

Join us for a

BRIDGESTEDDFOD

— National Welsh Festival of Bridge —



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20 - 23 AUGUST

HOLIDAY INN, CARDIFF CITY CENTRE

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For 2026 the Welsh Bridge Union has combined its five main National Competitions into a four day Festival of Bridge. The famous “*Eisteddfod*” means “*sitting together*”, hence the birth of “*Bridgesteddfod*” – literally sitting together playing bridge 😊

We are hoping that this will become an annual National event. Other key Welsh congresses this year are Llandudno (two days of pairs) on 1-2 August 2026 and Porthcawl (pairs and teams) on 13-15 November 2026.

The venue for this year’s Bridgesteddfod is Central Cardiff at the Holiday Inn, a fully accessible venue. It is a short walk from Cardiff station, Cardiff Castle and the multiple shops, bars and restaurants of central Cardiff and has its own on-site car park (parking charges apply).

Each day there will be a main Green Pointed Championship event detailed overleaf which will be a two session event. Alongside that players who do not wish to compete in the main events will have the option of playing in one or both of two single session more relaxed social bridge events.

You have the option of staying at the venue hotel and booking details are included, but this is not a requirement and you can book the bridge separately and stay wherever is convenient for you in Cardiff or the surrounding area.

We want this event to be inclusive and sociable so there will be an option to attend a group meal on the Saturday night. Additionally, if you would like to play but need a partner arranging and/or team mates please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We really look forward to seeing you there!

To book or to ask us any questions you may have about the event please just email us :

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| Event | Timing and Boards |
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| Championship Mens Pairs Session 1 | Thursday 2pm – 5.30pm |
| Championship Womens Pairs Session 1 | |
| Friendly Pairs Side Event | |
| Championship Mens Pairs Session 2 | Thursday 7.30pm – 11pm |
| Championship Womens Pairs Session 2 | |
| Friendly Pairs Side Event | |

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| Championship Mixed Pairs Session 1 | Friday 1pm – 4.30pm |
| Friendly Pairs Side Event | |
| Championship Mixed Pairs Session 1 | Friday 6.30pm – 10pm |
| Friendly Pairs Side Event | |
| Pêl Cyflym (* Speedball with some Welsh twists.....!!!) | Friday 10.30pm – 11.30pm |

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| Championship Open Swiss Pairs Session 1 | Saturday 12.30pm – 4pm |
| Friendly Open Teams or Pairs Side Event | |
| Championship Open Swiss Pairs Session 2 | Saturday 4.30pm – 7.30pm |
| Friendly Teams or Pairs Side Event | |

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| Championship Open Swiss Teams Session 1 | Sunday 11am – 2pm |
| Friendly Teams or Pairs Side Event | |
| Championship Open Swiss Teams Session 2 | Sunday 3.15pm- 6.15pm |
| Friendly Teams or Pairs Side Event | |

Prices

All players in Championship Events need to be current paid up members of the WBU (* Direct Membership £25 per year)

Side Event players are not required to be WBU members

Juniors FREE for all sessions for WBU Junior members

£30 per person per day per Championship Green Pointed event or £100 per person for the entire Congress

Side Events £5 per player per single session

SPEEDBALL FREE FOR EVERYONE!!!

Venue accommodation is available at the Cardiff City Centre Holiday Inn on a first-come first-served basis. They can be contacted on 02920 347238 or at::

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/cardiff/cdfcy/hoteldetail>

A limited number of rooms are available and must be booked at least 28 days in advance to secure these rates:

Single occupancy rate - £106.00 per room per night including breakfast

Double occupancy rate - £119.00 per room per night including breakfast

Bookings for accommodation need to be made directly with the hotel quoting Welsh Bridge Union.

