



CIRCULAR DE INFORMAÇÃO Nº 2/2014

Assunto: Campeonatos da Europa de Equipas Nacionais de 2014.

1 - Conforme consta do Plano de Actividades da Direcção para 2014, aprovado pela Assembleia Geral da FPB, devido a limitações orçamentais, a FPB não apoiará financeiramente uma eventual participação de uma Equipa Sénior nos Campeonatos Europeus de 2014.

2 - No entanto, caso uma ou mais equipas manifestem interesse em participar, a Direcção da FPB analisará o mérito de tais candidaturas e decidirá em conformidade.

3 - Caso existam mais do que uma candidatura com mérito suficiente, a Direcção da FPB organizará uma prova destinada a escolher a equipa Sénior que representará Portugal nos Campeonatos Europeus de 2014.

4 - Em função do exposto, a Direcção da FPB informa que as eventuais candidaturas terão de ser enviadas aos Serviços Administrativos da FPB, por email (fpbridge@mail.telepac.pt), até ao dia 31 de Março de 2014.

5 - Caso se verifique a situação referida no ponto 3, a prova de selecção decorrerá entre 11 e 13 de Abril, no Centro de Bridge de Lisboa.

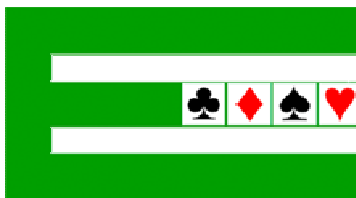
6 - Os membros da Equipa Sénior e eventuais acompanhantes, caso assim o entendam, poderão usufruir das condições de viagem contratadas pela FPB para a equipa Open.

7 - Em anexo à presente Circular de Informação pode ser consultada a informação actualmente disponível sobre os Campeonatos da Europa de 2014.

8 - Para qualquer esclarecimento ou informação adicional, podem ser contactados os Serviços Administrativos da FPB.

Lisboa, 11 de Fevereiro de 2014

A Direcção da FPB



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Yves Aubry
President

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs
Cc EBL Executive Committee

7th January 2014

<p>52nd EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS Organised by the European Bridge League In cooperation with the Croatian Bridge Federation</p>

Dear President and Friend,

I am very pleased to confirm that the 52nd European Bridge Team Championships will be held at
Sport Hall MARINO CVETKOVIĆ
Opatija, Croatia
21st June to 1st July 2014

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 with 3 matches a day of 16 boards (*New – in place of 20*).

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. Each team qualified for the second (final) round-robin will play a 16 board match against each of the 9 teams from the other group.

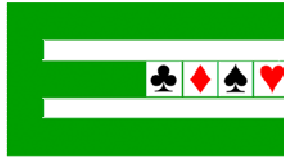
There will be : no match on Sunday morning 29th June (General Assembly)
3 matches on Sunday starting from 12:30 (after the General Assembly)
3 matches on Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July.

The Women's Series will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. The matches will be of 16 boards (*New – in place of 20*).

- Up to 22 teams : the round-robin will be played on 7 days with 3 matches a day
- 23 teams and more: the round-robin will be played on 10 days with 2 or 3 matches a day.

The Seniors Series will be played on 7 days. The matches will be of 16 boards (*New – in place of 20*).

- Up to 22 teams : a single complete round-robin will be played on 7 days with 3 matches a day
- 23 teams and more: the championship will be played on 7 days with a new format to be defined.



Timetable

• Open, Women & Seniors Teams Registration	Saturday 21 st June 10:00 – 18:00
• Captains meeting	Saturday 21 st June at 17:30
• Opening Ceremony	Saturday 21 st June at 19:30 (3 Series)
• Open Teams 1 st round-robin	Sunday 22 nd – Saturday 28 th June
• Open Teams Final round-robin	Sunday 29 th – Tuesday 1 st July
• Women's Teams (up to 22 teams)	Sunday 22 nd – Saturday 28 th June
• Women's Teams (23 teams and more)	Sunday 22 nd – Tuesday 1 st July
• Seniors Teams	Sunday 22 nd – Saturday 28 th June
• 1 st Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony	Saturday 28 th June (Seniors & Women ≤22 teams)
• EBL Extraordinary General Assembly	Sunday 29 th June at 09:30
• EBL General Assembly	Sunday 29 th June at 10:00
• Final Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony	Tuesday 1 st July at 21:00 (Open & Women >22 teams)

Registration of Teams

All entries to the Championships tournaments **must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email) from the 10th February at**

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/14Opatija/microsite/information.htm>

- For Open & Seniors Series **by 15th May 2014**.
- For Women's Series **by 1st April 2014** (*Depending of the number of registered teams the decision of 7 or 10 days will be then taken*)

It is very important to **respect the Series' deadlines**.

Registration of Players' names

Registration of players' and NBO Delegation members' names **must be sent by 15th May 2014 via the EBL website (not by email) at**

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/14Opatija/microsite/information.htm>

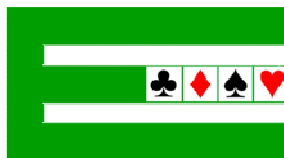
Right to enter

Each member NBO, being up to date with the payment of its dues (including the 2014 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 1st January 1955**.



Hotel accommodation

Thanks to the Croatian Bridge Federation, we have arranged special rates for the accommodation (see details on the attached list of hotels). By booking through this channel, it also gives you the free access to the shuttles (to/from the Venue) during the Championships.

For booking, please contact:

Branka Grguric
at branka_grguric@net.hr

Deadline for booking is 30th April 2014. After this date the hotels 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 Pau 2008, Ostend 2010 and Dublin 2012: 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 15th May 2014** 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)

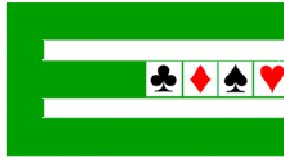
Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy

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 1st April 2014.

Systems Registration

Systems in all the series have to be registered with the European Bridge League Systems Administrator **by 15th May 2014** at

anna@ecats.co.uk



EBL General Assembly

- ✓ An Extraordinary General Assembly will take place on Sunday 29th June at 9:30. The main purpose is to approve the modification of the EBL Statutes (mainly concerning the Proxy to the Ordinary General Assembly).
- ✓ The General Assembly of the European Bridge League will be held on Sunday 29th June at 10:00. The main points are:
 1. Hearing and approving the report of the EBL President;
 2. Examining the budget for the next two years;
 3. Approving the Balance Sheet and Accounts for the two years following the last Ordinary General Assembly and hearing the Auditors' report;
 4. Fixing membership dues and other fees;
 5. Electing the EBL President
 6. Electing the 12 members of the Executive Committee

Further Information

For any additional information please contact:

Catherine Vitry - EBL Secretariat
secretariat@europeanbridge.org

I do very much hope your Federation will be able to attend the 52nd European Bridge Team Championships and I look forward to seeing you and your teams in Opatija, where I am confident we will again enjoy a great event.

Sincerely yours,

Yves Aubry

Enc.: list of Opatija hotels

52nd EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014
21st June-1st July 2014 – OPATIJA, CROATIA

	Hotel	Stars	Location	Room Type	Rate €	Distance m	
1.	Hotel MILENIJ	5	Opatija	Standard room	120	1300	Single room
				Standard room	105		Double room, per person
				Residential suite Superior suite De luxe room			On request
2.	Hotel SV.JAKOV	5	Opatija	Superior room	120	1200	Single room
				Superior room	105		Double room, per person
3.	Hotel AMBASADOR	5	Opatija	Standard room	120	600	Single room
				Standard room	95		Double room, per person
				Superior room			On request
4.	GRAND HOTEL 4 OPATIJSKA CVIJETA:					1000	
-	Villa Magnolia, villa Begonia	4	Opatija	Standard room	86		Single room
				Standard room	75		Double room, per person
-	Hotel Camellia, Villa Camellia, Hotel Royal	4	Opatija	Standard room	110		Single room
				Standard room	90		Double room, per person
				De luxe suite Superior suite Standard suite De luxe room			On request
-	Hotel Continental	4	Opatija	Standard room	95	900	Single room
				Standard room	82		Double room, per person
5.	Hotel AGAVA	4	Opatija	Standard room	95	1000	Single room
				Standard room	85		Double room, per person
6.	Hotel KVARNER	4	Opatija	Standard room	100	1200	Single room
				Standard room	85		Double room, per person
				Superior room			On request
7.	Villa AMBASADOR	4	Opatija	Standard room	100	600	Single room
				Standard room	85		Double room, per person
				Superior room			On request
8.	Hotel IMPERIAL	3		Standard room	62	1300	Single room
				Standard room	50		Double room, per person
				Superior room			On request

- Rates are per night including breakfast
- City tax not included
- Shuttle from the listed hotels will be provided to/from the venue (Opatija Sports Hall MARINO CVETKOVIĆ)
- Accommodation booking: branka_grguric@net.hr