



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

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

21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

**9<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Istanbul, Turkey  
15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Organised by the European Bridge League  
In cooperation with the Turkish Bridge Federation

Dear Presidents, dear friends,

I am very pleased to inform you that the 9<sup>th</sup> European Open Bridge Championships will be held at:

**Green Park Pendik Hotel & Convention Center**

**Istanbul - Turkey**

<http://thegreenparkpendik.com/en/>

### **Format of the Championships**

These Championships include Medal events (Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors - Pairs and Teams) and side events - Pairs and Teams.

All events are **transnational**. Detailed information is available at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/19Istanbul/microsite/information.htm>

### **Schedule of play for Medal events**

15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Mixed Teams
18 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> June-----	Mixed Pairs
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Open Teams
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Women & Seniors Teams
25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Open Pairs
25 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> June-----	Women & Seniors Pairs



### **Entry fees**

We have **reduced the entry fees** compared to previous editions for the Women and Seniors events. Furthermore, we are offering substantial “early bird” **discounts** provided registration and payment reaches us latest 30th April. For details please refer to the microsite at:

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/19Istanbul/microsite/information.htm>

### **Registration**

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

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/19Istanbul/microsite/participants.htm>

Later entries will be accepted only if technically and logistically convenient. For withdrawals of accepted entries please refer to article 1.3 of the SCoC.

### **Please note that:**

- ♥ entries to the EBL teams and pairs side events are to be made **at the latest the day prior** to the start of the respective event, through an electronic procedure to be published in the Daily Bulletin.
- ♥ No registrations will be accepted on the starting day of any competitions.
- ♥ To qualify for the entry fee discounts registration and payment must reach us by 30th April at the latest.

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

To be eligible for participation in the 2019 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 the approval of their NBO and the EBL Credentials Committee.

Players may not apply to enter more than one of events going on at the same time, and may not be registered on more than one Team in each Series.



## **Payment**

- ♥ Payment by bank transfer of the entry fees is to be made seven days prior to the starting date of each event **at the latest** 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 as reference**

- ♥ On-site payments will be possible in cash (Euros) **latest on the day prior** to the start of the event, subject to the conditions in “Registration” above, 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, and Seniors) will receive the title of European Open Champions. EBL medals will not be awarded for side events.

EBL Master Points will be awarded in **all** events.

## **Rules & Regulations**

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

## **Hotel accommodation**

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

<https://eobc2019.com/#!/home>

## **Facebook**

Please note the EBL FB address: <https://www.facebook.com/europeanbridge/>  
Don't hesitate to share the page and its contents.



**Contact**

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We look forward to seeing you and your players in Istanbul.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Kamras