



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs

Cc EBL Executive Committee
FMB President – G. Vivaldi

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2nd EUROPEAN OPEN WINTER GAMES
Monaco
17th to 23rd February 2018
Organised by the European Bridge League
with the Monegasque Bridge Federation

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

I am very pleased to Inform you that the 2nd European Winter Games will be held **from 17th to 23rd February 2018** at:

Hotel Fairmont
Monaco

Format of the Championships

These Championships include a main team event with the Zimmermann Cup and a FMB Trophy.

Schedule of play

- ♥ Saturday 17 to Monday 19 February Zimmermann Cup - Swiss qualification
- ♥ Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 February Zimmermann Cup - Knock out
- ♥ Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 February FMB Trophy
- ♥ Friday 23 February Closing Ceremony



Entry fees

Please find below the entry fees:

- Zimmermann Cup + FMB Trophy = € 1250
 - o Women Teams = € 750
 - o U26 Teams = € 500
- FMB Trophy only = € 500

Registration

The registration process **is now available** and all entries to the Championships must be submitted electronically **latest two days prior to the starting date of the respective events** (not by e-mail) via the EBL Website at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/18monaco/microsite/Participants.htm>

Bridge players from all WBF zones are entitled to participate in the Championships provided they are members in good standing of a National Bridge Federation (NBO).

To be eligible for participation in the 2018 European Winter Games a player must comply with the EBL Rules & Regulations and the EBL Eligibility Code under the control of the EBL Credentials Committee.

Entries received will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of each proposed player, and are subject to their NBO's approval and to the EBL Credentials Committee. Entry applications submitted after the deadline will be accepted only if technically convenient. Withdrawals of accepted entries are subject to the same deadline.

Competitor's Commitment form: for those who have not signed it in the previous EBL events - To be signed once and valid for all future EBL Championships by Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials in Teams Championships before the start of the event (form attached) and sent by email to secretariat@europeanbridge.org.

Awards

European Bridge League Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded.

EBL Master Points will also be awarded.

The winning team of the main event will receive the Zimmermann Trophy.

Cash prizes

By the sponsor Pierre Zimmermann

Zimmermann cup: € 100 000 (special prizes for best Women, Seniors and U26)

FMB Trophy: € 40 000



Rules & Regulations

The Rules & Regulations, including the Anti-doping Regulation, the Eligibility Code, the Code of Discipline, and the Dress Code will be published, together with the Systems Policy, on the EBL website from **1st October 2017**.

Hotel accommodation

Special prices have been negotiated with hotels in Monaco. All details and reservations are available at the following link <http://www.wintergames.bridgemonaco.com/>

Contact

For further information, please contact:

- ♥ General information => Catherine Vitry - EBL Secretariat at secretariat@europeanbridge.org
- ♥ Local information (hotel, transportation) => Monegasque Bridge Federation at wintergames@bridgemonaco.com
- ♥ Technical information => Jan Kamras at jankamras@gmail.com

Sincerely yours,

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