



World Bridge Federation

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World Bridge Federation: Small Federations Open Teams 2025

We write to you in this information letter to:

- explain the premise of this event, now held for the second year, in 2025
- describe the eligibility criteria

We want to provide accessible and affordable bridge for member nations of the WBF. Online bridge in a secure, monitored environment has proven to be a successful approach. The inaugural event held in December 2024 attracted entries from 31 NBOs.

1. Format and cost

This second running will continue to be an open representative teams event for small NBOs, with free entry for the participating NBOs. In future years an entry fee may be charged.

Each nation can enter exactly one team. We will ask the participating NBOs to provide a suitable venue, and we will describe how we want you to implement monitoring. More of that later. For those NBOs who took part in the 2024 event, you can assume that the arrangements will be similar.

Please note this is an official World Championship, and all tables will be recorded, monitored and potentially broadcast in line with standard WBF promotion and integrity requirements.

2. Eligibility

Using the “older than 25 years” membership data (ie the same as that used for membership dues) we have classified an NBO as being a small federation if they have 300 or fewer players older than 25 years old. A few NBOs are ineligible because of past strong performance in world championships.

Some NBOs with 300 to 500 members may also be invited to participate. This decision will be based on past performance at zonal and WBF events.

We have determined that your NBO is eligible to play in this event.

3. What we would like you to do now

Please make note of the dates. Note that teams can have up to 8 players. For the avoidance of doubt, this is an open event, and you can have any player older than 16 take part.

We will write to you again once registration is open.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Anna Newton at: anna.newton@worldbridgefed.com who will pass your query to the relevant person.



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