



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs  
WBF zones  
Cc EBL Executive Committee  
WBF Executive Council

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

**8<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Montecatini Terme, Italy**  
**10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**Organised by the European Bridge League**  
**In cooperation with the Italian Bridge Federation**

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

We are pleased to send you some additional information on the 8th European Open Bridge Championships to be held at:

**Congress Centre & Palavinci**  
**Montecatini Terme, Italy**  
**10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Format of the Championships**

These Championships include Medal events (Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors by Pairs and by Teams) and side events by Pairs or by Teams. Information available at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/17montecatini/microsite/information.htm>

### **Schedule of play**

10 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Mixed Teams
13 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Mixed Pairs
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> June-----	Open Teams
17 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Women & Seniors Teams
20 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Open Pairs
20 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> June-----	Women & Seniors Pairs



## **Entry fees**

Please find below the entry fees per event:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Entry fee</b>
Mixed Pairs (per pair)	€ 400
Mixed Teams (per team)	€ 720
Open Pairs (per pair)	€ 400
Open Teams (per team)	€ 800
Seniors/Women's Pairs (per pair)	€ 400
Seniors/Women's Teams (per team)	€ 720

♠ A 25% discount on the entry fees will be also granted to Juniors (born in 1992 or later)

Entry fees for all side events are EUR 70 per pair and EUR 140 per team, per day. No discounts apply for these events.

## **Registration**

The registration process is now open and all entries to the various competitions must be submitted electronically **via the EBL Website** (not by e-mail), latest seven days prior to the starting date of the respective event, at:

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/17montecatini/microsite/Participants.htm>

**Please note** that entries to the EBL teams and pairs side events are to be made latest the evening prior to the start of the respective event through an electronic procedure. No registrations will be accepted the same day of the start of any competitions.

Bridge players from all WBF zones are entitled to participate in the Championships provided they are members in good standing of a National Bridge Federation (NBO).

To be eligible for participation in the 2017 European Open Championships a player must comply with the EBL Rules & Regulations and the EBL Eligibility Code under the control of the EBL Credentials Committee.

Entries received will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of each proposed player, and are subject to their NBO's approval and to the EBL Credentials Committee. Entry applications submitted after the deadline will be accepted only if technically convenient. Withdrawals of accepted entries: please refer to article 1.3 of the SCOC.

For Open, Women and Seniors Teams the players must only apply to one event. No player may be registered in two teams. The same also applies to Open, Women and Seniors Pairs.



## **Payment**

- ♥ Payment by bank transfer of the entry fees is to be made latest 3 market days (i.e. weekends excluded) prior to the starting date of each event 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

**Remark: team/pair registration code must be mentioned**

- ♥ On-site payments will be possible in cash (Euros) latest the day prior to the start of the event at the Tournament Reception & Registration Desk at the Venue.

## **Awards**

European Bridge League Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded. The winners in each category (Mixed, Open, Women, Seniors) will receive the title of European Open Champions. EBL medals will not be awarded for outside events.

EBL Master Points will also be awarded.

## **Rules & Regulations**

The Rules & Regulations, including the Anti-doping Regulation, the Eligibility Code, the Disciplinary Code, and the Dress Code are already published, together with the Systems Policy, on the EBL website.

## **Hotel accommodation**

Special prices have been negotiated with hotels in Montecatini. All details and reservations are available on the following link:

<http://book.intoscana.it/bookintoscana/html/index.php#>

## **Tourism information**

Please refer to the following links:

Montecatini Tourism office at: <http://www.tomontecatini.com/en/>

Montecatini events at: <http://www.montecatinieventi.net/montecatini-events/>

## **Facebook**

Please note the EBL FB address: <https://www.facebook.com/europeanbridge/>

Don't hesitate to share the page and the contents



## **Contact**

For further information, please contact:

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Please find attached the updated flyer on this event; I would be grateful if you could upload this ad on your Website homepage to publicise these Open Championships as widely as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Yves Aubry