



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

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1st Information Letter

Dear Friends,

5th WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
15th – 24th August 2017
Organised by the World Bridge Federation
In cooperation with the French Bridge Federation

We are very pleased to confirm that the 5th World Youth Bridge Open Championship will be held at

CITÉ CENTRE DE CONGRÈS
Lyon, France

Format of the Championship

The Championship consists of three events: World Pairs Championship – World Teams Swiss/KO Championship – World Teams BAM Championship.



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Right to enter

The Championship is open to all players born on or after 1st January 1992 (Juniors & Girls) or born on or after 1st January 1997 (Youngsters) or born on or after 1st January 2002 (Kids) in good standing with their own NBOs. Teams and Pairs be made up of players from the same NBO.

NBOs may send as many teams or pairs as they wish.

In the event that an NBO is not able to arrange its own national representative team or pair, players may play with eligible partners/team mates from other countries of the same Zone and will play as representatives of that Zone.

To be eligible for participation in the 2017 World Youth Open Bridge Championship all participants must comply with the WBF Laws and Rules & Regulations and sign the WBF Commitment form.

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

The Rules & Regulations, including the Disciplinary Code, will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF website.

Schedule

- Pairs Registration Tuesday 15th August (starting 10.00 hrs)
- Opening Ceremony Tuesday 15th August at 19.30
- Pairs Championship From Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th August (Prize-giving at 19.00)
- Teams Swiss/KO Championship From Saturday 19th to Wednesday 23rd August
- Teams BAM Championship From Monday 21st to Thursday 24th August
- Prize-giving & Closing Ceremony Thursday 24th August at 19.00 hrs.

Registration of Pairs and Teams

The entries to the Pairs and Teams Championship must be submitted electronically, via the WBF website (not by email) **and** should be made before **1st July 2017** wherever possible. Entries for pairs will be accepted later, provided there is sufficient space at the venue. The website will be open for registration from 1st April 2017.

Registration for teams composed of players who participated in the Youth Pairs World Championship and wish to enter the World Swiss/KO Youth Teams Championship, and for teams eliminated from the Swiss/KO World Championship and wishing to enter the World Youth BAM Teams Championship may be made on site.



Entry Fees

The entry fees are:

World Youth Pairs	200 € (Euros)
World Youth Swiss/KO Teams Championships	750 € (Euros)

Teams from Swiss/KO will drop into the World BAM Teams Championship. Entry is free of charge for the teams coming from the Swiss/KO, otherwise the entry fee is 400 € (Euros)

The entry fees may be paid by Bank Transfer **on or before 1st July 2017** to

**Crédit Suisse SA, Rue du Lion d'Or 5-7 , P.O. Box 5722, 1002 Lausanne,
Switzerland
€ account
IBAN CH58 0483 5154 6496 9200 0
Account n° 0425-1546496-92
SWIFT CRESCHZZ80A
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To be indicated**

Hotel Accommodation

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) agreed special preferential rates for several recommended hotels and the list is published on the WBF website and on the FFB dedicated website at <http://www.mondialbridgelyon2017.fr/les-hotels/#section-Lyon>

For any info related to the accommodation please contact

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To avoid last minute problems, due to the number of rooms available, the participants are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible.

Further Information

For further information about the Championship please contact Marina Madia (WBF Secretariat)

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Being sure of your support and cooperation, we are confident that once again we will enjoy another great bridge event together.

Yours sincerely,
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