



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

YOUTH COMMITTEE

1st WORLD JUNIOR BRIDGE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Besides the World Youth Team Championship for the *Ortiz-Patiño Trophy* which is the top competition for young talented players representing their geographical zones, the WBF runs the World Junior Pairs Championship. This is a competition open to **all** young players, without restrictive quotas. It is held every two years in Europe, followed by a World Junior Camp. The objective of these events is to embrace each and every young player, providing the opportunity both for world level competition and for creating new friendships across national and cultural barriers. The nature of bridge is such that these friendships could well - and often do - last a lifetime!

To balance and enhance the programme, we are now launching a new competition with much in common with the Junior Pairs. The **World Junior Individual Championship** is open to all young players without restrictions. It is to be held every two years in North America, followed by a Junior Camp. The objectives of bridging the gaps between young people from all over the globe will, from now on, be well served every year.

We wish to thank the *American Contract Bridge League*, our hosts, for their great contribution to this effort, and we are confident that all NBOs will encourage and support their Junior players to go to New York and participate in the World Junior Individual Championship.

• VENUE

The Championship will be held at the **Hilton New York** Hotel, in conjunction with the 2004 Summer North American Bridge Championships.

NEW YORK (pop. 8m) is the largest city in the United States, the home of the United Nations, and the center of global finance, communications, and business. It is an unusual city because of its high residential density, its extraordinarily diverse population, its hundreds of tall office and apartment buildings, its thriving central business district, its extensive public transportation system, and its more than 400 distinct neighborhoods. The city's concert houses, museums, galleries, and theaters constitute an ensemble of cultural richness rivaled by few cities.

Located in the southeastern part of New York State, the city has a temperate climate and one of the world's largest and finest harbors. New York is about the same latitude as Naples, Italy. Although the Dutch founded the city in 1624 and called it Fort Amsterdam and then New Amsterdam, the English captured the settlement in 1664 and renamed it New York, after the Duke of York.

New York is made up of five separate counties, which are called boroughs. Originally including only the borough of Manhattan, in 1898 a number of surrounding communities were incorporated into the city as the boroughs of Queens, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Staten Island.

• ACCOMMODATION

The **Hilton New York** is a good hotel situated in midtown Manhattan. Despite the special rates available to bridge players during the period of the championship, the cost is well above what is usually offered at Junior events. Lower rates are available in nearby hotels (www.megahousing.com/acbl/new_york2004/ny_index.htm).

For those looking for the cheaper accommodation usually provided at Junior events, the organizers have negotiated special rates in simple hotels/youth hostels at a walking distance from the venue. The cost per person per day is \$65 to \$70, including meals. However, players should be prepared to share rooms and facilities with other Juniors.

• FORMAT

The Championship will be played in **four** sessions. There will be no eliminations.

Scoring is by match points across the field, barometer style, whereby running scores are posted during play, every few rounds.

Computer dealt hands and bid boxes will be used. There will be no screens.

• ENTRIES

The Championship is open to all member countries of the WBF. Each country may be represented by an **unlimited** number of players.

All players must have been born **on** or **after 1 January 1979**.

Participation is by invitation only. When applying, NBOs are requested to submit the full name and exact date of birth of each player for consideration by the **WBF Credentials Committee**. Upon arrival,

players will be asked to present their passports/photo ID for verification of age eligibility.

The Entry Fee to the tournament is **US\$100** (one hundred US dollars) per player. This will be charged directly by the WBF to the NBO concerned *after* the tournament.

Entries should be made through the Zones/NBOs, **not** directly to the WBF by interested individuals. NBOs should apply to the WBF

Youth Committee no later than **15 June 2004**, by filling out the relevant electronic form available through the WBF website at:

<www.worldbridge.org/tourn/NewYork.04/IndivReg.asp>

The local organizers have undertaken to deal with room accommodation requirements. Therefore, reservations should be made through the *American Contract Bridge League* (c/o Charlotte Blaiss) no later than **15 June 2004**.

• SYSTEMS

All players will be required to use the same (simple) system of bidding and card play which will be announced in due time by the WBF and posted on Internet at (www.worldbridge.org/tourn/NewYork.04/IndivInfo.htm).

• PRIZES

The winner will receive the **WBF Junior Trophy** (to keep until the next event) as well as a replica.

Silver Prizes will be awarded to the next six players of the final classification, as well as to the best

three players born in 1984 or later. **Gifts** will be given to the top fifteen players of the competition.

Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the WBF Master Points plan.

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• ENTRIES (from 1 April to 15 June 2004)

www.worldbridge.org/tourn/NewYork.04/IndivReg.asp

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