



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

Gianarrigo Rona
President

To the
WBF Zonal Presidents
Qualified NBOs Presidents

c/c Federazione Italiana Gioco Bridge
Convention Bureau Salsomaggiore Terme
WBF Executive Council Members
WBF Youth Committee Members
WBF Secretariat

Their addresses

Lausanne, 18th November 2015

Dear President and Friend,

16th WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy, José Damiani Cup,
Gianarrigo Rona Trophy, Koç University Trophy

We are very pleased to confirm that the Championships will be held at

Palazzo dei Congressi
Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy
3rd – 13th August 2016

Format of the Championships

The Championship consists of four Series: Juniors, Girls, Youngsters and Kids. All the Series will be played as a complete round-robin (single in Juniors, Youngsters, Kids and double in Girls) with all teams playing each other. At the end of the round-robin the highest ranked 8 teams in Juniors and Youngsters and 4 teams in Girls and Kids will qualify for the knock-out stages.

Timetable

- J, G, Y, K Teams registration Wednesday 3rd August, from 10.00 hrs.
- Captains meeting Wednesday 3rd August 17.00
- Opening ceremony Wednesday 3rd August at 19.00
- J, G, Y. Round Robin Thursday 4th - Tuesday 9th August
- Kids Round Robin Thursday 4th - Sunday 7th August



- Kids Semifinal Monday 8th August
- Kids Final & Play-Off Tuesday 9th August
- Kids Prizegiving Tuesday 9th August at 19.00
- J, G, Y Quarterfinal Wednesday 10th August
- J, G, Y Semifinal Thursday 11th August
- J, G, Y Final & Play-off Friday 12th (Play-off end) & Saturday 13th August
- Closing ceremony Saturday 13th August at 19.00 hrs.

Right to enter

Zonal Qualified Teams	Juniors	Youngsters	Girls
Host Country	1 team	1 team	1 team
Zone 1	6 teams	6 teams	5 teams
Zone 2	3 teams	2 teams	2 teams
Zone 3	2 teams	2 teams	1 team
Zone 4	1 team	1 team	1 team
Zone 5	1 team	1 team	1 team
Zone 6	4 teams	4 teams	4 teams
Zone 7	2 teams	2 teams	1 team
Zone 8	2 teams	1 team	1 team

For the Girls Championship Zones 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are allowed to be represented by a Zonal Team, composed of players from different NBOs of that Zone.

If any Zone is unable to fulfil its quota, they must inform the WBF President **no later than 15th March 2015** to

Gianarrigo Rona – WBF President
president@worldbridgefed.com

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second to Zone 6.

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

Each player in the Juniors & Girls Series must have been born **on or after 1st January 1991**, in the Youngsters Series must have been born **on or after 1st January 1996** and those in the Kids Series must have been born **on or after 1st January 2001**.

Already qualified Teams

In addition to the Host Country Team, the following teams are already qualified and are invited to attend the championship:

Zone 1:

Juniors Teams: Italy, Poland, Sweden, Norway, England, Netherlands, France

Youngsters Teams: Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Israel, Germany, Latvia, France, Denmark

Girls Teams: Italy, France, Poland, Netherlands, Norway, Hungary



Zone 2:

Juniors Teams: Canada, USA 1, USA 2

Youngsters Teams: Canada, USA

Girls Teams: Canada, USA

Zone 6:

Juniors Teams: China, Singapore, China Hong Kong, Japan

Youngsters Teams: China, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, China Hong Kong

Girls Teams: China, Indonesia, Chinese Taipei, China Hong Kong

Zone 7:

Juniors Teams: Australia, New Zealand

Youngsters Teams: Australia, New Zealand

Kids Teams

The following teams are invited to attend the Championship: Australia, Canada, China, England, France, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, USA.

Zone 6 has to provide a second team. Zone 3, 5 and 8 are allowed to be represented by a Zonal Team, composed of players from different NBOs of that Zone.

Communication of Qualified Teams

The other Zones must inform the WBF President of the teams qualified to participate in the Championship, in accordance with the above mentioned quotas as soon as they are known and in any case not later than **1st April 2016 to**

Gianarrigo Rona – WBF President
president@worldbridgefed.com

Registration of Teams

The entries to the Championships must be submitted electronically **by 1st June 2016**, it is very important that this deadline is respected, **via the WBF website (not by email) at**

<http://www.worldbridge.org/repository/tourn/Salsomaggiore.16/microsite/participants.htm>

NOTE the link to the registration area will be available after 1st April 2016 and will appear on this page.

Registration of Players' Names

Registration of players, Not Playing Captains and Coaches names **must be sent by 1st July 2016 via the WBF website (not by email)**. The link can will be found at

<http://www.worldbridge.org/repository/tourn/Salsomaggiore.16/microsite/participants.htm>

and will also be advised to the qualifying NBOs.



Entry Fees

The entry fees are € 1,000 for each team in Juniors, Girls and Youngsters, while for Kids no entry-fee will be charged. The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 1st June 2016** 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
Clearing 4835
To be indicated

Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

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

Hotel Accommodation – Booking

Salsomaggiore Terme is a thermal town with several hotels. The LOC has arranged in recommended hotels, at walking distance from the venue, the following rates for full board accommodation (including breakfast, lunch and dinner):

4 Stars Hotels

Single occupancy	€ 90 per day
Double Occupancy	€ 70 per day per person

3 Stars Hotels

Single occupancy	€ 70 per day
Double Occupancy	€ 55 per day per person
Triple Occupancy	€ 45 per day per person

All the hotel reservations have to be done through:

Michela Cavatorta
Convention Bureau Srl Director
Palazzo dei Congressi Salsomaggiore Terme
Tel. 0524-571664
Mob. 333.6196019
Fax 0524-579047
E-mail: info@salsomaggioreconvention.it
<http://www.salsomaggioreconvention.it/>

The hotel booking will be on first come first served basis.

The Convention Bureau can also provide different accommodation arrangements.



Dress Code

Everyone entering the playing rooms is obliged to wear the official identification badge provided by the organization. In case of loss the organization will provide a duplicate badge at a cost of € 5,00.

All players, captains and coaches are required to wear T-shirts, polo shirts, shirts or blouses that contain their Federation's logo.

If sweaters, cardigans and sweatshirts are used they must also carry the Federation's logo.

All players are expected to be respectably dressed at all times and are also required to follow the instructions given by the TD.

Any player, captain or coach not respecting the dress code in the playing area will receive a warning on the first occasion and a subsequent breach will result in that person being prohibited from entering the playing area.

Further Information

Further detailed information will be sent with a successive Information Letter to the Federations of the qualified teams as soon as their names will be communicated in the above mentioned term.

This letter will be forwarded to the NBOs of the above mentioned qualified and invited teams. If other teams are already qualified, we would be very grateful if you could forward this letter to their NBOs and at the same time communicate them to us at the above mentioned address.

Being sure of your support and cooperation and thanking you in advance,

Yours sincerely,

Ata Aydin
Youth Committee Chairman

Sevinç Atay
Kids Committee Chairman

Gianarrigo Rona
WBF President