

Travel

Transport to and from the Championships will normally be cheaper if booked early on the web. Canberra is serviced by Virgin, Qantas and Tiger flights and by Greyhound and Murrays buses. Please let us know if you need to be picked up from the airport or bus station.

Some players typically drive to Canberra from Sydney and Melbourne. If you would like a lift from either of these cities, email David at youthweek@abf.com.au well before the event to be put in contact with those who are driving.

The ABF Youth Committee and the Australian Youth Bridge Championships organisers and officials take no responsibility for passenger safety for any transport arranged for players.

System regulations

ABF system regulations apply. Yellow systems are not permitted. Brown Sticker conventions will also be prohibited in certain events: check the supplementary regulations closer to the event. Inexperienced pairs may be able to claim protected pair status against brown sticker conventions in some events.

Further Information and Regulations

- Players residing in Canberra who do not wish to stay at the venue should contact David Thompson to enquire about costs.
- Financial assistance may be available subject to legitimate financial need. In this regard contact the chairman of the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, David Stern: foyb@abf.com.au.
- To play in the Butler, qualified pairs must be born on or after 01/01/1989, sign declarations of availability for designated event(s) and for additional training, and ensure they satisfy ABF residency requirements for international representation.
- The designated events for the team selected by the Butler are: (i) the APBF Junior Championships, tentatively scheduled to be held in Taian, China, in June 2014, and (ii) the World Junior Teams Championships to be held at Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, 13–23 August 2014. The top three pairs together with the reserve fourth pair will be invited to form a squad that will undergo preparatory training activities. Further conditions relating to team and squad membership, together with details of the process for selecting ABF sponsored teams for other international youth events in 2014, will be posted on the Championships' website.
- The ABFYC and those appointed to conduct the Championships reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to regulate player behaviour and attire both in and around the playing rooms during the week. This regulation applies both to sessions of play and periods between sessions.
- Smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the playing area at any time. The organisers and director(s) will have the right to sanction participants who abuse alcohol or other drugs. Sanctions may include expulsion from the Championships and/or longer-term suspension from ABF events. 'Abuse' includes, but is not limited to, the consumption of any alcohol by participants under 18 years of age or the provision of alcohol to such a participant. For further details see the supplementary regulations.
- Supplementary regulations pertaining to participation in, the format of and the running of the Championships will be posted in the playing area during the week and on the Championships' website prior to the event.



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A Gold Point Event conducted by the ABF Youth Committee under the auspices of the ABF

The 46th annual



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

**New
Venue!**

Saturday 11th to Friday 17th January 2014
at

Warrambui Retreat & Conference Centre
322 Greenwood Road, Murrumbateman NSW 2582

(Also Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January at Rydges Lakeside, for those pairs who finish 2nd through 5th in the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler)

Open to all players born in 1984* or later
International participants very welcome

Includes ALL Bridge, Meals and Accommodation

Full-week price: \$580 (full time students \$480)

\$20 off full-week price if paid before 20/12/2013

Weekend Youth Pairs – 2 days, 1 night: \$120 (FTS \$100)

Entries and info: youthweek@abf.com.au

www.abfevents.com.au/events/ayc/2014

Director: Matthew McManus

Tournament Organisers: David Thompson 0417 526 331 (m)
Andy Hung 0425 101 094 (m)

* Australians must be ABF Members. To qualify for the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler sub-event, players must satisfy eligibility requirements including being born on or after 01/01/1989.

General Information

The 2014 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) consists of three major events:

- Australian Youth Pairs 11th to 12th Jan – starting 1:30pm on the 11th.
- Australian Youth Teams 13th to 14th Jan – starting 11am on the 13th.
- Australian Junior Team Selection Butler 14th to 19th Jan.

Plus:

- Beginners' day on 11th Jan separate to the main event.
- Other events and activities from 15th to 17th Jan for players who do not qualify to, or are not eligible for, the Butler.

If enough New Zealanders attend, a test match against an ABF Youth Committee selected Australian team will be played on the weekend of 18th to 19th Jan.

The first stage of the Butler (14th to 17th Jan) is contested between 10 pairs, selected based on their performance in the Australian Youth Teams. The second stage (18th to 19th Jan) is played by those pairs who place 2nd through 5th in the first stage.

2014 AYC Provisional[†] Program

At Warrambui Retreat & Conference Centre, 11th to 17th Jan:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday		1:30pm Start Pairs Qualifying & Beginners' Session	Pairs Qualifying & Beginners' Session
Sunday	Pairs Final & Consolation	Pairs Final & Consolation	
Monday	11am Start Teams	Teams	Teams
Tuesday	Teams	Teams	Butler R1-R2 <small>Cliff Wake</small>
Wednesday	Butler R3-R4 <i>Lesson</i>	Butler R5-R6 <i>Teams-of-3</i>	Butler R7-R8 <i>Teams-of-3</i>
Thursday	Butler R9-R10 <i>Lesson</i>	Butler R11-R12 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	Butler R13-R14 <i>MP Pairs</i>
Friday	Butler R15-R16 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	Butler R17-R18 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	BBQ at a Canberra Park

At Rydges Lakeside Canberra, 18th to 19th Jan:

Saturday	Butler Stage 2A for pairs ranked 2 nd to 5 th Possible Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand
Sunday	Butler Stage 2B to decide 3 rd place Possible Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand

[†] The program is subject to change dependent on entries. The events listed in italics are for participants not playing in the Butler and are given as a guide only. The start times of the pairs and teams events will not change. Please arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes early.

Venue and Accommodation

The venue is the excellent Warrambui 'Village' Conference Centre, located 45 minutes drive up the



Barton Highway from Canberra's Civic Centre, at 322 Greenwood Road, Murrumbateman NSW. The modern facilities provided include basketball and beach volleyball courts, and an archery range (we will have an archery session).

Accommodation is in 4-share rooms. Each room is air-conditioned and has an en-suite bathroom. Each block of rooms has an adjoining lounge area.

Entry is via an online form on the AYC website. Under-18s are also required to submit a parental consent form. Both are available at:

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/ayc/2014/>

Any queries should be directed to **David Thompson** or **Andy Hung**: email them at youthweek@abf.com.au, or ph 0417 526 331 (David) / 0425 101 094 (Andy).

Partners and teammates can be arranged for those who don't have them: please email if you are partner- or teammate- less.

Fees

We have secured a fantastic value package deal at the venue. Included are all bridge activities, an archery session, all meals from dinner on Sat 11th Jan to lunch on Fri 17th Jan, and 6 nights accommodation for the nights 11th to 16th Jan. Participants can also stay for a shorter period if playing in only some of the week's events. *Note the reduced student rate: a further reduction is available for under-12s and accompanying non-participant adults, please email for details.*

	Non-students	Full Time Student Rate
Full Week - 7 days, 6 nights	\$560 (paid by 20 Dec) \$580 (after 20 Dec)	\$460 (paid by 20 Dec) \$480 (after 20 Dec)
Weekend 11 th /12 th - 2 days, 1 night	\$120	\$100
1 day's play + 1 night	\$100	\$80
Linen surcharge ^{††}	\$12	\$12

Payment is required prior to arrival. Note the \$20 discount on the full-week rate if paid by 20/12/13. Payment can be made by bank transfer to:

Account Name: ABF BSB: 082-968 Account Number: 641482644
Reference: your ABF number or, if you don't have a number, your name

For other methods of payment please contact David Thompson.

^{††} Participants have the option of bringing their own single sheets, pillowcase, and towel, or else paying a \$12 surcharge (one-off, for the week) to have the venue provide linen.