



World Youth Teams Championships

31/07- 07/08 2023 - Veldhoven, The Netherlands

Welcome!



Dear Participants, dear Friends

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to Veldhoven and the 18th World Youth Teams Championships. For many of you this will not be the first time playing at this venue, which is ideal for staging this type of event. When not playing bridge there are many opportunities for both indoor and outdoor sporting activities, and most of you will have your accommodation at the venue hotel as well.

This event could not have been staged here without the enormous efforts undertaken by Marc van Beijsterveldt.

It is rare that so much credit can be attributed to one single person, and I want to express my immense gratitude to him.

The WBF worked hard to increase participation this time, and I am happy to note that we succeeded. With a total of 96 teams we set a new record partly, but not solely, due to the addition of the U31 category. Having 24 teams in the U26 and 20 teams in the U16 categories are both new records.

Representing one's country at the World Championships is an honour and a privilege, afforded only a few. Your national federations are doing a lot to support your participation, and you can show your appreciation by spreading our beloved sport among your not yet bridge playing friends when you get back home.

I wish you lots of success at the bridge table and that you will make many new friends here as well. You are our future - we all believe in "Zero Tolerance for Bad Behaviour" and I am sure that you will help me in supporting this policy to build a better (Bridge) world together.

Jan Kamras
President
World Bridge Federation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jan Kamras', written in a cursive style.

Main Awards



The Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy

U26 Teams



The José Damiani Trophy

U21 Teams

The Gianarrigo Rona Trophy

U26 Women Teams



The Koç University Trophy

U16 Teams

Robert A. Howes Trophy

U31 Teams



The Joan Gerard Youth Awards

The Joan Gerard Youth Awards will aim at rewarding aptitude, fair play, good sportsmanship and a friendly international spirit, rejecting any discrimination.

Each of the attending players, NPCs, coaches, WBF championship officials and members of the staff can nominate one player from each category to receive the Joan Gerard Youth Award. No one can nominate players from his own country.

The final selection will be made by a Commission composed of the members of the Championship Committee and chaired by the Master of Protocol & Ceremony.

The result will be announced and the Joan Gerard Youth Awards presented at the Prize-giving Ceremony.



Important Notes For Players

These notes are for the convenience of players and captains. They do not substitute for the obligation to know and follow the Conditions, Regulations and Policies of the WBF covering this event.

GENERAL

- Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be **switched off** in the playing area and be **visible at the table** at all times, i.e. they may not be brought to the toilets. Random checks will be made very frequently, and penalties will be automatically applied without prior warning.
- All participants at the Championship venue must visibly wear their official identification badge.
- Players are requested to be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Any team or pair that is not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be subject to VP penalties.
- At the table, whether play is actually taking place at the moment or not, players (and NPCs) may converse only in English unless both pairs (and NPCs) agree to use some other common language at their own risk. TD adjudication will be in English only.
- During the period of play, players must not discuss or argue with partner or opponents. In case of a dispute a TD should be summoned.
- During a playing session players must not talk, call for a card from dummy or make any comment about a hand or a result that can be heard at a neighbouring table. TDs are instructed to enforce this strongly, with a warning for a first offense and automatic IMP or VP penalties for any further offenses.

DURING AND AFTER PLAY

- **When tablets are in use** for bidding and scoring, calls are made by selecting the appropriate keys on the tablet. Requests for explanations of calls and plays, and the responses thereto, shall be made either through tablets or in writing. Declarer enters the score on the tablet and both defenders confirm the score, also on the tablet.
- The opening lead must be made before the screen aperture is opened and only Declarer or Dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.
- The bidding tray is removed, and the board replaced in the centre of the table, only by the Declarer or Dummy.
- Each card should be played towards partner in a consistent manner and placed on the table in the same position each time. Once played, the player should not vary the orientation of the card.
- Quitted tricks should be placed consistently in a neat row in front of the player, evenly overlapping and at an equal distance from the previous card.
- If a player finds an opponent not following any of these rules, even after a warning, a TD should be called.
- If a pair should claim that the responsibility for slow play is with their opponents, they should do so by calling a TD.
- If a player on the side of the screen receiving the tray considers there has been a break in tempo and consequently there may be unauthorised information, he should call a TD. He may do so at any time before the opening lead is made.
- After confirming the score on the last board played, players should leave the playing room immediately and are strictly forbidden to watch play at any table.
- The time for a request for a TD ruling ends 30 minutes after the end of the match. The time to ask for a review of a TD ruling ends 30 minutes after that ruling has been received.
- Requests for Corrections of scores: Manifestly incorrect scores - until 30 minutes after the end of the stage. Agreed upon scores - 30 minutes after the posting of scores at the end of play or, for the final round of a day, until the start of play for that stage on the following day.
- The **minimum playing requirements** to receive Titles and Masterpoints are one-half of the sessions at each stage of the competition and in each Knockout match. Missing sessions cannot be "made up for" in a subsequent stage or Knockout match.
- During playing sessions all players must wear tops of the same colour with some designation of their country. During Opening and Closing ceremonies all team members should wear uniform tops, and for the Prize-Giving podium it is mandatory.

List of Participating NBOs

| | | Series | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Countries | | Under 26 | Under 21 | Under 26 Women | Under 16 | Under 31 |
|  | ARGENTINA | ✓ | | | | |
|  | AUSTRALIA | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
|  | BARBADOS | ✓ | | | | |
|  | BELGIUM | | | | | ✓ |
|  | BULGARIA | | | | | ✓ |
|  | CANADA | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
|  | CHINA | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
|  | CHINESE TAIPEI | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
|  | CROATIA | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
|  | CZECH REPUBLIC | | | | ✓ | |
|  | DENMARK | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
|  | ENGLAND | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
|  | ESTONIA | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
|  | FRANCE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
|  | GERMANY | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
|  | GREECE | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
|  | HONG KONG, CHINA | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
|  | HUNGARY | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
|  | INDIA | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |

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| Countries | Series | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| | Under 26 | Under 21 | Under 26 Women | Under 16 | Under 31 |
|  IRELAND | | ✓ | | | |
|  ISRAEL | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
|  ITALY | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
|  JAPAN | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
|  LATVIA | | | | | ✓ |
|  NETHERLANDS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
|  NEW ZEALAND | | ✓ | | | |
|  NORWAY | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
|  POLAND | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
|  ROMANIA | | | | | ✓ |
|  SCOTLAND | | | | | ✓ |
|  SERBIA | | | | | ✓ |
|  SINGAPORE | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
|  SLOVENIA | | | | | ✓ |
|  SWEDEN | ✓ | | | | |
|  THAILAND | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
|  TURKIYE | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
|  USA1 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
|  USA2 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

Provisional Schedule

SATURDAY, 5 AUGUST

| UNDER 26 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| QUARTERFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 21 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| QUARTERFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 26 WOMEN | |
|----------------|-----------|
| QUARTERFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 16 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| QUARTERFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 31 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| QUARTERFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| BAM | |
|---------------|---------|
| 10:00 – 12:20 | Round 1 |
| 12:20 – 13:30 | lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:50 | Round 2 |
| 16:15 – 18:35 | Round 3 |

| U16 BAM | |
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SUNDAY, 6 AUGUST

| UNDER 26 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| SEMIFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 21 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| SEMIFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 26 WOMEN | |
|----------------|-----------|
| SEMIFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 16 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| SEMIFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 31 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| SEMIFINALS | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| BAM | |
|---------------|---------|
| 10:00 – 12:20 | Round 1 |
| 12:20 – 13:30 | lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:50 | Round 2 |
| 16:15 – 18:35 | Round 3 |

| U16 BAM | |
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MONDAY, 7 AUGUST

| UNDER 26 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| FINAL | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 21 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| FINAL | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 26 WOMEN | |
|----------------|-----------|
| FINAL | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 16 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| FINAL | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |

| UNDER 31 | |
|---------------|-----------|
| FINAL | |
| 09:30 – 11:30 | 14 boards |
| 11:50 – 13:50 | 14 boards |
| 13:50 – 14:30 | lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | 14 boards |
| 16:50 – 18:50 | 14 boards |

| BAM | |
|---------------|---------|
| 10:00 – 12:20 | Round 1 |
| 12:20 – 13:30 | lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:50 | Round 2 |
| 16:15 – 18:35 | Round 3 |

| U16 BAM | |
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Final for 3rd place: a match will be played.
Closing ceremony at 20.30

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