

## Youth bridge schedule changes

The World Bridge Federation has made major changes to the 2012 World Youth Bridge Team Championships, previously scheduled for the World Mind Sports Games in England in August 2012.

Both the dates and the location for the Damiani Cup (for players 20 and younger) and the Patiño Cup (25 and younger) have been changed.

These competitions will be held July 25–Aug. 4, 2012, in Cuba. Although general tourist travel to Cuba from the United States is not allowed by the U.S., there are exceptions, including exceptions for competitions such as this bridge event.

The United States Bridge Federation is working with the U.S. State Department to learn more and to get approval for U.S. bridge teams to attend the Youth Team Championships.

The USBF will not set firm dates for entering the trials for these events until the details are

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worked out with the State Department (the previously announced deadlines for entering these trials will be relaxed).

The competitions in Cuba will also include the Rona Cup, for women 25 and younger. The Under 28 Team Championship will be held as part of the World Mind Sports Games in England in August 2012, as originally planned.

If you have a team that would like to enter the trials for these events or if you want to be on the Junior bridge news email list, send a note to Joe Stokes at [istokes@uic.edu](mailto:istokes@uic.edu)

