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To the  
WBF Zonal Presidents  
NBOs Presidents

c/c WBF President  
Executive Council Members  
WBF Youth Committee Chairman & Members  
WBF Kids Committee Chairman & Members  
WBF Communications Manager  
WBF Secretariat

Their e-mail addresses

Lausanne, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear President and Friends,

We are very pleased to invite you to participate in this new exciting, fun and challenging WBF competition for Youth which will be held on BBO site (Bridge Base Online).

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> WBF YOUTH TEAMS <u>ONLINE</u> CHAMPIONSHIPS (March – July, 2018)</b> |
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**A. Format of the Championship**

1. The Championship consists of two Series: Juniors (U26) and Kids (U16).
2. Both series will be played as a swiss tournament each with a 7-round qualification stage.
3. At the end of the qualification stage, the leading 8 teams in each series will qualify for the knock-out stages.

**B. Timetable**

- End of registration - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- Start of the first round of the qualification stage – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- Detailed match schedule - Appendix A.
- End of tournament – 31<sup>th</sup> July.



### C. Right to enter

1. Every NBO in good standing can register one team for each Series.
2. Each team must include **between four and eight players** and a Non-playing captain.
3. Registered Coach is optional.
4. New players cannot be added after the tournament has started.

Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

Each player in the Junior Series must have been born **on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1993** and those in the Kids Series must have been born **on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003**.

### D. Entry Fees

There are **NO Entry fees** for either Series.

### E. Registration of Teams

Entries to the Championships must be submitted **by email** no later than **7<sup>th</sup> March 2018**, to

**Gilad Ofir – WBF Youth bridge development coordinator**

[Gilad.ofir@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:Gilad.ofir@worldbridgefed.com)

**it is very important that this deadline is respected**

### F. Players' Details

Registration of players, non-playing captains and coaches **must be done in the entry email**.

**Changes to those details may be made no later than 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (via Email).**

Details required:

Each NBO must supply the following details for each team member Including captain and coach:

- Given (first) Name and Family Name (surname)
- Nationality
- Date of Birth
- Email address



- BBO Nickname
- Link to Facebook Profile (if available)
- Passport Photo

## G. Format

1. The specific Format of the contest will be determined after the registration ends depending on the number of entered teams.
2. There will be either one or more groups which will play in Swiss format.
3. There will be knockout stages of Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final.
4. No kibitzers are allowed (Except the captains/coaches) **in the qualification stage.**

## H. Match Arrangements

### 1. Arranging the individual Matches:

- When the draw is published, the captains of the teams drawn against each other will set the match date and time, and will email the organiser – [gilad.ofir@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:gilad.ofir@worldbridgefed.com) to give him the exact details (Date and Time).
- In each match there will be Registered Captain / Coach in each table. The captain will kibitz the table with his team pair sitting N-S.
- All matches should be played using computers, not mobile (cell) Phones.
- The results during the playing time will be hidden, using the relevant BBO feature.
- Every round must be played during the specified period detailed in Appendix A.
- Both captains will report the final result together with the BBO link to [gilad.ofir@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:gilad.ofir@worldbridgefed.com) after the end of the match and no later than 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of the relevant period for that round.
- **Knock-out** stages segments should be played in a row. The pairs playing could be changes between each segment.

### 2. Number of boards

- Qualification Stage: One segment of 14 Boards.
- Quarterfinal: 2 segments of 14 boards.
- Semifinal: 3 segments of 14 boards.
- Final: 4 Segments of 14 boards.



3. Playing Zone: BBO.
4. Skype: Cameras (Laptop or external) will be used to increase the "secure environment" in the Semi-finals and Final stage. N-E and S-W will share skype video screen through the match.
5. Results will be published at <http://youth.worldbridge.org/>

#### **I. Rules & Regulations – Systems Policy**

The Rules & Regulations, including the Disciplinary Code, will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the WBF youth website at <http://youth.worldbridge.org/>

#### **J. Fair Play Policy**

1. Every team must finish the tournament even if they have no chance of winning.
2. Zero Tolerance – Using the BBO "checking results probability" system.
3. Every contravention of the rules will be handled under the WBF Regulations.

#### **K. Medals**

Medals will be awarded for the winning and second-placed team.

#### **L. Further Information**

Further detailed information will be sent with a successive Information Letter to the Federations of the qualified teams as soon as their entries have been sent in accordance with the details above.

Being sure of your support and cooperation and thanking you in advance,  
Yours sincerely,

Gilad Ofir  
Youth bridge development coordinator



*"Bridge for Peace"*

## **Championship Schedule – Appendix A**

First round Schedule will be published on: 11/3/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: up to 16/3/18

**Round 1:** 18/3/18 – 27/3/18

Second round Schedule will be published on: 28/3/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: up to 31/3/18

**Round 2:** 1/4/18 – 10/4/18

Next round Schedule will be published on: 11/4/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: 14/4/18

**Round 3:** 15/4/18 – 24/4/18

Next round Schedule will be published on: 25/4/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: 28/4/18

**Round 4:** 29/4/18 – 8/5/18

Next round Schedule will be published on: 9/5/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: 12/5/18

**Round 5:** 13/5/18 – 22/5/18

Next round Schedule will be published on: 23/5/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: 26/5/18

**Round 6:** 27/5/18 – 5/6/18

Next round Schedule will be published on: 6/6/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: 9/6/18

**Round 7:** 10/6/18 – 19/6/18

Next round Schedule will be published on: 20/6/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: 23/6/18

**Quarter-final:** 24/6/18 – 3/7/18

Next round Schedule will be published on: 4/7/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: 7/7/18

**Semi-final:** 8/7/18 – 17/7/18

Next round Schedule will be published on: 18/7/18

Captains to inform organiser of their match date and time: 21/7/18

**Final:** 22/7/18 – 31/7/18