



World Bridge Federation

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World Bridge Federation: Small Federations Open Teams 2024

Note: this is an ONLINE event

In May 2024 we wrote to you about our plans to stage a new event. It was good to get so many survey responses. We can now provide you with details of the event.

Our objective is 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.

1. Format and cost

This event is 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 one team. We will ask the participating NBOs to provide a suitable venue, and we will describe how we want you to implement monitoring.

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. Dates, matches, and more

The championships will be held over these days: **12 to 15 December, and 19 to 22 December.**

Teams can have up to 8 players. This is an open event, and you can have any player older than 16 take part. All players must be members of your federation, and in good standing.

The teams will not all be playing at the same time. Not every team will be playing on the same day. We are aware that the weekend is not the same in all nations. This has been taken into account in the scheduling system. Each team will have a schedule of dates and times, showing their opponents for each round.

No team will play any earlier than a normal start time in their **own** time zone (typically 9 am), and will complete their matches no later than a normal end time in their **own** time zone (typically 11 pm).

Each team will play **12 matches**; each match will be **12 boards**. Each match will be allocated 75 minutes, with 15 minutes between matches for teams that are also playing the next match.

Scoring: **standard WBF VP** scale. The winner will be the team with the most VPs.

The playing platform is RealBridge. There will be several opportunities to practice using the RealBridge platform in the weeks leading up to the championship dates.



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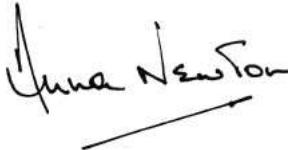
3. What we would like you to do now

Take note of the dates. Inform your players of the event.

Once the microsite is ready, it will provide the standard method for registration, and details of the conditions of contest.

On behalf of my colleagues, the organising committee, we look forward to your participation.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Newton". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a horizontal line that ends in an arrowhead pointing to the right.

Signed by Anna Newton on behalf of

Kip Rotchell, Convenor of the Small Federations Open Teams