

Travel

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

Some groups of players typically drive to Canberra from Sydney and Melbourne. If you would like a lift from either of these cities, email Griff at youthweek@abf.com.au well before the event to be put in contact with people who may be able to help you out.

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 some events: check the supplementary regulations closer to the event. The organiser and director reserve the right to restrict the use of other complex methods against inexperienced pairs.

Further Information and Regulations

- Players residing in Canberra who do not wish to stay at the venue should contact Griff to enquire about costs.
- The designated event for the team selected by the Butler is the Asia-Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF) Championships. These are scheduled to be held 15–24 June 2011 in Genting, Malaysia. To play in the Butler, qualified pairs must both sign declarations of availability for the APBF Championships, be born on or after 02/01/1985 and satisfy ABF residency requirements for international representation. The age requirement is based on current advice from the APBF and is subject to confirmation.
- The highest ranked under-21 eligible pair in the Butler that fails to qualify for the 2011 Australian Junior Team, if such a pair exists, will be selected for the 2011 Australian Youngsters Team. The ABFYC will determine how the remaining members of the Youngsters team are to be selected, including whether the team will be 4- or 6- person.
- The ABFYC and those appointed to conduct the Championships reserve the right 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.
- Additional 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 43rd annual **Fantastic New Venue!**



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

Saturday 15th to Friday 21st January 2011
at

Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort
999 Federal Highway ACT/NSW Border ACT 2601

(Also Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd January at Rydges Lakeside for those pairs who finish 2nd through 5th in the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler)

Open to players born in 1981* or later
International participants welcome

Full-week price: \$480[†] (FT Students \$400[†])

Includes ALL Bridge, Meals and Accommodation

Weekend Youth Pairs (2 days 1 night) only: \$100 (\$85)

Entries and info: youthweek@abf.com.au
www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/

Director: Matthew McManus

Tournament Organiser: Griff Ware 0435 368 343 (m)

* Players who qualify for the Australian Junior (under-26) Team Selection Butler must satisfy eligibility requirements including being born on or after 02/01/1985.

[†] Full-week price includes \$20 discount for payments made before 24/12/2010. After this date the price is \$500 (\$420).

General Information

The 2011 Australian Youth Championships consists of 3 major events:

- Australian Youth Pairs 15th to 16th Jan – starting 1:30pm on the 15th
- Australian Youth Teams 17th to 18th Jan – starting 11am on the 17th
- Australian Junior Team Selection Butler 19th to 23rd Jan

Plus:

- Other events and activities from 19th to 21st Jan for players who do not qualify or are not eligible for the Butler.

If enough New Zealanders attend the Championships, a test match against Australia may be played in Canberra on the weekend of 22nd to 23rd Jan.

The first stage of the Butler (19th to 21st Jan) is contested between the top 10 ranked eligible pairs from the Australian Youth Teams.

The following 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.

2011 AYC Provisional Program

At Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday 15th		1:30pm Start Pairs Qual 1	Pairs Qual 2
Sunday 16th	Pairs Final 1	Pairs Final 2	BBQ at Venue
Monday 17th	11am Start Teams 1	Teams 2	Teams 3
Tuesday 18th	Teams 4	Teams 5	Teams 6 (if required)
Wednesday 19th	Butler R1-R2 <i>Lesson</i>	Butler R3-R5 <i>Teams-of-3</i>	Butler R6-R7 <i>Teams-of-3</i>
Thursday 20th	Butler R8-R9 <i>Lesson</i>	Butler R10-R12 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	Butler R13-R14 <i>MP Pairs</i>
Friday 21st	Butler R15-R16 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	Butler R17-R18 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	

At Rydges Lakeside Canberra:

Saturday 22nd	Butler Stage 2A for pairs ranked 2 nd to 5 th Possible Test Match Australia vs New Zealand
Sunday 23rd	Butler Stage 2B to decide 3 rd and 4 th place Possible Test Match Australia vs New Zealand

Venue and Accommodation

The venue is the superb Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort, located 15 minutes drive up Northbourne Ave from Canberra's Civic Centre at 999 Federal Highway, ACT/NSW Border ACT. Expansive and open, the resort includes such amenities as a tennis court and a swimming pool.



Accommodation is in multi-share hotel units[†] which house 6 people between 2 rooms: 4 people in one room and 2 in the second. Each unit includes an en-suite bathroom, small fridge and two TVs.

How to Enter

Please email details of all entries and any queries to Griff Ware at youthweek@abf.com.au or call him on 0435 368 343. Each participant will also have to send in a player details form and under-18s are required to submit a parental consent form. Both are available at:

www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/

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

Fees

We have secured a fantastic value package deal at the venue. Included are all meals from dinner on Sat 15th Jan to lunch on Fri 21st Jan and 6 nights accommodation for the nights 15th to 20th Jan. Participants can also stay for a shorter period if playing in only some of the week's events.

	Non-students	Full Time Student Rate
Full Week - 7 days, 6 nights	\$480 (before 24 Dec) \$500 (after 24 Dec)	\$400 (before 24 Dec) \$420 (after 24 Dec)
Weekend 15 th /16 th - 2 days, 1 night	\$100	\$85
1 day's play + 1 night	\$85	\$70

Payment is required prior to arrival. Note the \$20 discount on the full week rate if paid before 24/12/10. Payment can be made by bank transfer to:

Acc Name: ABF **BSB:** 082968 **Acc No:** 641482644

Reference: your ABF number or, if you don't have one, your name

For other methods of payment please contact Griff.

[†] Twin-share hotel rooms for 2 people are also available at a surcharge of \$25 per person per night; please contact Griff if you want to book one of these.