



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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6th EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Ostend, Belgium
15th June – 29th June 2013
Organised by the European Bridge League
In cooperation with the Royal Belgian Bridge Federation

We are very pleased to confirm that the 6th European Open Bridge Championships will be held at:

Kursaal Oostende (Sea Promenade)
Ostend, Belgium
15th June – 29th June 2013

Format of the Championships

The Championships comprise the following competitions:

- ♠ Mixed Pairs
- ♠ Mixed Teams
- ♠ Open Women's and Seniors' Teams
- ♠ Open Women's and Seniors' Pairs



Programme

Day	Medal Team Events		Medal Pairs Events		On side Events (all Open)	
	O	W/S	O	W/S	Pairs	Teams
Saturday 15			Mixed Qualif. 1-5		MPs	Two Day BAM
Sunday 16			Mixed Qualif. 6-10		MPs	
Monday 17			Mixed S-F A/B		Swiss IMPs	
Tuesday 18			Mixed Final		MPs	Swiss
Wednesday 19	Mixed Swiss 1-5				MPs	
Thursday 20	Mixed Swiss 6-10				MPs	
Friday 21	Mixed Swiss 11-13				MPs	Swiss
	Mixed Finals					
Saturday 22	Open Qualif. 1-5				MPs	Two Day BAM
Sunday 23	Open Qualif. 6-10				MPs	
Monday 24	KO Rd of 16	Qualif. 1-5				Swiss
	KO Q-F					
Tuesday 25	KO S-F	KO Rd of 16	Open Qualif. 1-5		Swiss IMPs	
	KO Final	KO Q-F				
Wednesday 26		KO S-F	Open Qualif. 6-10			Swiss
		KO Final				
Thursday 27			S-F A/B	Qualif. 1-5	MPs	
Friday 28			Final	Qualif. 6-10	MPs	
				Final	MPs	BAM
Saturday 29						



Right of Entry

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 2013 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.

All events will be **TRANSNATIONAL** and there will be no restrictions on the number of entries allowed per NBO.

Registration

All entries to the various competitions must be submitted electronically **by 31st May 2013** via the EBL Website.

Entries received will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of each proposed player, and are subject to their NBO's approval. Entry applications submitted after the deadline will be accepted only if technically convenient. Withdrawals of accepted entries are subject to the same deadline.

Hotel Accommodation - Booking

The EBL has arranged special rates in many hotels of Ostend (from 4 Stars to 2 Stars) available through the Tourist office of Ostend from the **20th December 2012**.

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.



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I am sure that there will be a large participation in the 6th European Open Bridge Championships and would greatly appreciate your assistance in publicising this exciting and challenging event.

Yours sincerely,

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