



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

To: The Presidents of the EBL NBOs  
Cc: The Presidents of the WBF NBOs

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EBL Youth Committee

Lausanne, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**16<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN YOUTH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Palazzo dei Congressi– Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy**  
**From 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**  
**Organised by the European Bridge League**

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

We are very pleased to confirm you that the 16<sup>th</sup> European Youth Pairs Championships will be held at the Palazzo dei Congressi in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2025.

This year, the EBL Championships will follow the official WBF Youth Team Championships which will be held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July at the same location.

The event is named as European Youth Transnational Pairs Championship, **open to all players worldwide within the age limit of the Under 31 category (born on or after 1 January 1995).**

These championships will take place according to the following programme:

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| • Registration Mixed Pairs                  | 10.00-19.00 | - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July    |
| • Mixed pairs competition                   | 10.00       | - Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| • Mixed pairs competition                   | 10.00       | - Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July    |
| • Registration U31/U26/U26W/U21/U16         | 10.00-19.00 | - Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July    |
| • Mixed pairs Prize-Giving/Opening Ceremony | 20:30       | - Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July    |
| • Pairs qualification sessions              | 10.00       | - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July    |
| • Pairs qualification sessions              | 10.00       | - Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July   |
| • Pairs final sessions                      | 10.00       | - Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July |
| • President's Cup                           | 10.00       | - Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July |
| • Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony           | 19.00       | - Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July |

### **Format**

- ✓ The event is split in six series: Mixed, U31, U26 Open, U26 Women, U21 and U16.
- ✓ The first two days a Mixed pairs Championship will be held.
- ✓ The EBL open pairs championship will be organised over the next three days.
- ✓ The exact format will be decided according to the registration in each category.



### **Eligibility**

- ✓ All championships are open to all players from all over the world within the respective age limit.
- ✓ Transnational pairs (two players from different country) will be permitted to participate in all championships.

### **Right of entry**

- ✓ Bridge players (registered members of WBF NBOs), in good standing with their Federation and born:
  - U31 Series - Born on or after 1st January 1995
  - U26 Open & U26 Women Series - Born on or after 1st January 2000.
  - U21 Series – Born on or after 1st January 2005.
  - U16 Series – Born on or after 1st January 2010.

are entitled to participate. There will be no restrictions on numbers of entries per NBO.

Mixed pairs: they will be playing all together, irrespective of the age category, EBL medals being awarded according to the overall ranking.

NBOs must have paid the entry fee and be up to date with the payment of dues (including 2025 dues) to the EBL/WBF for their players to be allowed to participate in the Championships. The entry fees for the Transnational pairs may be paid by the NBOs or the players themselves.

In any case participants must be nominated by their NBO and all such nominations are subject to authorisation by the EBL Credentials Committee.

Full information available at

<http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/25salso/microsite/Information.htm>

### **Registration of Pairs**

All entries to the Championships **should be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email)** at

- <http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/25salso/microsite/Participants.htm>
- **Deadline is 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025** (It is very important to **respect this deadline**).

### **Entry Fees**

- ✓ Mixed Pairs = €150 (€75 for a pair consisting of one U16 + one other, and no fee for two U16)
- ✓ U31, U26, U26Women & U21 Pairs = **€200**
- ✓ U16 and the President's Cup = no entry fee

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025** 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: CRESCHZZ80A

**Ref: Registration code for each Series**

### **Competitor's Commitment**

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players are expected to sign the EBL [digital Commitment Form](#): they will not be allowed to play if they do not do it before the start.

### **Parental Consent**

Each participant who has not reached the age of 18 years by the start of the event must fill in the [digital Parental Consent form](#) signed by their parent/s or legal guardian. Submission of this form is a cogent condition of participation in the competition.

### **EBL Regulations and Policies**

All relevant EBL regulations and policies are published on the EBL website.

### **Hotel Accommodation**

We have arranged special rates with several hotels in Salsomaggiore Terme.

Please refer to the EBL microsite at

<http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/25salso/microsite/Accommodation.htm>

### **Further Information**

For any additional information, please contact:

✓ EBL Secretariat – Catherine Vitry

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We look forward to the participation of your Federation members in the 16<sup>th</sup> European Youth Pairs Championships in Salsomaggiore Terme.

Sincerely yours

Eric Laurant  
EBL President