



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Gianarrigo Rona
President

To
EBL NBOs
EBL Executive Committee
EBL Youth Committee
Their addresses

Information letter

Milan, 8th February 2010

Dear President and Friend,

10th EUROPEAN YOUTH BRIDGE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Organised by the European Bridge League
In cooperation with the Croatian Bridge Federation,
the Opatija Bridge Association and the Opatija Townhall**

I am very pleased to inform you that the 10th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championship will be held at

**Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta
Opatija, Croatia
14th – 17th July 2010**

with the following programme:

- Opening Ceremony 19.30 - Wednesday 14th July
- Qualification Sessions 10.00 - Thursday 15th July
- Semi-final Sessions 10.00 - Friday 16th July
- Final Sessions 10.00 - Saturday 17th July
- Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving 20.00 - Saturday 17th July

Format of the Championships

There will be three series in the Championship: Junior Open, Junior Girls and Youngster. All three series are for National Pairs (i.e. both players must come from the same NBO - transnational pairs are not permitted).

In all the three series two Qualification rounds will be played. At the end of the qualification rounds, in all the series, the leading 50% of the field will qualify for Semi-final A and the other 50% for Semi-final B. Both semi-finals will consist of two sessions.



At the end of the semi-finals the highest-ranked pairs from semi-final A (25 in the Junior Open and 16 in the Junior Girls & Youngster) and the highest ranked pairs from the semi-final B (5 in the Junior Open and 4 in the Junior Girls & Youngster) will qualify for the A Final; the other pairs will play in the B Final. In all series the A Final will be played using Barometer Scoring and screens will be used.

Right of entry

Bridge players (registered members of EBL NBOs), in good standing with their Federation and born on 1st January 1985 or later (Junior Open & Girls) and on 1st January 1990 or later (Youngster) are entitled to participate. There will be no restrictions on numbers of entries per NBO.

Each member NBO, being up to date with the payment of its dues (including the 2010 dues) to the EBL is authorized to enter pairs. 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 Championship.

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

Registration of Pairs

The registrations of pairs for all the series, **which must be made by the Federation, should be sent, before 31st May 2010** and sent to:

**European Bridge League
Gianarrigo Rona – President
Via Ciro Menotti 11/C
20129 Milano – Italy
E Mail: ebf@federbridge.it**

Entry Fees

The entry fees are € 150 per pair.

The entry fees must **be paid by Bank Transfer before or on 31st May 2010** to

**BANQUE PARIBAS (Suisse)
2, Place de Hollande
CH-1211 Geneve 11 - Suisse
Account EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE Number 3097300
(IBAN) CH 46 0868 6309 7300 04978 - (SWIFT) BPPBCHGG
(to be mentioned)**

Hotel Accommodation

Thanks to the Croatian Bridge Federation, we have been able to arrange full board accommodation at Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta (**** Stars Hotel - Venue) at the following special rates:

Single Room € 85 per day
Double Room € 60 per day per person
Triple Room € 50 per day per person
Quadruple Room € 45 per day per person



The above mentioned rates are valid for participants and their companions also up to one week before the start and one week after the end of the event.

Hotel Reservations - Booking

All the hotel reservations have to be done through:

Goran Grguric
Opatija Bridge Association
51410 Opatija, A. Raspora 26, Croatia
e-mail: branka_grguric@net.hr
Tel.: +385 51 272197 mob. +385 098 9060256, mob. +385 099 1941162
Fax: +385 51 295200 (indicating "for Goran Grguric")

Dress Code

Everyone entering the playing rooms is obliged to wear the official identification badge provided by the organization. In case of loss the organization will provide a duplicate badge at the cost of € 5,00

All players, captains and coaches are required to wear T-shirts, polo shirts, shirts or blouses containing their Federation's logo. If sweaters, cardigans and sweatshirts are used they must carry the Federation's logo. All players are expected to be respectably dressed and are also required to follow the instructions given by the TDs.

Any person not respecting the dress code into the playing area will receive a warning on the first occasion and a subsequent breach will result in that that person being prohibited from entering the playing area.

Further Information

For any further information, please contact:

EBL Secretariat
Marina Madia
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I look forward to the participation of your Federation in the 10th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championship in Opatija.

Yours sincerely,

Gianarrigo Rona
EBL President