senior
Nicola Smith



BARO

Ann Karin Fuglestad
Gunn Tove Vist
Marianne Harding (captain)
Torild Heskje (coach)



ACOL BRIDGE

Sally Anoyrkatis
Natalie Hoff
Claire Robinson
Anne Rosen
Abbey Smith
Ewa Wieczorek



VIKING GIRLS

Gunn Helness
Aase Langeland
Ann-Mari Mirkovic
Ranja Sivertsvik
Ida Wennevold
Virginia Chediak (captain)



NATIONAL DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Isabelle Bello
Marion Canonne
Anais Leleu
Aurelie Lorenzini
Mathilde Thuillez
Joanna Zochowska



POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS

Aleksandra Jarosz
Ewa Morawska
Anna Sarniak
Joanna Zalewska
Piotr Koluda (captain)



ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA

Angela De Biasio
Luigina Gentili
Irem Ozbay
Enza Rossano
Dilek Yavas
Luisa Venini (captain)



MASA OF MAGIC

Sabina Grzejdzia
Agnieszka Pietrzyk
Monika Sautaux
Anna Kreglewska-Wnuk (captain)



BAB RIGA

Ilze Andersone
Beatrise Bethere
Liga Brikmane
Luiza Gise
Maija Romanovska
Natalija Veksa
Marek Wojcicki (captain, coach)



TURKISH CHAMPIONS

Tuna Elmas
Gulgun Gorun
Ozlem Kandolu
Nur Kumkale
Funda Ozbey
Ozlem Kandolu (captain)

EBL STAFF

CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

ERIC LAURANT

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IGOR CHALUPEC

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Member

KARLIS RUBINS

On Site Organizer

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Head TD, Reviewer

DRAW

OPEN

1. SWITZERLAND - **CONTACT CLUB GENEVA**
2. NETHERLANDS - **BC DE LOMBARD**
3. ENGLAND - **PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**
4. BULGARIA - **GOLDEN AGE**
5. LATVIA - **DAUGAVA**
6. BELGIUM - **BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB**
7. SERBIA - **BK EKSPERT**
8. SWEDEN - **BK ST ERIC**
9. ISRAEL - **ISRAELI CHAMPIONS**
10. ITALY - **BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD**
11. FRANCE - **NATIONAL DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS**
12. NORWAY - **HEIMDAL BK**

WOMEN'S

1. LATVIA - **BAB RIGA**
2. POLAND - **POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS**
3. NORWAY - **BARO**
4. DENMARK - **DANISH CHAMPIONS**
5. POLAND 2 - **MASA OF MAGIC**
6. NORWAY 2 - **VIKING GIRLS**
7. ENGLAND - **2024 CHAMPIONS**
8. NETHERLANDS - **BC CRASH**
9. FRANCE - **NATIONAL DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS**
10. ITALY - **ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA**
11. ENGLAND 2 - **ACOL BRIDGE**
12. TURKIYE - **TURKISH CHAMPIONS**

NOTES FOR PLAYERS

These notes are for the convenience of players and captains. They do not substitute for the obligation to know and follow the Conditions, Regulations and Policies of the WBF covering this event.

GENERAL

- Smoking is prohibited anywhere in the venue building, including in the toilets, and in the outside smokers must stay at least five meters away from the entrances. Leaving the table during play in order to smoke is strictly forbidden and leads to severe, automatic VP penalties, and you risk expulsion (warning first, then yellow card, then red card). Smoking inside the building causes an immediate yellow card and a red comes at second offence. The use of electronic devices to smoke is subjected to the same penalties and disciplinary measures.
- The same measures as for smoking are applied to the consume of alcoholic beverages of any kind.
- Coming to the playing area under the effect of alcohol and/or drugs leads to immediate expulsion.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication cannot be brought into the playing area. You can either leave them in your own room, or leave them at a dedicated desk before the entrance. Random checks will be made.
- All participants at the Championship venue must visibly wear their official identification badge.
- Players are requested to be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Any team or pair that is not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be subject to VP penalties.
- At the table, whether play is actually taking place at the moment or not, players (and NPCs) may converse only in English unless both pairs (and/or captains) agree to use some other common language at their own risk. TD adjudication will be in English only.
- During the period of play players should avoid discussions or arguments with partner or opponents. In case of a dispute a player's proper recourse is to a TD (or to the Captain of the team).

BIDDING TABLETS WILL BE IN USE: PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Calls will be made by selecting the appropriate keys on the tablet.
- Requests for explanations of calls and play, and the responses thereto, shall be made either through tablets or in writing.
- TDs should be summoned using the appropriate button ONLY, and not raising hands or calling by voice.
- Please make reference to the dedicated section of the Conditions of Contest for further details.
- Please take note that written defences against multi 2♦(2♣) are NOT allowed anymore.

DURING AND AFTER PLAY

- The opening lead must be made before the screen aperture is opened and only Declarer or Dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.
- Each card should be played towards partner in a consistent manner and placed on the table in the same position each time. Once played, the player should not vary the orientation of the card.
- Quitted tricks should be placed consistently in a neat row in front of the player, evenly overlapping and at an equal distance from the previous card.
- If a player finds an opponent not following any of these rules, even after a warning, the proper recourse is to call a TD.
- If a pair should claim that the responsibility for the slow play is with their opponents, they will do so by calling a TD. TDs are authorized to remove boards when play has not finished in the allotted time or when slow play may lead to play not being finished in time. Law 86B may apply to cancelled boards.
- If a player on the side of the screen receiving the tray considers there has been a break in tempo and consequently there may be unauthorised information he should call a TD. He may do so at any time before the opening lead is made.
- Declarer enters the score on the tablet and both defenders confirm the score. After confirming the score on the last board played players should leave the playing room as quickly and quietly as possible.
- Players are strictly forbidden to watch play at any table.
- The time for a request for a TD ruling ends 30 minutes after the end of the match.
- As for asking for a review, or a score change, please make reference to the appropriate section of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.
- If you want to make a change in a system, you should seek the approval of Maurizio Di Sacco (Head TD).