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# President Opens Olympiad

## 115 teams begin 10th World Bridge Team Olympiad

World Bridge Federation President, José Damiani declared the 10th World Bridge Team Olympiad open at last night's inaugural ceremony in the Dome Room. It is fitting that the Olympiad is taking place in Greece on the hundredth anniversary of the rebirth of the Olympics.

It is expected that 115 teams – 71 Open and 44 Women's – will begin round-robin play this morning. Later in the tournament, there will be a Mixed Teams event that is expected to draw well in excess of 100 teams.

Panos Gerontopoulos of Greece, a member of the WBF Executive Council and head of the WBF Junior program, introduced the teams.

Welcoming speeches were delivered by Evangelos Nartis, President of the Hellenic Bridge Federation; Mr. Kostopoulos representing John Paraskevas, Prefect of the Dodecanese Islands; Mayor George Giannopoulos of Rhodes, and Mr. Sevastic, repre-

senting the Hellenic government. Anna Maria Torlontano of Italy, a member of the WBF Executive Council, was mistress of ceremonies.

Mayor Giannopoulos said that the city of Rhodes was happy to have the pleasure of hosting the top event of international competitive bridge. "Bridge along with chess is the ultimate intellectual sport that sharpens the mind and promotes analytical and strategic thought. It requires years of study and practice."

Hellenic BF President Nartis observed, "Since ancient times the Greek people have cherished the development of the human mind and noble competition. Greece is privileged and honored to host the world's top bridge players who share these very values."

As Damiani declared the Olympiad open, the World Bridge Federation flag was unfurled. This was followed by the Greek national anthem.



**JOSÉ DAMIANI**

PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

*It is the right time to thank all of the authorities for the magnificent support you have given to this 10th Olympiad.*

*It seemed quite natural to hold it in Greece, first because it is the 100th anniversary of de Coubertin's appeal, and also because it is our first Olympiad after the recognition of the WBF by the International Olympic Committee. It was not easy to find such a marvelous venue as Rhodes and such a wonderful site as the Rodos Palace, and we are delighted to have been able to come here.*

*I am sure that the cooperation between the Hellenic Bridge Federation and the World Bridge Federation will achieve an organization designed for the comfort and the pleasure of you, the players.*

*Thank you for coming in such numbers to make a new and tremendous record of participation of 75 countries – 71 Open Teams and 44 Women's Teams – and certainly about 100 Mixed Teams.*

*I wish you all good luck and good bridge, and a very pleasant stay in Rhodes. I now have the privilege and the honor to declare the 10th Olympiad Open.*

### How it's going to work

The teams in both the Olympiad competitions have been divided into two groups for round-robin purposes. In each of the two groups, all teams will play a match against each of the other teams in their group.

Since there are many more teams in the Open than in the Women's, it is necessary to have more matches in the Open. Therefore the general schedule will have four matches of 16 boards per day in the Open and three matches of 20 boards per day in the Women's.

The top four teams in each group will advance to the quarterfinals. The quarterfinals in both competitions will be 64 boards and will be finished in one day. The semifinals in both groups will consist of 96 boards played over one and a half days.

As usual, the Women's Olympiad will finish one day ahead of the Open. The Women's final will be 96 boards – 32 to be played immediately after the conclusion of the semifinals and 64 to be played on Friday, November 1. In the Open, the final will be 128 boards, the first 96 alongside the Women's and the final 32 early on Saturday, November 2, finishing in plenty of time for the Victory Banquet.

### TODAY'S VU - GRAPH MATCHES

11.00 hrs  
*Austria v France*

14.00 hrs  
*Turkey v Greece*

17.00 hrs  
*Iceland v USA*

21.30 hrs  
*Poland v Germany*

All matches in the Open series

## Predictions

It is a tradition at a major championships such as this for the Daily News editorial team to give their predictions as to which teams will qualify for the knockout stages. Please do not be offended if your team does not appear in our lists – actually, this is good news for you as appearing here is usually like a kiss of death for a team's chances. Brian neglected to tip Canada in Beijing and they promptly reached the final of the Bermuda Bowl. As you can see, this isn't going to happen – not with Canada at least. Anyway, here goes:

### Brian Senior

#### Open – Group A

Canada  
China  
Indonesia  
Poland

#### Open – Group B

Italy  
Netherlands  
Norway  
USA

#### Women – Group A

China  
Germany  
Great Britain  
Sweden

#### Women – Group B

Austria  
Canada  
France  
USA

### Henry Francis

#### Open – Group A

Canada  
China  
Indonesia  
Poland

#### Open – Group B

Chinese Taipei  
Italy  
Norway  
USA

#### Women – Group A

China  
Germany  
South Africa  
Sweden

#### Women – Group B

Austria  
Canada  
France  
USA



## Smoking regulations

Only the players are permitted to smoke in the playing rooms.

Players may ask their opponent(s) to refrain from smoking. Whenever possible smokers should refrain from smoking when so asked.

## WBF Alerting policy

### Preamble

1. The objective is to have a uniform WBF policy which is applied to all WBF events.
2. It is not intended that this should override Alerting policies developed by the Zone or NCBOs.
3. Players who participate in WBF events are expected to protect themselves to a large extent. They also are expected to observe the spirit of the Laws as well as the letter. Full disclosure is vital.
4. The policy has been made as simple as possible. Players, however, are expected to Alert whenever there is doubt. (N.B. – Where screens are in use, an Alert on one side but not the other does not necessarily imply an infraction.)

### Policy

The following classes of call should be Alerted:

1. Conventional bids should be Alerted; non-conventional bids should not. (A convention is a call that serves by partnership agreement to convey a meaning not necessarily related to the denomination named.)
2. Those bids which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization.) See Law 40(b).
3. Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an unpassed hand to opening bids of one of a suit.



## Dollar equivalents

The U.S. Dollar amounts referred to in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest, Section 18.2 and 18.6, are also payable as follows: \$20 as 5,000 drachmas, \$40 as 10,000 drachmas, \$50 as 12,500 drachmas.

## WBF APPEALS

### Goals

1. To make consistent interpretations of the Laws, regulations and customs, catering to a high level of play and expertise.
2. To encourage proper disclosure (PD) whose golden guideline is to tell the opponents what you would like them to tell you in a similar circumstance.
3. To strive to eliminate bias, whether it is preconceived opinions about the people involved, their nationality, their systems, whether they are liked or disliked, or whether it is just to favor friends or fellow countrymen or women.
4. To encourage the use of Active Ethics (AE), which might be defined as going above and beyond that which is normally expected to help raise our expert game to a level that corresponds with the intellectuality of our game and the players playing it.
5. To encourage our partnerships to know their systems and treatments by siding with their opponents in disputes regarding misinformation or forgets (CD). The last few years have told us that it is almost impossible to fairly adjudicate CD since it not only creates havoc but makes everyone uncertain.
6. Hesitation disruption (HD), an age old bridge problem, must be policed by making a player aware that once his partner hesitates he will be under a special ethical responsibility (SER) to "lean over backwards" not to take advantage; appeals committees will take this into account in rendering their decisions.
7. When an adjusted score is determined, different standards are applied to the offending and non-offending sides. This means that the non-offenders are not necessarily entitled to the reciprocal of the score assigned to the offenders. Particularly in non-KO events our committees should seriously consider their responsibility to protect the field (PTF). We must always remember that committees represent all the players and teams in the event, and not just those involved in the appeal.

### Rules of behavior

1. Good manners and civility – not rude or condescending behavior.
2. Because bridge is a partnership game, behavior that may be tolerated in games like poker or chess is not appropriate, nor should it be tolerated. Gestures, intonations, attitude, improper tempo, and general body language will undoubtedly have some effect on the judgment of other players. When it might affect partner's judgment, such behavior is reprehensible. Since playing bridge behind screens is relatively new, and at times produces unique situations, it may become necessary for AE to encourage players to feel compelled to protect their opponents.
3. Bridge is expected to be played in a relatively "even" tempo – neither too slow nor too fast. Remember, at this level of expertise quick plays and slow plays are likely to convey unauthorized information. Violations may easily boomerang because SER prevents partner from taking advantage.
4. When a player who may have committed a possible offense attempts sincerely to correct or mitigate a minor transgression at the table, thereby eliminating the necessity for rulings and appeals, his attitude will be considered if and when a committee is convened to judge the issue.

## World Bridge Federation Congress meeting

An important meeting of the World Bridge Federation Congress will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 10.00 in the Delphi Auditorium.

Every nation should appoint a delegate to attend. Important matters will be discussed, and WBF President Josè Damiani will report on the activities of the WBF during the past two years.

Cocktails will be served immediately after the meeting of the Congress.

**O P E N****Round - 1 11.00**

BELGIUM	1	LUXEMBOURG
ARGENTINA	2	BANGLADESH
BERMUDA	3	SAN MARINO
SWEDEN	4	CANADA
DENMARK	5	ROMANIA
PAKISTAN	6	PALESTINE
SOUTH AFRICA	7	GERMANY
CHINA	8	PHILIPPINES
COLOMBIA	9	CZECH REPUBLIC
LEBANON	10	SINGAPORE
INDONESIA	11	POLAND
IRELAND	12	NEW ZEALAND
LITHUANIA	13	CROATIA
MOROCCO	14	CHILE
AUSTRIA	15	FRANCE
SPAIN	16	UKRAINE
JAPAN	17	LIECHTENSTEIN
MALAYSIA	18	Bye

EGYPT	19	RUSSIA
BRAZIL	20	ESTONIA
THAILAND	21	TURKEY
VENEZUELA	22	SLOVENIA
AUSTRALIA	23	FRENCH POLYNES.
MONACO	24	SWITZERLAND
TUNISIA	25	NORWAY
GREAT BRITAIN	26	KENYA
GUADELOUPE	27	INDIA
ICELAND	28	HUNGARY
PORTUGAL	29	MAURITIUS
ITALY	30	FINLAND
HONG KONG	31	CHINESE TAIPEI
CYPRUS	32	GREECE
USA	33	ISRAEL
JORDAN	34	NETHERLANDS
LATVIA	35	MEXICO
YUGOSLAVIA	36	BULGARIA

**Round - 3 17.00**

ROMANIA	1	PHILIPPINES
PALESTINE	2	GERMANY
BELGIUM	3	MALAYSIA
CANADA	4	CZECH REPUBLIC
SAN MARINO	5	SINGAPORE
BANGLADESH	6	POLAND
LUXEMBOURG	7	NEW ZEALAND
CROATIA	8	ARGENTINA
BERMUDA	9	CHILE
FRANCE	10	SWEDEN
DENMARK	11	UKRAINE
LIECHTENSTEIN	12	PAKISTAN
SOUTH AFRICA	13	SPAIN
CHINA	14	AUSTRIA
COLOMBIA	15	MOROCCO
LITHUANIA	16	LEBANON
INDONESIA	17	IRELAND
JAPAN	18	Bye

FRENCH POLYNES.	19	INDIA
SWITZERLAND	20	KENYA
EGYPT	21	NORWAY
SLOVENIA	22	HUNGARY
TURKEY	23	MAURITIUS
ESTONIA	24	FINLAND
RUSSIA	25	CHINESE TAIPEI
GREECE	26	BRAZIL
THAILAND	27	ISRAEL
NETHERLANDS	28	VENEZUELA
AUSTRALIA	29	BULGARIA
MEXICO	30	MONACO
TUNISIA	31	LATVIA
GUADELOUPE	32	JORDAN
ICELAND	33	USA
CYPRUS	34	PORTUGAL
ITALY	35	HONG KONG
GREAT BRITAIN	36	YUGOSLAVIA

**Round - 2 14.00**

COLOMBIA	1	INDONESIA
LEBANON	2	BELGIUM
IRELAND	3	CHINA
SOUTH AFRICA	4	LITHUANIA
PAKISTAN	5	AUSTRIA
SPAIN	6	DENMARK
SWEDEN	7	JAPAN
LIECHTENSTEIN	8	BERMUDA
UKRAINE	9	ARGENTINA
LUXEMBOURG	10	FRANCE
CHILE	11	BANGLADESH
SAN MARINO	12	CROATIA
NEW ZEALAND	13	CANADA
ROMANIA	14	POLAND
SINGAPORE	15	PALESTINE
MALAYSIA	16	CZECH REPUBLIC
PHILIPPINES	17	GERMANY
MOROCCO	18	Bye

ICELAND	19	ITALY
PORTUGAL	20	EGYPT
HONG KONG	21	GUADELOUPE
GREAT BRITAIN	22	CYPRUS
USA	23	TUNISIA
MONACO	24	JORDAN
VENEZUELA	25	LATVIA
MEXICO	26	THAILAND
BULGARIA	27	BRAZIL
RUSSIA	28	NETHERLANDS
ISRAEL	29	ESTONIA
TURKEY	30	GREECE
CHINESE TAIPEI	31	SLOVENIA
FRENCH POLYNES.	32	FINLAND
MAURITIUS	33	SWITZERLAND
NORWAY	34	HUNGARY
INDIA	35	KENYA
YUGOSLAVIA	36	AUSTRALIA

**Round - 4 21.30**

NEW ZEALAND	1	MALAYSIA
PHILIPPINES	2	SINGAPORE
POLAND	3	GERMANY
CZECH REPUBLIC	4	BELGIUM
CROATIA	5	PALESTINE
CHILE	6	ROMANIA
FRANCE	7	CANADA
UKRAINE	8	SAN MARINO
BANGLADESH	9	LIECHTENSTEIN
JAPAN	10	LUXEMBOURG
ARGENTINA	11	SPAIN
AUSTRIA	12	BERMUDA
MOROCCO	13	SWEDEN
LITHUANIA	14	DENMARK
IRELAND	15	PAKISTAN
LEBANON	16	SOUTH AFRICA
CHINA	17	COLOMBIA
INDONESIA	18	Bye

CHINESE TAIPEI	19	NORWAY
INDIA	20	MAURITIUS
FINLAND	21	KENYA
HUNGARY	22	EGYPT
GREECE	23	SWITZERLAND
ISRAEL	24	FRENCH POLYNES.
NETHERLANDS	25	SLOVENIA
BULGARIA	26	TURKEY
ESTONIA	27	MEXICO
LATVIA	28	RUSSIA
JORDAN	29	THAILAND
USA	30	VENEZUELA
CYPRUS	31	AUSTRALIA
HONG KONG	32	MONACO
ITALY	33	TUNISIA
PORTUGAL	34	GREAT BRITAIN
GUADELOUPE	35	ICELAND
BRAZIL	36	YUGOSLAVIA

**LADIES****Round - 1 15.30**

CHINA	51	VENEZUELA
RUSSIA	52	SPAIN
SAN MARINO	53	INDONESIA
PHILIPPINES	54	PAKISTAN
SOUTH AFRICA	55	DENMARK
GERMANY	56	GREECE
MEXICO	57	MONACO
NETHERLANDS	58	BRAZIL
NEW ZEALAND	59	MOROCCO
GREAT BRITAIN	60	HUNGARY
HONG KONG	61	SWEDEN

ARGENTINA	62	THAILAND
INDIA	63	COLOMBIA
JORDAN	64	CROATIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	65	JAPAN
CANADA	66	POLAND
USA	67	FINLAND
JAMAICA	68	FRANCE
AUSTRIA	69	TURKEY
AUSTRALIA	70	BELGIUM
ISRAEL	71	MALAYSIA
ITALY	72	YUGOSLAVIA

**Round - 2 20.30**

GREECE	51	PHILIPPINES
BRAZIL	52	CHINA
GREAT BRITAIN	53	GERMANY
VENEZUELA	54	NETHERLANDS
NEW ZEALAND	55	INDONESIA
SPAIN	56	HONG KONG
DENMARK	57	MEXICO
HUNGARY	58	SWEDEN
MONACO	59	SOUTH AFRICA
PAKISTAN	60	RUSSIA
MOROCCO	61	SAN MARINO

FINLAND	62	CHINESE TAIPEI
TURKEY	63	ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA	64	USA
THAILAND	65	AUSTRIA
ITALY	66	CROATIA
COLOMBIA	67	ISRAEL
POLAND	68	JAMAICA
BELGIUM	69	MALAYSIA
FRANCE	70	CANADA
JAPAN	71	INDIA
YUGOSLAVIA	72	JORDAN

**Program correction**

The group positions of Iceland and Ireland were reversed in the tournament program. Ireland is in Open Teams Group A, and Iceland is playing in Open Teams Group B.

Jamaica originally was expected to field a team in the Women's event, but the team has withdrawn.

**Time monitors**

Players and non-playing captains should be aware that time monitors are going to be available at all times, especially during the later stages of the Olympiad events.

While the directors may seek to establish the cause of any prior time problems, it is in everyone's interest that there be no unnecessary delay in seeking to summon the monitor. The correct procedure is for the player or npc to call the director and to request a monitor. (The presence of a monitor is an entitlement, not a right.)

# Olympic Bridge Festival

## OLYMPIC BRIDGE FESTIVAL

The Olympic Bridge Festival's Organizing Committee welcomes you in today's starting sessions at Metropolitan Capsis Resort Hotel.

Today the first two sessions of the Continuous Pairs. **Starting Time** of the **morning** session **11:00** and of the **afternoon** session **18:00**. The program of the festival consists of the following parts:

### Continuous Pairs

*Sunday 20 October*

11:00 (1st Session) 18:00 (2nd Session)

*Monday 21 October*

11:00 (3rd Session) 18:00 (4th Session)

- In the Continuous Pairs event there will be an individual final classification.

- Each player can play with different partners in one or more sessions.

- If you participate in all the sessions playing with the same partner and consequently both take the same place in the final rank, you will share with your partner the prizes for your ranking position and the next one.

### Danish Teams

*Tuesday 22 October*

11:00 (1st Session) 18:00 (2nd Session)

- After each round the matches are : 1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th, 5th vs 6th, etc.

### Playing with an International

*Wednesday 23 October*

11:00 (1st Session) 18:00 (2nd Session)

### Mixed Pairs

*Thursday 24 October*

11:00 (1st Session) 18:00 (2nd Session)

### Swiss Teams

*Friday 25 October* 11:00 (1st Session)

*Saturday 26 October* 11:00 (2nd Session)

- After each round every team plays against the next in rank team, except if they have confronted each other before.

- For the last two rounds the system is Danish.

### Open Pairs

*Friday 25 October* 21:00 (1st Session)

*Saturday 26 October* 18:00 (2nd Session)

*Sunday 27 October* 11:00 (3rd Session)

The Olympic Bridge Festival will conclude with the **Prize Giving Ceremony** and **Gala Dinner** to be held on **Sunday 27 October** at **18:00**.

The Prizes for the events of the Olympic Bridge Festival are the following:

	Open Pairs	Mixed Pairs	Swiss Teams
<b>Final Ranking</b>			
1st	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
2nd	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
3rd	\$ 1,500	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
4th	\$ 1,000	\$ 600	\$ 700
5th	\$ 800	\$ 400	\$ 500
6th	\$ 700	\$ 200	\$ 400
7th	\$ 600		
8th	\$ 500		
9th	\$ 400		
10th	\$ 300		
<b>Each Session</b>	1st	\$ 200	\$ 150
<b>Ladies Pair</b>	1st	\$ 300	
<b>Mixed Pair</b>	1st	\$ 300	
<b>Seniors</b>	1st	\$ 300	
<b>Best Improvement</b>	1st	\$ 300	
<b>Ladies Team</b>	1st		\$ 400

● One prize per player at each of the three above events

	Continuous Pairs	Danish Teams	Playing with an International
<b>Final Ranking</b>			
1st	\$ 800	\$ 700	\$ 500
2nd	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 300
3rd	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 200
4th	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 100
5th	\$ 200		\$ 100
<b>Each Session</b>	1st	\$ 300	
<b>Each Session</b>	2nd	\$ 200	
<b>Each Session</b>	3rd	\$ 100	
<b>Ladies Team</b>	1st	\$ 300	

● The prizes for the three first places at each session are independent of the prizes of the Final Ranking. The Final Ranking consists of all the players who have participated in at least three sessions.

● The deadline for the Registration is three hours before each session.

● Each of the three first winner teams collects also four silver cups.

*All participants of the festival events must be aware of :*

#### For All Pair Events

- Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) and brown sticker conventions are prohibited.

#### For All Team Events

- Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) are prohibited.

- Brown sticker conventions are allowed but should be clearly explained on the convention card.

## Important Notice for All Participants

The Entry to the Sessions of the Olympic Festival can be done by coupon only. So please, hurry up to get your coupons from the Hospitality Desk in Capsis Metropolitan Hotel.

*We expect to see you in the festival*