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1 INTRODUCTION, FORMAT AND TIMETABLE

1.1 Introduction

The 30th European Youth Teams Championships ("the Championships") are to be played under the auspices of the European Bridge League ("the EBL") at Exhibition Centre Ķīpsala, Riga, Latvia, commencing on Wednesday 8th July 2026 and ending on Wednesday 15th July 2026. The Championships consist of 5 Series: Under 31 Open Teams ("U31"), Under 26 Open Teams ("U26"), Under 21 Open Teams ("U21"), Under 26 Women Teams ("U26W") and Under 16 Open Teams ("U16").

The Championships will be governed by the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, the EBL General Conditions of Contest ("the GCoC", as published on the EBL website) and these Supplementary Conditions of Contest ("the SCoC"). Unless otherwise stated, or illogical in context, the definitions used in the GCoC apply also to these SCoC.

These SCoC may be amended and/or augmented in accordance with Section 9.

1.2 Format

Each series consists of a either a complete Round Robin with teams playing against all other teams in the same series or a double Round Robin. The number of boards played will depend on the number of participants.

1.3 *Draw*

Prior to play an official draw for numbers in the schedule of play will be made and published on site and on the EBL website for the Championships. In the event of a variation in the number of teams participating, adjustments in the draw and schedule of play may occur. These will be notified in the daily bulletin or if necessary, at the captains' meeting.

1.4 Program and Timetable

2 ADVANCE ORGANIZATION

2.1 Registration

2.1.1 Registration of Teams

Entries to the Championships must be submitted electronically via the EBL website (not by email) at
http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/24Wroclaw/microSite/Participants.asp
by May 27th 2024

2.1.2 Registration of Players' Names

Registration of players' and other team officials' names must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email) at http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/24Wroclaw/microSite/Participants.asp no later than CEST 22:00 June 7th 2024

2.2 Right to enter

Each member NBO is authorized to enter one team in each series U31, UW26 and U16. For series U26 and U21 only 24 national teams will be accepted. NBOs must have paid the entry fee and be up to date with the payment of dues (including 2024 dues) to the EBL before they can participate in the Championships.

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

2.3 Entry fees

All information concerning how to pay, what amounts, and any applicable discounts, is available at

http://db.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/24Wroclaw/Microsite/information.htm#Fees

2.4 Team Members

(a) Each team is entitled to have six members. In addition, a non-playing captain and a coach or team-manager may be added. To participate in the U31 series a player must have been born on or after 1st January 1996; in the U26 series or the U26W series on or after 1st January 2001; in the U21 series on or after 1st January 2006; in the U16 series on or after 1st January 2011.

(b) The U31 Series is considered a National Representative Event for purposes of eligibility. The other Championships are considered Youth events for the purposes of eligibility.

(c) Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials who have not previously signed a Competitor's Commitment form as detailed in GCoC Section 2.8 will need to provide a signed copy of this form before registering.

(d) Each participant who has not reached the age of 18 years by the start of the event must submit the Parental Consent form (see Appendix 1) signed by their parent/s or legal guardian. Submission of this form is a condition of participation in the competition.

(e) Subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee the members of any team may be changed up to the time of commencement of play of the Championship.

(f) If an NBO has submitted the names of fewer than six players, a fifth or sixth player may be added after the commencement of play, subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee and the Championship Committee.

(g) Except with the permission of the Head Tournament Director or Operations Director, such substitute or added player must use one of the systems already filed in accordance with Section 3.2 below, or the standard EBL System.

2.5 Credentials Committee

In accordance with 2.1.2 above and 2.8 of the GCoC (Competitors' Commitment Form) the Youth Committee of the EBL will forward the names of the participants (captain, coach and the other members of

each team) as submitted to the EBL website, to the Credentials Committee for consideration of approval of participation.

Only participants approved and accredited as above can enter the venue of the Championships.

2.6 Security

Entrance to the venue and playing areas will be restricted to those displaying an identification tag or badge issued by the Championship Committee, and is subject to Section 27 of the GCoC.

3 SYSTEMS

3.1 Systems Policy

The EBL's Systems Regulations and Systems Policy (revised 2026) apply to these Championships.

Both members of a partnership must adopt the same methods in the auction and in their carding.

The systems must be described on System (Convention) Cards and Supplementary Sheets in accordance with Section 11 of the GCoC.

3.2 Submission of Systems (in all Championships)

Systems in all the Championships have to be registered with the EBL no later than 16:00 CEST on June 14th 2026 by email. (See Section 11 and especially Section 11.5 of the GCoC).

When registering the player names, the NBO should send the mail addresses for the Captain and, if applicable, coach to the Systems Administrator.

Minor changes to systems (which may be clarifications, amendments, minor additions and/or cosmetic revisions) will be accepted no later than 16:00 CEST on July 1st 2024. Later changes will only be accepted at the discretion of the Head TD or Operations Director, who may impose conditions for acceptance. See also Section 2.4 (g).

The maximum number of Supplementary Sheets is six.

The opponents' filed Systems will be made available on the Internet to all teams who have filed their Systems, and once all Systems are filed a link will be made available on the EBL website.

It is the obligation of each team to print and bring a sufficient number of copies of both opponents' and their own System Cards and Supplementary Sheets to the Championship. The EBL provides no facilities at the venue for teams to make copies.

4 RULES FOR RUNNING THE MATCHES

4.1 Composition and seating of teams

4.1.1 Designation of teams

The team mentioned first in the schedule of matches printed in the program is designated as the Home Team.

4.1.2 Line-up procedure

The line-ups must be submitted electronically, and will be displayed on the screens designated for this purpose.

Both captains submit their line up without knowing the line-up of their opponents.

Line-ups for a round have to be submitted within 10 minutes after the previous round has ended.

Any changes to the above time and details for the first round will be announced at the captains' meeting.

Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to VP penalties according to this scale:

- 1st occasion - a written (through the communication system) warning
- 2nd occasion - ½ VP penalty
- Subsequently - 1 VP penalty for each occasion.

These penalties will be applied automatically by the scoring system and can only be waived by the Operations Director in exceptional cases.

4.2 Period of Play and penalties for slow play.

4.2.1 Start of the round

Playing time is according to Section 14 of the GCoC.

The period allowed is calculated from the commencement of the period of play and includes the time for system explanation and scoring procedure. Any team that is not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be fined 1 VP and for each completed period of 5 minutes thereafter, a further 1 VP. Players are requested to be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled period of play. In case of any player entering the playing room after the commencement of the broadcasting of a match, the Director has to be satisfied that no useful information about already shown boards could have been passed to the player who was late and, if not, will take the necessary measures. Any team not seated within 20 minutes after starting time forfeits the match. For the scores of this team and the opposing team see Section 18 of the GCoC.

If any team has been fined for being late at the commencement of a round, the fines for slow play in the same round will be based on the time at which all players were seated at the table and ready to play.

4.2.2 End of the period of play.

(a) If at the end of the allocated time play has not been completed Section 20.1.1 of the GCoC will apply

(b) It is a serious breach of propriety deliberately to break a Law or Rule even if one is willing to accept the prescribed penalty. Accordingly, over and above the prescribed penalties, the Tournament Director may impose an additional penalty in cases where he is of the opinion that players are indulging deliberately in unnecessarily slow play.

The following regulations will be observed in putting this rule into effect:

(i) No such penalty will be awarded unless the Tournament Director has given previous verbal warning to the players concerned of his intention to invoke this rule.

(ii) Such a penalty may be imposed only in respect of continued delay in the same session of play as that in which a verbal warning has been given.

(iii) The penalty may, in the discretion of the Tournament Director, be imposed on one only or on both of the teams involved in the match in which such a delay occurs, or, at his discretion, a larger penalty may be imposed on one team than upon the other to reflect the measure of each team's responsibility for the occurrence.

4.2.3 Penalty warning

Except for a penalty under Section 4.2.2 (c) above all penalties for violations of time procedure and slow play are mandatory and require no previous warning to the players that penalties will be applied.

4.3 Penalties

4.3.1 Leaving the room

If a player leaves the playing room during a match without the permission of a tournament director that player's team will be fined ½ standard penalty (See GCoC Section 21.2)

4.3.2 Fouled board

If a board is fouled and it can be determined that one side is clearly at fault that side shall be subject to a procedural penalty equal to the standard penalty (See GCoC Section 21.2)

4.3.3 Penalties and Fines

The penalties outlined in Section 7 of the GCoC shall apply.

4.4 Playing Area

The Playing Area, as referred to in the GCoC, means the rooms where play takes place, the corridors surrounding them and the toilets.

4.5 Tablets and Screens

Section 22 of the GCoC is modified as follows:

22- Bidding/Score devices and Screens

The Screen Regulations of the EBL shall apply, where necessary.

22.1 This section does not apply.

22.2 Tablets will be used for bidding and entering results.

Each table will have four tablets, one allocated to each player.

Each player uses the tablet for bidding and scoring the result. See Regulations for Tablet Bidding on the EBL Site.

22.3 Screens

Screens will be used whenever possible.

4.6 End of rounds, results

4.6.1 IMP scale

The difference in the total point scores on each board is to be converted to International Match Points ("IMPs")

4.6.2 VP Scale

For each match there will be 20 Victory Points (VPs) at stake to be apportioned between the two teams in accordance with the Continuous VP scale published on the EBL website.

4.7 Protest time

In respect of scores the protest time of all matches played in a day ends at the starting time of the last match on the day following, and in respect of the final day's play one hour after the official finishing time of the final

match but, in any case, not later than the official starting time of the Closing Ceremony.

For manifestly incorrect scores, protest time ends before the start of the penultimate round of the respective Championship.

The time for a request for a TD ruling ends 30 minutes after the end of the round. The time for a request for a review of a ruling ends 30 minutes after the ruling has been received.

4.8 Publication of decisions

All decisions involving play, penalties, deals, infringement of the Rules, etc., will be posted through the Championships' Communication System. However, the fact that a penalty has not yet been posted and that the attention of the players or captains has not yet been drawn to it does not nullify the penalty.

4.9 Byes, Ranking and Ties

4.9.1 Byes

In the event of a team having a bye in any match, it will receive 12 VPs.

4.9.2 Ranking

The teams will be ranked according to the total number of VPs each gains in the Championships.

4.9.3 Ties

Scores are tied only if they are identical.

A tie between two teams will be broken in accordance with the result of the match between those two teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches against the same opponents will be taken into consideration to break the tie. Where more than two teams have the same number of VPs the tie will be decided by the result of the matches between those teams. If one of the teams has defeated all the other teams involved, it will be ranked ahead of the others regardless of the number of VPs obtained.

The other tied teams will be ranked according to the VPs obtained in the matches between them. If a further tie should still exist, then the IMP quotient of all matches against the same opponents will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

4.10 Spectators

Section 27 of the GCoC applies with the following modifications:

(a) Only NPCs (or in their stead, registered coaches) may be present in either the Open Room OR the Closed Room (not both). No spectator or journalist may be present in the Closed Room.
(b) One accredited journalist (or Bulletin staff) per table may be present in the Open Room.
(c) Under 16: Apart from NPCs (or coaches) and a journalist, no spectators are allowed at the table.
(d) Other categories: A maximum of 4 persons (including NPCs, coaches, journalists, spectators) are allowed at each table. (Open Room only)
(e) Team members may not be spectators at a table where their team mates are playing.
(f) The allocation of journalists is at the discretion of the Bulletin editor.
(g) The Head TD or Operations Director may alter these spectator regulations as required.

5 REVIEW PROCEDURE

The Review Procedure outlined in Section 31 of the GCoC shall apply.

6 DRESS CODE and BEHAVIOR

The players must comply with the EBL Dress code and are reminded that the code applies not only during play but also to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. However, they do not have to wear blazers, jackets, ties or neck scarves for the Opening or Closing Ceremony.
Participants do not appear as private individuals but as representatives of their NBO, and observance of high standards of deportment at these Championships and events is imperative.

7. AWARDS

7.1 Medals and Master Points

Gold, Silver and Bronze EBL medals will be awarded to the members of the first three teams, to the captain and to the coach in each series. Winners will receive the title of European Champion of the respective series.

Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the EBL Master Points scheme provided that the player has played at least one half of the boards played by the team.

7.2 Trophies

The winning team of the U31, U26, U21, U26W and U16 series will receive the *Gilad Ofir Trophy*, the *David Pigot Trophy*, the *José Damiani Trophy*, the *Annaclaudia Rona Trophy* and the *U16 Teams Trophy* respectively. No Teams can take home their trophy.

8. PARTICIPATION IN WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

In accordance with the current WBF regulation, the first eight ranked teams of the U31 series, the U26W series, the U26 series, the U21 series, and the U16 series will qualify to represent the European Zone in the respective series of the 2025 World Youth Championship. In the event of the host country being invited to participate in this event and this country is among the teams qualifying, the next ranked team will be considered qualified.

If the WBF modifies the regulation or the number of teams qualified from the European Zone, the EBL will modify the above accordingly.

In the event of the withdrawal of any of these leading teams, the next ranked teams in that series, in order, will be considered to have qualified for the Championship. Should more than three teams withdraw, the EBL reserves the right to make any decisions necessary concerning representation of the Zone at the World Youth Championship.

9. CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations may be amended and/or augmented at the discretion of the Championship Committee if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure the smooth efficient and enjoyable running of the Championships.

The entry requirements to Poland will be in effect at the Championships.

By entering the Championships a player, official or staff member agrees to abide by these provisions.
The EBL assumes no liability for players, officials or staff members unable or not willing to adhere to such regulations.

10. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Registration of teams: no later than 27 May 22:00 CEST (see section 2.1.1)
Registration of names: no later than 7 June 22:00 CEST (see section 2.1.1)
Submission of system cards: no later than 14 June 16:00 CEST (see section 3.2)
Minor changes to system cards: no later than 1 July 16:00 CEST (see Section 3.2)

11. SUPPLEMENTARY POLICIES, CODES and REGULATIONS

See Section 36 of the GCoC

APPENDIX I

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
For PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

I/We the undersigned:

_____

Authorise my/our child:

_____

Born on: _____

To leave the country / territory to participate in the European National Youth Team Championships in Wroclaw, Poland, in July 2024

During this period, my/our contact details are:

Phone number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Responsible person during the championship: _____

Mobile: _____

(This person is responsible for the good behaviour of the child during and on the way to and from the championship).

In case of misconduct, which will be determined by the EBL at its absolute discretion, the EBL has the right to withdraw the child from the competition and send him/her back home without any warning.

In addition to all the regulations applicable to the child as a consequence of his/her registration for the championship and his/her NBO membership, in particular the provisions of the Disciplinary Code and the sanctions set forth therein, the undersigned herewith accept(s) that the child must at all times behave impeccably inside and outside the playing area.

Please note that consumption of alcohol, tobacco or drugs, or engaging in any kind of misconduct is strictly forbidden, e.g. having a non-respectful or aggressive attitude, causing trouble or damage, taking part in any violent action, etc.

The parent(s) authorize(s) the responsible person to take all actions (medical treatment, hospitalization, surgery) made necessary by the state of health of the child.

The parent(s) accept(s) being held liable for any misconduct and damage caused by their child.

The EBL accepts no liability for injuries or medical problems suffered by participants in the Championships.

Signature of the parents:

_____

At _____ Date: _____

Signature of the child:

_____

At _____ Date: _____

Signature of the responsible person:

_____

At _____ Date: _____