



"Bridge for Peace"

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WBF Kids Committee Chairman & Members
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Dear President and Friends,

We are very pleased to invite you to participate in this new exciting, fun and challenging WBF competition for Youth which will be held on BBO site (Bridge Base Online).

2nd WBF Online YOUTH TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP (February – July, 2019)

A. Format of the Championship

1. The Championship consists of two Series: Juniors (U26) and Kids (U16).
2. Both series will be played as a League & Draw tournament, each with a 7-round qualification stage.
3. At the end of the qualification stage, the leading 8 teams (Or 4 if there are 2 groups) in each series will qualify for the knock-out stages.

B. 2020 Tournament Format

1. The 2nd WBF online championship will be the criteria for setting the NEW structure for the 2020 WBF Youth Online League.
2. In 2020 the teams will be divided to 2 or 3 groups in each series – Premier League, 1st Division and 2nd Division.
3. The highest-ranking teams will be placed in the Premier league, the next in Division 1 and the rest in Division 2.
4. Every year the team rankings and their league will change depending on their results.



C. Timetable

- ✓ **End of registration - Sunday 28th February 2019.**
- ✓ Start of the first round– Sunday, 10th March 2019.
- ✓ Detailed match schedule - Appendix A.
- ✓ End of the tournament – Tuesday, 6th August 2019.

D. Right to enter

1. Every NBO in good standing can register one team for each Series.
2. Each team must include **between four and eight players** and a Non-playing captain.
3. Registered Coach is optional.
4. **New players Can be added after the tournament has started until the beginning of the last round of the Qualification stage.**

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Important: 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 Junior Series must have been born **on or after 1st January 1994** and those in the Kids Series must have been born **on or after 1st January 2004**.

E. Entry Fees

There are **NO Entry fees** for either Series.

F. Registration of Teams

Entries to the Championships must be submitted **by email** no later than **28th February, 2019** By Filling the attached registration Form. The email **MUST** include:

1. Registration Form.
2. Disclaimer.
3. Photos.
4. CC's.

Please Fill all the details inside the Excel File and send it to Gilad.Ofir@worldbridgefed.com

it is very important that this deadline is respected

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G. Players' Details

Registration of players, non-playing captains and coaches **must be done using the entry Form.**

Changes to those details may be made no later than 8th March 2018 (via Filling another Form).

Details required:

Each NBO must supply the following details for each team member Including captain and coach:

- Given (first) Name and Family Name (surname)
- Nationality
- BBO Nickname
- **WBF Code** – If you don't have it please mention that and I'll send you a WBF separate form to register.
- Email address (**Optional For players**)
- A photograph of each participants (Hand and shoulders in good resolution please)
- **Disclaimer for Age limitation** – The NBO can provide an official disclaimer that all the players eligible to play according to the age limitation mentions in Section D.

H. CC'S

1. The CC's will be sent and uploaded to the site before the tournament starts. The file should be in PDF Format with the filename being the Last names of both players (e.g hamman_wolff.pdf).
2. Any unusual agreement should be alerted during the match.
3. Please pre-alert before the match started if needed.
4. You are kindly asked to send me your pairs' CC in WBF Format (The file name should be the pairs' name).
5. **Format of CC:** <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/wbf-convention-card-editors/>

I. Format – General Conditions

1. The exact format of the contest will be determined after the registration ends depending on the number of entered teams.
2. At least one group will play in League & Draw format.
3. There will be Qualifications which will be played in League & Draw format in addition to knockout stages of Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final.
4. No Carry Over for knockout stages.
5. **Kibitzers are allowed through all stages.**

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J. Qualifications Stage Format

1. 1st – 6th rounds of the Qualifications

- The draw will be published in advanced in order to help you arrange your match in good time.
- You can't play against team that you have already played against except for the last round.
- This will be a "Blind Draw" using "Num Generator" Application. If there this draws a match between teams that have played already, the draw will continue till the end, then new draw will be set for these "problematic" matches.

2. The Last round of the Qualifications

- Will be played in Swiss format.
- If there are any missing results they will be considered as 10:10 (AVG) for drawing purpose.

3. Sit-Out

- The sit-out team will get a result of 12 V.P and could get their V.P's Average (if better) which will be calculate only after the qualification stage has ended.
- Team can't be Sit-out twice.

4. If there is a failure to set or play a match in the Qualification stage, both teams will get 10:10 (AVG) and a 2 V.P's fine.

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K. Match Arrangements

1. Arranging the individual Matches:

- After the next round is published, both NPC's should contact each other and try to agree on a date and time (**in GMT Time Zone**). Then both should register it using the Schedule Form.
- In each match there **MUST** be a Registered Captain / Coach in each table. The captain will kibitz the table with his team pair sitting N-S.
- All matches will be played using computers, not mobile Phones.
- It is forbidden for a pair to play from only one location. Each player should play from a different location.
- The results during the playing time will be hidden, using the relevant BBO feature.
- Every round must be played during the specified period as detailed in Appendix A.
- Both captains will report the final result together with the BBO link using the Results Form after the end of the match and no later than 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of the relevant period for that round.
- **Knock-out** stages' segments should be played one after another. The pairs playing may be changed between each segment.

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2. Number of boards

- **Qualification Stage:** One segment of 14 Boards.
 - Must be played in a row.
 - Can split to 7 boards and the pairs can be changed (15 minutes break between segments).
- **Quarterfinal:** 2 segments of 14 boards.
 - Each segment can be played on a different day.
 - Can't split to 7 boards segment.
 - Can't replace pairs in the middle of each segment.
- **Semi-final:** 3 segments of 14 boards.
 - Each segment can be played on a different day.
 - Can't split to 7 boards segment.
 - Can't replace pairs in the middle of each segment.
- **Final:** 4 Segments of 14 boards.
 - Each segment can be played on a different day.
 - Can't split to 7 boards segment.
 - Can't replace pairs in the middle of each segment.

3. Playing Platform: BBO.

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4. Skype and communication

- Cameras (Laptop or external) will be used to increase the "secure environment", **starting from the 1st round of the qualifications.**
- N-E and S-W will share a skype video screen through the match.
- Using phones OR any other communication measures during playing is strictly prohibited.
- During the game the players shouldn't use any communicating software. They might use their phones only in case of disconnect and only for contacting their NPC/Coach.
- The NPC's and the Coaches can and should use their phones for dealing with any connectivity issues.
- NPC and COACHES must ensure the right and correct running of the matches.

5. Results will be published at <http://youth.worldbridge.org/>



L. **BBO**

1. Setting up the match in BBO

- **The NPC of the home team** is in charge to set-up the match with all parameters which are needed. The other NPC should help and support.
- The information about which players who are going to play should be exchanged between the Captains before the match Including their CC (If not at the Site).

2. BBO Parameters:

- Use - random deals.
- Uncheck - Barometer Scoring
- Uncheck - Allow undo requests, (No Undo's).
- Check - Allow Kibitzers.

3. TD's and Ruling:

- If there is a "Ruling situation" the NPCs will try to solve it between them.
- If not possible, the next step will be to send me an email after the game over with all the details.
- The decision taken by the organizers will be final.
- Using TD's in the KO stages matches will be examined.

4. Disconnections

- If a player is disconnected for any reason and is unable to re-join the match within 15 minutes, the match is terminated unless the NPC's of both teams agree to wait longer.
- The NPC of the player who were disconnected should contact him directly and make all the efforts to continue the match.
- If 7 or more boards have been compared then the result of the match is official, otherwise the complete match has to be rescheduled, playing ALL boards from the beginning.
- If the match can't be rescheduled, there will be artificial score of 12:8 V.P in favour of the teams which was not guilty.

M. **Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy**

The Rules & Regulations, including the Disciplinary Code, will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF youth website at <http://youth.worldbridge.org/>



N. Fair Play Policy

1. Every team must finish the tournament even if they no chance of winning.
2. Zero Tolerance – We may using the BBO "checking results probability" system.
3. Every contravention of the rules will be handled under the WBF Regulations.

O. Medals

Medals will be awarded for the winning and second-placed team in each series.

P. Further Information

1. Updates and results will be also posted through our official Facebook Group, please advise your players to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/262145427646602/>

2. Further detailed information will be sent with a successive Information Letter to the Federations of the qualified teams as soon as their entries have been sent in accordance with the details above.

I'm available for any questions through the following email address:

Gilad.Ofir@worldbridgefed.com

I am sure I can rely on your support and cooperation and thanking you in advance,

Yours sincerely,

Gilad Ofir
Youth bridge development coordinator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gilad Ofir". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.



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Championship Schedule – Appendix A

Update

Change: In order to make the match organization clearer, the full draw except the last round will be published at the beginning of the event, the last round will be played in Swiss system.

- ✓ 1st – 6th rounds Schedule will be published on: **3/3/19**
- ✓ Latest time for Captains to inform the organiser of their **1st** match date and time: up to 8/3/19

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Round 1: 10/3/19 – 19/3/19

Latest time for Captains to inform the organiser of their **2nd** match date and time: 22/3/19

Round 2: 24/3/19 – 2/4/19

Latest time for Captains to inform the organiser of their **3rd** match date and time: 5/4/19

Round 3: 7/4/19 – 16/4/19

Latest time for Captains to inform the organiser of their **4th** match date and time: 19/4/19

Round 4: 21/4/19 – 30/4/19

Latest time for Captains to inform the organiser of their **5th** match date and time: 3/5/19

Round 5: 5/5/19 – 14/5/19

Latest time for Captains to inform the organiser of their **6th** match date and time: 17/5/19

Round 6: 19/5/19 – 28/5/19

7th round Schedule will be published on: 29/5/19

Latest time for Captains to inform the organiser of their **7th** match date and time: 1/6/19

Round 7: 2/6/19 – 11/6/19

QF, SF, Finals Schedule will be published on: 12/6/19

Captains to inform the organiser of their match date and time: 14/6/19

Quarter-final: 16/6/19 – 25/6/19

Captains to inform the organiser of their match date and time: 28/6/19

Semi-final: 30/6/19 – 16/7/19

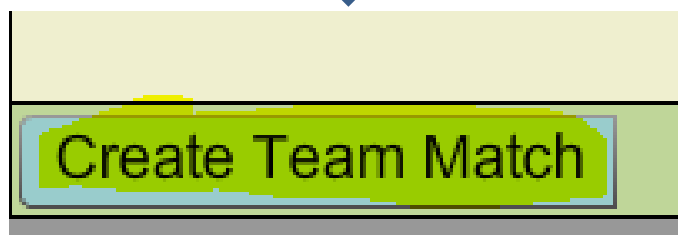
Captains to inform the organiser of their match date and time: 19/7/19

Final: 21/7/19 – 6/8/19



BBO Settings – Appendix B

Here you can find screenshots which will help you to set up a match. You are free to arrange it in a different way if it follows the regulations that were mentioned before.



Please pay attention to fill the following fields in the following screenshot. If all the players are currently online – you would be able to **Reserve Seats**, if not you'll need to create the match then let the players join you. In the next screenshot (after you create the match) you'll be able to define the NPC/Coach of the other team as director so they could join the table.

Start New Team Match x

Identification

Title U16: Italy - England (1st round)

Description WBF 1st Online Youth Teams League

Team 1 Italy U16 Team 2 England U16

Form of scoring

IMPs

Board-A-Match

Total points

Number of Boards 14

Options

Allow kibitzers

Allow kibitzers to chat with players

Allow undo requests

Barometer scoring

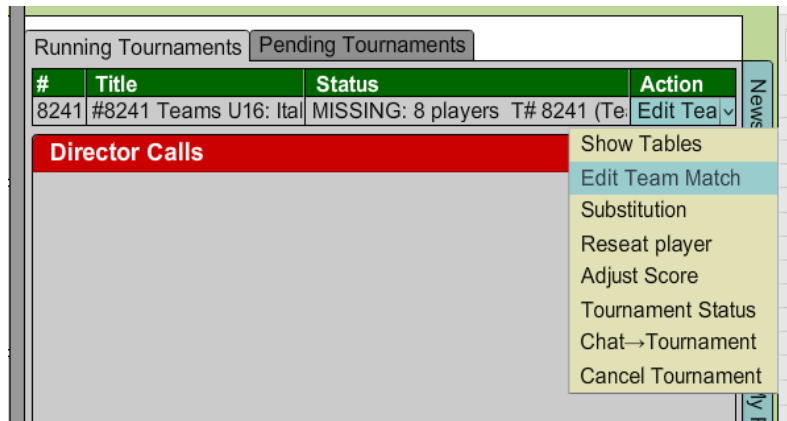
Deal source

Use random deals Use saved deals

Reserve seats (optional)

Team 1	Team 2
N Italy1	N England1
W England3 E England4	W Italy3 E Italy4
S Italy2	S England2

After you opened the match you can click on the right side of the screen (The arrow) and edit the definitions of the match including add other NPC/Coach as a director.



Edit Team Match ✕

Identification

Title

Description

Team 1 Team 2

Options

Allow kibitzers

Allow kibitzers to chat with players

Allow undo requests

Barometer scoring

Directors

Member	Delete
ofirgi	Delete