



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

To: The Presidents of the EBL NBOs
Cc: The Presidents of the WBF NBOs

Cc: EBL Executive Committee
EBL Youth Committee

Lausanne, 20th March 2023

15th EUROPEAN NATIONAL & TRANSNATIONAL YOUTH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS
NH Eindhoven Conference Centre – Veldhoven/The Netherlands
From 24th to 29th July 2023
Organised by the European Bridge League

Please Pay attention to the Youth Seminar Coach invitation at the end of this letter.

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

We are very pleased to confirm that the 15th European National and Transnational Youth Pairs Championships will be held at the Conference Centre NH Koningshof -Locht 117, 5504 RM Veldhoven.

The event will be a European Youth national pairs championship combined with transnational championship and will be **open to all players (worldwide)** with a transnational format as explained below.

These championships will take place according to the following programme:

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| • Registration & Opening Ceremony | | - Monday 24 th July |
| • Mixed pairs competition / IMP pairs | 10.00 | - Tuesday 25 th July |
| • Mixed pairs competition / IMP pairs | 10.00 | - Wednesday 26 th July |
| • Mixed / IMP pairs Prize-Giving | 20:00 | - Wednesday 26 th July |
| • Pairs qualification sessions | 10.00 | - Thursday 27 th July |
| • Pairs qualification sessions | 10.00 | - Friday 28 ^h July |
| • Pairs final sessions | 10.00 | - Saturday 29 th July |
| • President's Cup | 10.00 | - Saturday 29 th July |
| • Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony | 19.00 | - Saturday 29 th July |
| • Youth Coach Seminar | 10.00 | - Friday 28 th & Saturday 29 th July |

Format

- ✓ The championship will include participants from five series: U31, U26 Open, U26 Women, U21 and U16.
- ✓ The first two days will include a Mixed pairs tournament with a parallel IMP Pairs.
- ✓ The EBL Open pairs championship will be organised over the next three days.
- ✓ The exact format will be decided according to the registration in each age category.
- ✓ The players will be using a digital bidding box on Lovebridge tablets



Eligibility

- ✓ All tournaments are open to all players from all over the world.
- ✓ Transnational pairs will be permitted to participate in all tournaments (two players from different countries).
- ✓ The events will include ranking and Medals for both the EBL National title and **Total** ranking of all participants.
- ✓ In order to win an EBL National title, both European players should be from the same country.

Right of entry

Bridge players (registered members of WBF NBOs), in good standing with their Federation and born on 1st January 1993 or later (U31 Series) and on 1st January 1998 or later (U26 & U26Women) and on 1st January 2003 or later (U21) and on 1st January 2008 or later (U16) are entitled to participate. **there will be NO age restriction exemptions for this EBL event** and there will be no restrictions on numbers of entries per NBO.

Mixed / IMP pairs: all mixed pairs are expected playing together but at the end of the competition the top total ranked will be awarded with EBL medals plus trophies to the 1st U21 pair and the 1st U16 pair.

NBOs must have paid the entry fee and be up to date with the payment of dues (including 2023 dues) to the EBL/WBF before their players can participate in the Championships. The entry fees for the Transnational pairs may be paid by the NBOs or the players themselves.

In any case participants must be nominated by their NBO and all such nominations are subject to authorisation by the EBL Credentials Committee.

Registration of Pairs

The registrations of pairs for all the series **must be made by the Federation**. Transnational Pairs may be registered by the players. All entries to the Championships tournaments **must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email) starting end of March** at db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/23Veldhoven/microsite/Participants.asp

- **Deadline is 25th June 2023** (It is very important to **respect this deadline**).

Entry Fees

- ✓ Mixed Pairs & IMP Pairs = 100€ (50€ for a pair consisting of one U16 + one other, and no fee for two U16)
- ✓ U31, U26, U26Women & U21 Pairs = **150€**
- ✓ U16 and the President's Cup = no entry fee

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 25th June 2023** to

Credit Suisse AG
Rue de Lion d'Or 5-7
CH-1002 Lausanne-Switzerland
Account: EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE
IBAN: CH88 0483 5135 2558 8200 0
SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZ32B
Ref: Registration code for each Series



Competitor's Commitment

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players are expected to have signed the EBL Competitor's Commitment Form (see Appendix I) by 25th June (E-mail to secretariat@europeanbridge.org).

Parental Consent

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 II) signed by their parent/s or legal guardian. Submission of this form is a condition of participation in the competition. **This form must be presented at the registration desk at the Venue.**

EBL Regulations and Policies

All relevant EBL regulations and policies are published on the EBL website.

Hotel Accommodation

We have arranged special rates with the NH Koningshof -4*- (Full Board accommodation) per person & per night:

Standard Single room =	115,00 €
Standard Double room =	89,00 €
Superior Single room =	130,00 €
Superior Double room =	96,50 €
City tax (per pers/night)	2,70 €

Please book your rooms before 25th June. After that date the rooms are no longer blocked for the Championship.

To book your rooms, please fill in the NH booking form available at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/NH-Reservation-form-Veldhoven2023.doc>

and send it by e-mail to Wendy Veldink at w.veldink@nh-hotels.com.

Transfers

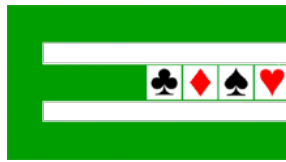
Shuttles from Eindhoven airport/Centraal railway station to the Venue NH in Veldhoven will be organised for the participants. Please find some details on the attached document in annex.

Shuttle price is 15€ (two-way trip)

Travel details are to be sent to our local organiser, Marc van Beijsterveldt at veldhovenyouthbridge2023@gmail.com.

EBL Youth coach seminar

- ✓ Following the success of the previous Youth Coach Seminars, these Championships will again include a two-day Youth Coach Seminar.
- ✓ The EBL will cover 3 nights of accommodation for EBL's NBO's officials (arrival on the 27th and departure on the 30th July).
- ✓ The Seminar is free of charge with a maximum of two participants per NBO; participants only pay for their travel.
- ✓ EBL highly recommends that EBL's NBO representatives be sent to the Youth Coach Seminar. These may be youth coordinators, coaches, or any related officials.



- ✓ Registration process: please send the name of the participant & his function by email to secretariat@europeanbridge.org
- ✓ WBF NBO's youth coach may participate if they are in Veldhoven during that period (Seminar is free of charge)

Further Information

For any additional information, please contact:

- ✓ EBL Secretariat – Catherine Vitry
Tel : +33 6 45 57 93 60 - E-mail: secretariat@europeanbridge.org
- ✓ Local organiser – Marc van Beijsterveldt
Tel : +31 6 24256274 - E-mail: veldhovenyouthbridge2023@gmail.com

We look forward to the participation of your Federation in the 15th European National & Transnational Youth Pairs Championships in Veldhoven.

Sincerely yours,

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EBL Youth Committee Chairman

Eric Laurant
EBL President