

# **EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE**

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- To The Presidents of EBL NBOs WBF Zones
- Cc EBL Executive Committee WBF Executive Council

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# 10<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS Strasbourg, France 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Organised by the European Bridge League In co-operation with the French Bridge Federation

Dear Presidents, dear friends,

# I am very pleased to confirm that the 10<sup>th</sup> European Open Bridge Championships will be held at: Strasbourg Exhibition Centre Place de Bordeaux

# Format of the Championships

These Championships include the following competitions: Mixed, Open, Women & Seniors - Pairs and Teams and Mixed/Open BAM Teams.

All events are transnational. Detailed information available from 16 January at

http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/23Strasbourg/microsite/information.htm

# **Schedule of play**

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June   | Mixed Teams             |  |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June   | Mixed BAM Teams & Pairs |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> June   | Seniors Teams           |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June   | Seniors Pairs           |  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>h</sup> June  | Open Teams              |  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> June | Women Teams             |  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> June | Open BAM Teams & Pairs  |  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> June | Women Pairs             |  |



# Entry fees

Please find the entry fees table hereunder. We are offering substantial "early bird" **discounts** provided registration and payment reaches us by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at the latest. For details please refer to the microsite from 16 January at:

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| Event                                   | Early Bird Entry fees | From 1 April Entry fees |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Open teams + Open pairs/BAM 2 pairs     | €1600                 | € 2 000                 |
| Open teams + Open pairs/BAM 3 pairs     | € 2 100               | € 2 500                 |
| Open BAM new entries                    | € 1 200               | € 1 400                 |
| Open pairs new entries                  | € 600                 | € 800                   |
| Women teams + Women pairs (2 pairs)     | € 1 200               | € 1 400                 |
| Women teams + Women pairs (3 pairs)     | €1500                 | €1800                   |
| Women pairs new entries                 | € 400                 | € 500                   |
| Mixed teams + Mixed pairs/BAM (2 pairs) | €1400                 | €1700                   |
| Mixed teams + Mixed pairs/BAM (3 pairs) | €1800                 | € 2 100                 |
| Mixed BAM new entries                   | €1000                 | €1300                   |
| Mixed pairs new entries                 | € 500                 | € 650                   |
| Senior teams + Senior pairs (2 pairs)   | €1200                 | € 1 400                 |
| Senior teams + senior pairs (3 pairs)   | €1500                 | €1800                   |
| Senior pairs new entries                | € 400                 | € 500                   |

#### <u>Note</u>:

With the option BAM/pairs in Open and Mixed, a 3 pair team may choose to play BAM as a whole team or they can play BAM with two pairs with the third pair playing in Open pairs.

<u>Discounts</u>: Youth: U21 = -75%/player U26 = -50%/player; U31= -25%/player

# **Registration**

The registration process will be open by 16 January and all entries to the various events must be submitted electronically **via the EBL Website** (not by e-mail), **not later than seven days prior** to the starting date of the respective event, at:

http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/23Strasbourg/microsite/participants.htm

Later entries will be accepted only if technically and logistically convenient. For withdrawals of accepted entries please refer to article 1.3 of the SCoC.



# Please note that:

- entries to the EBL BAM Teams & pairs events are to be made the day prior to the start of the respective event at the latest, through an electronic procedure to be published in the Daily Bulletin.
- No registrations will be accepted on the starting day of any competition.
- To qualify for the early bird discounts, registration and payment must reach us by 31<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.

Bridge players from all WBF zones are entitled to participate in the Championships provided they are members in good standing of a recognized National Bridge Organisation (NBO).

To be eligible for participation in the 2023 European Open Championships, a player must comply with the EBL Rules & Regulations and the EBL Eligibility Code under the control of the EBL Credentials Committee.

Entries received will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of each proposed player, and are subject to the approval of their NBO **and** the EBL Credentials Committee.

Players may not apply to enter more than one event taking place at the same time, and may not be registered on more than one Team in each Series.

# **Payment**

 Payment by bank transfer of the entry fees is to be made at the latest seven days prior to the starting date of each event 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 Note : team/pair registration code must be mentioned as reference

 On-site payments will be possible in cash (Euros) by the day prior to the start of the event at the latest, subject to the conditions in "Registration" above, at the Tournament Reception & Registration Desk at the Venue.

# Awards

European Bridge League Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded. The winners in each category (Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors, BAMs) will receive the title of European Open Champions.

EBL Master Points will be awarded in **all** events.



# **Rules & Regulations**

The Rules & Regulations, including the Anti-doping Regulation, the Eligibility Code, the Disciplinary Code, the Dress Code and the Systems Policy are published on the EBL website.

# **Commitment form**

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials, who have not already submitted one, are required to have signed and submitted the EBL Participant's Commitment Form (see GCoC Appendix 2) not later than 26 May 2023.

# **Hotel Accommodation**

Special prices have been negotiated with hotels in Strasbourg. All details and reservations are available with the travel agency partner:

Revolugo & Magnific Escapades Contact name: Tristan at <u>tristan@revolugo.com</u> Tel: +33 (0)1 80 06 62 88 FFB Website : <u>https://www.ffbridge.fr/p/strasbourg-2023-en</u>

# **Facebook**

Please note the EBL FB address: <u>https://www.facebook.com/europeanbridge/</u> Don't hesitate to share the page and its contents.

# **Contact**

For further information, please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you and your players in Strasbourg.

Yours sincerely,

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