



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Gianarrigo Rona  
*President*

Milan, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear President and friend,

<p><b>50<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP</b> <b>Organised by the European Bridge League</b> <b>In cooperation with the Belgian Bridge Federation</b></p>
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Please find attached:

1. Rules & Regulations
2. Systems Regulation
3. EBL Disciplinary Code
4. WBF/EBL Anti-doping Regulations
5. TUE Application Form
6. Live Broadcast Service
7. Bona Fide residence requirements

I am very pleased to inform you that on the EBL Web-site [www.eurobridge.org](http://www.eurobridge.org) the above mentioned documents have been published (you can find also on [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com)).

I would like to draw your attention on the following points:

### **Recording the matches**

All data recording (bidding and play records, as well as scoring) will be done electronically using the Bridgemates and

- a. In the Open Room, the Captain of the Home Team (or Team's Manager or Coach or Scorer or his designate to be approved by the Chief Tournament Director) shall record the bidding, the play and the result on the Bridgemate provided at the table.
- b. In the Closed Room, the Captain of the Away Team (or Team's Manager or Coach or Scorer or his designate to be approved by the Chief Tournament Director) shall record the bidding, the play and the result on the Bridgemate provided at the table.
- c. Each NBO may appoint his own Scorer. However, if a Scorer is needed on site, the cost for this service is € 25 per match, according to availability.



d. If a Scorer is not available on site, North is responsible for entering the scores. North and East need to agree that the score as entered is correct.

e. The Championship Committee provides the scoring and recording service (no Scorer will then be required by the NBOs) when the matches are broadcast (Vu-graph and / or Internet).

### **Live Broadcast Service**

Two years ago, in Pau, modules were added to the Open Source g2b/Wrama system used for the live show - play and running scores - to perform a special type of “almost real-time” broadcast on Internet of the same information: live bidding and play from both rooms and parallel running scores synchronized with the live deals.

Please see the attached document for more information about this service.

### **Anti-doping**

In accordance with the WBF Anti-doping Regulations adopted by the EBL, during the Championship the EBL, in Open and Women Categories, will test individual Competitors who are obliged to accept being tested, The analyses will be done by WADA accredited laboratories.

The NBOs are invited to pay attention to the Anti-doping Regulations and to ensure that their players are fully aware of the regulations and the penalties for not following them.

If a Competitor is undergoing medical treatment for a condition, which requires the taking of a substance on the Prohibited list, the Competitor must get a dispensation from the EBL Medical Commission.

Any players requiring exemption certificates should ensure that they complete the TUE form and return it as soon as possible and **no later than 21 days before the commencement of the competition in which they are participating to**

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The list of prohibited substances can be found at <http://www.wada-ama.org/> and the TUE form is available from the ECatsBridge website :

<http://www.ecatsbridge.com/documents/wbfinfo/antidoping/default.asp>



## **Dress Code**

In the European Open, Women and Seniors Team Championship it is obligatory for all teams to adopt the dress code specified in the Rules & Regulations.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tournament – Paul Magerman Cup**

A pairs tournament will be held in Kursaal from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. I am pleased to attach a leaflet and you can find further useful information on the EBL web site. The entry fee will be free to players of teams knocked out of the Round Robins

## **Registration of entries**

Finally I want to remind you that the deadline for the entries to the Championship will expire on 1st April 2010 and must be submitted electronically, via the EBL website (not by email) at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/competitions/10Ostend/Information.htm>

and it is very important that this deadline is respected, to be able to arrange the complete and detailed schedule of the event and to forward every related useful information.

The registrations received to date are displayed on the EBL website and are as follows:

### **Open Teams:**

Belgium – Cyprus – Czech Republic – Denmark – England – Estonia – Finland – Germany – Greece – Iceland – Ireland – Israel – Luxembourg – Poland – Romania – San Marino – Scotland – Sweden – The Netherlands – Turkey

### **Women Teams:**

Belgium – Czech Republic – Denmark – England – Finland – Germany – Greece – Ireland – Israel – Poland – Scotland – Sweden – The Netherlands – Turkey

### **Senior Teams:**

Belgium – Czech Republic – Denmark – England – Estonia – Finland – Germany – Ireland – Israel – Poland – Scotland – Sweden – The Netherlands – Turkey

Thank you for your collaboration,

Un abbraccio  
Gianarrigo Rona