

Detailed Bridge Programme for Beijing 2008 Youth Events

Teams:

The qualification stage of the teams will be held from 4th – 10th October, with Thursday 9th October being a free day with no play.

Saturday 4th – Tuesday 7th October and Friday 10th October

A) Under 21: 6 days of round robin + 1 day off to qualify 8 teams for the quarter-finals:

Saturday 4th – Tuesday 7th inclusive and Friday 10th will have 3 matches of 16 boards each day

Wednesday 8th will have 2 matches of 16 boards:

Total 17 x 16 board matches for the Round Robin

The leading 8 teams will qualify for the quarter-finals. The first placed team will choose his opponent for the quarter-final from the teams finishing 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th then the second placed will choose from the remaining teams, followed by the third placed team.

B) Under 26: 6 days of round robin + 1 day off to qualify 8 teams for the quarter-finals:

Saturday 4th – Tuesday 7th inclusive and Friday 10th will have 3 matches of 16 boards each day

Wednesday 8th will have 2 matches of 16 boards:

Total 17 x 16 board matches for the Round Robin

The leading 8 teams will qualify for the quarter-finals. The first placed team will choose his opponent for the quarter-final from the teams finishing 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th then the second placed will choose from the remaining teams, followed by the third placed team.

C) Under 28: 6 days of Swiss + 1 day off to qualify 8 teams for the quarter of final:

Saturday 4th – Tuesday 7th inclusive and Friday 10th will have 3 matches of 16 boards each day

Wednesday 8th will have 2 matches of 16 boards:

Total 17 x 16 board matches for the Round Robin

The leading 8 teams will qualify for the quarter-finals. The first placed team will choose his opponent for the quarter-final from the teams finishing 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th then the second placed will choose from the remaining teams, followed by the third placed team.

Saturday 11 October:

Teams Quarter Finals:

The quarter-finals in all three Championships will be 48 board matches, played as 3 sessions of 16 boards each.

Carry Over:

There will be no carry over in any of the Championships

Pairs:

Subject to the final numbers participating the organisation of the Pairs is expected to be as follows:

Qualification Stage Sessions 1 & 2: each session will be between 24 & 26 boards.

The field will be divided into 2 groups (A & B) with the ranking in the teams event determining in which group the pairs will play for the qualification stage.

Group A will be composed of pairs ranked from 9th – 12th in the Under-21 Teams event, plus pairs ranked from 9th – 14th in the Under 26 Team event and pairs ranked from 9th – 48th in the Under 28 event. Thus the group is expected to comprise approximately 150 pairs.

Group B will be composed by pairs ranked from 13th to 18th in the under 21 team event + pairs ranked from 15th to 18th in the under 26 team event + pairs ranked from 49th to 73rd in the under 28 event. Any pairs not participating in the teams but wishing to join the pairs event will play in Group B. Thus this group is expected to comprise approximately 105+ pairs.

Sunday 12 October

Teams: Semi Finals

The Semi-finals in all three Championships will be 60 board matches, played as 3 sessions of 20 boards each.

Pairs

Qualification Stage Sessions 3 & 5 : each session will be between 24 & 26 boards.

Monday 13 October:

Teams: Finals & Play Off:

The Finals in all three Championships will be 64 board matches, played as 4 sessions of 16 boards each.

The Play Off in all three Championships will be 48 board matches, played as 3 sessions of 16 boards each.

Pairs:

Semi final of the pair event. Session 1 and 2 (24 - 28 boards per session);

The pairs will be divided into 2 groups (A and B): The rank in the qualifying pairs event will determine in which group the pairs will play the semi-final of the pair event:

Group A will be composed of pairs ranked from 1st to 75th in group A of the qualifying stage + pairs ranked from 1st to 25th in the group B of the qualifying stage + the 36 pairs who have been eliminated from the quarter of final in the 3 events (-21; -26; -28). Thus Group A will comprise approximately 136 pairs

Group B will be composed of pairs ranked from 76th to the last in Group A of the qualifying stage + pairs ranked from 26th to the last in the group B of the qualifying stage pair event.

Tuesday 14th October

Pairs:**Final session of the Pairs Semi-Final (28 – 30 boards).****Session 1 of the Final (28 – 30 boards)**

96 pairs will play the Final:

Pairs ranked from 1st to 54th in Group A of the semi final + pairs ranked from 1st to 6th in Group B of the semi final + the 36 pairs did not reach the Final of the Teams events.

All other pairs may participate in the **Consolation Final**.

Wednesday 15th October

Final of the Pairs Championship : Sessions 2 and 3 (28 - 30 boards per session).

Final sessions of the Consolation Final**Thursday 16th & Friday 17th October****Individual**

	Groups in the Individual Event							
	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
Rank in the Pairs Final	1 st	25 th	The rest of the groups will be decided by the Tournament Committee depending on the final numbers in the event					
Rank in the Consolation Final	-	-	The rest of the groups will be decided by the Tournament Committee depending on the final numbers in the event					
	24 th	48 th						
	1 st	3 rd						
	-	-						
	2 nd	4 th						

Individual:

Groups of 52 players will be formed in accordance with their final ranking in the Pairs Championship. Each player will play 2 boards with each of the other players in his or her group, playing a total of 4 sessions of 24 or 26 boards, two sessions on Thursday 16th & 2 sessions on Friday 17th October.

The winners of Group A will receive the Gold Medal, with the runners up receiving the Silver and the 3rd placed pair in the Group receiving the Bronze.

Winners of the other groups will receive WBF Diplomas