



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs

Cc EBL Executive Committee

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55th EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
Funchal – Madeira/Portugal
Organised by the European Bridge League
In cooperation with the Portuguese Bridge Federation

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

I am very pleased to confirm that the 55th European Bridge Team Championships will be held at

Casino Da Madeira & Savoy Hotel
17th to 27th June 2020

Format of the Championships

The Team Championships consist of 4 Series: Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed.

All 4 Championships will be played as a single complete round robin. The number of boards played in each match will be determined and published when the number of participants is known.

The Open Championship will be played over 11 days, and the Women's, Seniors' and Mixed Championships will be played over 7 days.

Timetable

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| • Open Teams registration | Tuesday 16 th June 10:00 – 20:00 |
| • All Pairs registration | Tuesday 16 th June 10:00 – 20:00 |
| • Open Captains meeting | Tuesday 16 th June at 17:30 |
| • Women's/Seniors National Pairs | Wednesday 17th June - Saturday 20th June |
| • Open Teams | Wednesday 17th to Saturday 27th June |
| • EBL General Assembly | Saturday 20 th at 10:00 |
| • Women's & Seniors' Teams registration | Saturday 20 th June 10:00-20:00 |
| • Women's/Seniors' Captains meeting | Saturday 20 th June at 17:30 |
| • Pairs Prize-Giving & Teams Opening Ceremony | Saturday 20 th June at 19:30 |
| • Women's/Seniors'/Mixed Teams | Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th June |
| • Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony | Saturday 27 th June at 19:00 |



Registration of Teams & players' names

All entries to the Championships tournaments **must be submitted via the EBL electronic registration system (not by email) at**

<http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/20Madeira/microsite/participants.asp>

- *Deadline is 15th April 2020* (It is very important to **respect this deadline**).

Right to enter

Each member NBO is authorised to enter one team in the Open Series, one team in the Women's Series, one team in the Seniors' Series and one team in the Mixed Series of the Championships. NBOs must have paid the entry fee and be in good standing including payment of 2020 dues to the EBL.

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

Further details are available in the SCoC at

<http://db.eurobridge.org/Repository/documents/coc/scoc/SCoCMadeira2020.pdf>

Competitor's Commitment form

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials in Teams Championships, who have not already submitted one, are required to have signed the EBL Competitor's Commitment Form (see GCoC Appendix 2) before the start of the event.

Entry Fees

The entry fees are € 3,500 for the Open and € 2,500 for the Women, Seniors and Mixed Teams. A discount will be given to NBOs that did not participate in that particular Series in any of the last two EBL Bridge National Teams Championships held in Budapest 2016 and Ostend 2018: for these teams the entry fees are € 1,750 for the Open and € 1,250 for the Women & Seniors Teams.

In addition to the above, any NBO sending teams to all four Series will receive an additional 10% discount.



The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 24th May 2020** 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: CRESCHZZ80A

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including the Anti-doping Regulation, the Eligibility Code, the Code of Discipline, and the Dress Code will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the EBL website.

TUE

TUE forms can be downloaded at

<http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/tueapplicationform/doc>

*Note: Any players requiring exemption certificates should ensure that the Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) Application Form is fully completed, together with the necessary supporting documents (see what is required at www.wada-ama.org/en/science-medical) and return it to the address given on the document as soon as possible and **no later than 30 days before the commencement of the competition in which you are participating**. It is acceptable to scan and email the TUE form and documentation.*

Systems Registration

Competitors should make use of the Guide to Completion of WBF System Cards when completing their system cards.

<http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Guidetocompletion.pdf>

Systems in all the series have to be registered with the European Bridge League Systems Administrator **by 24th May 2020** at

anna@ecats.co.uk

Hotel accommodation

With the support of the Portuguese Bridge Federation and the Madeira Bridge Association, we have arranged special rates with convenient hotels in Funchal.

To book your hotel, please contact:

Mr Miguel Teixeira (local organiser)

at euro2020.goodevents@gmail.com or Tel: +351 965477574



EBL General Assembly

The General Assembly of the European Bridge League will be held on Saturday 20th June at 10:00. The main points are:

1. Hearing and approving the report of the EBL President;
2. Examining the budget for the next two years;
3. Approving the Balance Sheet and Accounts for the two years following the last Ordinary General Assembly and hearing the Auditors' report;
4. Fixing membership dues and other fees.

Further Information

For any additional information please contact:

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Sincerely yours,

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