



**NORDIC BRIDGE UNION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
CONDITIONS OF  
CONTEST**

**THE NORDIC YOUTH TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS  
HELD IN ÖREBRO, SWEDEN**

**MAY 31<sup>th</sup> – JUNE 1<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Updated April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## 1 INTRODUCTION, FORMAT AND TIMETABLE

### 1.1 Introduction

The Youth Nordic Teams Championships ("the Championships") are to be played under the auspices of the Nordic Bridge Union ("the NBU") at the Hotel Scandic Väst, Örebro, Sweden, commencing on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 and ending on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. The Championships consist of two classes: Under 21 Open Teams and Under 26 Open Teams..

The Championships will be governed by the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, the NBU General Conditions of Contest ("the GCoC") and these Supplementary Conditions of Contest ("the SCoC"). Unless otherwise stated, or illogical in context, the definitions used in the GCoC apply also to these SCoC.

In case of a conflict between these Regulations and the General Conditions of Contest, these Regulations shall prevail. Matters not regulated here are governed by the General Conditions of Contest and the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. 2017.

### 1.2 Format

The Championship comprises two classes: Under 26 Open Teams and Under 21 Open Teams.

#### A. Participants

1. Each NBO under the NBU is invited to send one participating team in each class.
2. If an odd number of teams have signed up, the Organiser may appoint one additional team. Such a team must consist of players individually eligible under § 102C in GCoC, but may be transnational. Results obtained by such a team count in the final rankings, but the team itself is not eligible for awards.

#### B. Format

1. The tournament is played as a round-robin between all participating teams in one group, followed by a gold/silver medal match for the 1st and 2nd placed teams and a bronze medal match for the two other teams, separately for each class.
2. The schedule shall ensure that teams representing the same NBO play each other as early as possible, normally during the first three rounds of the tournament.
3. For playoff matches, there will be a carry-over calculated as follows. First calculate the VP difference between the two teams in the final standings of the round robin. Then multiply this number with 1,5 IMP. The result will be the carry over for the higher placed team. The higher placed team will be the home team.
4. The new "continuous" WBF VP scale is used.
5. Seating rights. For each match, the team mentioned first in the schedule of matches printed in the program is designated as the Home Team and the team mentioned second is designed

as the Visiting Team.

The Home team sits North-South in the Open Room and East-West in the Closed Room throughout the match. The Home Team has the right to seat its players after the Visiting Team has done so.

6. Line up. There is no necessary line up but the Visiting Team is required to take its places 5 minutes before the start of each round.
7. Systems. The WBF Systems Policy (<http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/WBFSystemsPolicy.pdf>) applies.  
The Youth Teams event is considered a Category 3 event with respect to the EBL Systems Policy. As such, HUM systems and Brown Sticker conventions are forbidden.  
Convention cards and supplementary sheets must be submitted to [carina@svenskbridge.se](mailto:carina@svenskbridge.se) no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
8. Screens. Screens are in use. The EBL Screen Regulations apply.
9. The length of matches. Each match consists of 15 boards. Allocated time is 2 hours (=120 minutes).

### **1.3 Draw**

Prior to play an official draw for numbers in the schedule of play will be made and published on site and on the NBU website for the Championships.

### **1.4 Program and Timetable**

Preliminary schedule:

Wednesday 31 May 09:30 Captains meeting  
Wednesday 31 May 10:00-12:00 Round 1  
Wednesday 31 May 12:15-14:15 Round 2  
Wednesday 31 May 15:00-17:00 Round 3  
Wednesday 31 May 17:30-19:30 Round 4  
Thursday 1 June 10:00-12:00 Round 5  
Thursday 1 June 12:15-14:15 Round 6  
Thursday 1 June 15:00-17:00 Round 7  
Thursday 1 June 17:15-19:15 Round 8 (=medal matches)  
Thursday 1 June 20:00 Prizegiving and dinner.

## **2 AWARDS**

In addition to awards given in each class, the NBU Trophy will be calculated as follows. Each NBO designates one participating team. The NBU Trophy rankings are calculated from the results of the matches between the designated teams only. If an NBO does not explicitly designate a team for the NBU Trophy, by default it will be the Open Team under 26 or Open Team under 21, in order of priority. The imps obtained in a playoff match are converted into VPs. In addition, teams participating in the gold/silver match are awarded a bonus of 10 VPs for NBU Trophy purposes.