



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

Guidelines for the organization of the future WBF Championships

The changes in the format of the WBF Championships concern:

1. The World Bridge Games: being of course confirmed the Open, Women and Senior Teams events, the Mixed Transnational Teams will be cancelled and substituted by the Open, Women and Seniors Pairs World Championship, which will be an integral part of the event and not just an additional competition. If the World Games will continue to be incorporated in the World Mind Sports Games, the Pairs Championships will not be just a filling, but it will have the same dignity of the Teams Championships and the same medals will be awarded.

It will be stimulating for the Federations (above all for those who did not send an official team) to participate and be officially represented at least by one pair.

At the present time we have a World Championship for National Teams, but not for National Pairs. Introducing this event we will reinforce our organization and our image by involving the Federations and so recognizing their role and also giving them the opportunity to receive a subsidy from their IOC or Authorities, which is not available in the case of transnational events.

We have a lot of players who like to play pairs and in addition I am convinced that any player will be very proud to have the chance to represent his own Country in a pairs competition, especially if he does not have the opportunity of being a member of the National Team.

With this new event we will have a Pairs Championship every two years, one national (World Games) and one transnational (World Series).

World Series: the new format of the event provides to divide the Championship into two different phases: 1st week Mixed events (teams and pairs), 2nd week Open, Women and Senior events (teams and pairs), linking the teams and pairs so that a player can decide to stay just one week or for the whole period. The Mixed week has to provide exciting and challenging competitions for both teams and pairs in order, to be able to attract and stimulate the participation. We should remember that until now the Mixed events have been organized (and are considered) just as a filling.

The WBF Calendar starting from 2014 will be:

Odd Years:

- Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy, World Transnational Open Teams
- World Youth Open Championship

Even Summer Olympic Year:

- World Games (National Open, Women, Senior Teams and Pairs)
- World Youth Teams Championship

Even not Olympic Year:

- World Series (Transnational Open, Women, Senior, Mixed Teams and Pairs)
- World Youth Teams Championship

The project, already approved both by the Officers (in the Meeting of November 2012, Lausanne) and the Management Committee (in the Meeting of March 2013 in Milano) and will be ratified by the Executive Council in September in Bali.