

## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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*President*

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs  
Cc EBL Executive Committee

10<sup>th</sup> February 2012

<p><b>51<sup>st</sup> EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> <b>Organised by the European Bridge League</b> <b>In cooperation with the Irish Bridge Union</b></p>
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Dear President and Friend,

I am very pleased to confirm that the 51<sup>st</sup> European Bridge Team Championships will be held at

**Citywest Hotel**  
**Dublin, Ireland**  
**12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012**

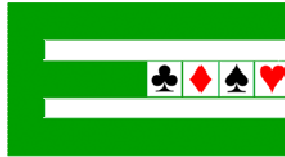
### **Format of the Championships**

The Championships consist of 3 Series: Open, Women and Seniors

The Open Series will be played as two round-robins: In the first round-robin the teams will be divided into two groups in accordance with their ranking in the preceding 3 European Team Championships and will play a complete round robin within their group. At the end of the first round-robin the 9 best ranked teams from each group will qualify for the second round robin. The other teams finish the Championship at that stage. It is anticipated that matches will be of 20 boards. Each team qualified for the second (final) round robin will play a 20 board match against each of the 9 teams from the other group.

The Women's Series will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. It is anticipated that matches will be of 20 boards.

The Senior Series will be played as a single complete round-robin provided that the number of participating countries is sufficient. It is anticipated that matches will be of 16 or 20 boards, depending on the number of participating countries.



### **Timetable**

- Open & Women Teams Registration Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 18:00
- Captains meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 17:00
- Opening Ceremony Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 19:00
- Open Teams 1<sup>st</sup> Round Robin Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Open Teams Final Round Robin Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Women's Teams Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June if necessary*)
  
- Senior Teams Registration Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 18:00
- Senior Captains Meeting Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 17:00
- Senior Teams Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- EBL General Assembly Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00
- Prize-giving & Closing Ceremony Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 19:00

### **Registration of Teams**

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

<http://www.eurobridge.org/competitions/12Dublin/Information.htm>

**by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.** It is very important that this deadline is respected.

### **Registration of Players' names**

Registration of players' and NBO Delegation members' names **must be sent by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012 via the EBL website (not by email) at**

<http://www.eurobridge.org/competitions/12Dublin/Information.htm>

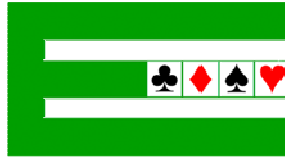
### **Right to enter**

Each member NBO, being up to date with the payment of its dues (including the 2012 dues) to the E.B.L. is authorized to enter one team in the Open Series, one team in the Women's Series and one team in the Senior Series of the Championships. Countries must have paid the entry fee and be up to date with the payment of the dues to the EBL before they can participate in the Championships.

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

Every proposed player must, along with other criteria, satisfy the EBL Eligibility rules and each team composition submitted by a NBO will be examined by the Credentials Committee.

To participate in the senior series a player must have been born **before the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1953**



### **Hotel accommodation**

The Hotel of the Championships will be the Citywest Hotel and the Irish Bridge Federation has arranged special rates for the accommodation (see details on IBU document attached); please contact :

Citywest Hotel  
Saggart, Co. Dublin  
**Promotional Code - *bridge12***  
**Group Enquiries [mryan@citywesthotel.com](mailto:mryan@citywesthotel.com)**  
[www.citywesthotel.com](http://www.citywesthotel.com)  
Tel. +353 (0)1 401 0500

**Deadline for booking is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.** After this date the hotel can no longer guarantee the availability of rooms.

### **Entry Fees**

The entry fees are € 3,500 for the Open and Women's Teams and € 3,250 for the Senior Teams. A discount will be given to countries who did not participate in the last three EBL Team Championships held in Warsaw 2006, Pau 2008 and Ostend 2010 : for these teams the entry fees are € 2,500 both for the Open and Women and € 2,000 for the Senior Teams.

The entry fees must be paid by Bank Transfer **before or on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012** to

**HSBC Bank**  
31 Chequer Street  
St Albans AL1 3YN – UK -  
**Account : EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE**  
IBAN: GB82MIDL 4005 1571 2825 45  
SWIFT/BIC: MIDLGB22  
**(to be mentioned)**

### **Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy**

The Rules & Regulations, including the Anti-doping Regulation, the Eligibility Code, the Disciplinary Code, and the Dress Code will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the EBL website from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.

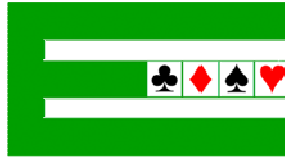
### **Systems Registration**

Systems in all the series have to be registered with the European Bridge League Systems Administrator **by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012** at

[anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk)

### **Visas**

Some European countries need entry visas to Ireland: please refer to the IBU document attached to check the application conditions.



### **EBL General Assembly**

The General Assembly of the European Bridge League will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00 at the Citywest Hotel at which the election of one new member of the Executive Committee for the end of current legislature will take place.

### **Further Information**

For further information please contact

Catherine Vitry - EBL Secretariat  
[secretariat@europeanbridge.org](mailto:secretariat@europeanbridge.org)

I do very much hope your Federation will be able to attend to the 51<sup>st</sup> European Bridge Teams Championships and I look forward to seeing you and your teams in Dublin, where I am confident we will enjoy together a great event.

Sincerely yours,

Yves Aubry

**Encl** : IBU document – Hotel and Visa -