



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs  
WBF zones

Cc EBL Executive Committee  
WBF Executive Council

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Prague – Czech Republic  
14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Presidents, dear friends,

I am very pleased to confirm that the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Winter Transnational Championships will be held at:

**Top Congress Hotel Prague**  
**Blažimská 1781**  
**149000 Praha 4-Chodov – Czech Republic**

#### **Format of the Championships**

These Championships include the **WTC** and the **BAM Trophy**

All events are **transnational**.

Detailed information is available at

<http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/25Prague/microsite/Information.htm>

#### **Schedule of play (PROVISIONAL\*)**

14 Feb: **WTC** (Swiss qualification, Rounds 1-5)

15 Feb: **WTC** (Swiss qualification, Rounds 6-10)

16 Feb: **WTC** (KO, Round of 32)

**BAM Trophy** (Qualification, provisional)

17 Feb: **WTC** (KO, Round of 16)

**BAM Trophy** (Qualification, provisional)

18 Feb: **WTC** (KO, Quarterfinals)

**BAM Trophy** (Qualification, provisional)

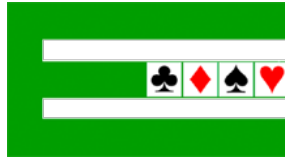
19 Feb: **WTC** (KO, Semifinals)

**BAM Trophy** (Semifinals A&B, provisional)

20 Feb: **WTC** (KO, Final)

**BAM Trophy** (Finals A & B)

\*This schedule stands if ~60 teams are registered, otherwise it will change to 3 days Swiss (of 4 rounds x 12 boards each day).



## **Registration**

The registration process is now open and all entries to this event must be submitted electronically via the EBL Website (not by e-mail), **not later than two days prior** to the starting date of the respective event, at:

<http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/25Prague/microsite/Participants.htm>

Later entries will be accepted only if technically and logistically convenient.

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

Remark: players with the WBF nationality Russia or Belarus are not allowed to play independently from under which flag (including no country flag) they would be willing to participate.

To be eligible for participation in the 2025 European Winter Transnational Championships 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 the approval of their NBO and the EBL Credentials Committee.

## **Entry fees**

- ♥ **WTC + BAM Trophy** = €400/player for **titled-players** (players with any of the EBL or a WBF titles -as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024)
- ♥ For **non-titled players** = €200/player
- ♥ Czech players and players from the neighbouring countries (Austria, Germany, Poland, Slovakia) will get a 30% discount.

## **Payment**

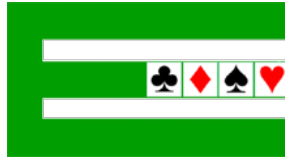
- ♥ Payment by bank transfer of the entry fees is to be made to

**Credit Suisse AG**  
Rue de Lion d'Or 5-7  
CH-1002 Lausanne-Switzerland  
**Account: EBL Winter Transnationals**  
IBAN: CH77 0483 5135 2558 8200 3  
SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZ80A

**Remark: team name or registration code must be mentioned as reference**

## **Commitment form**

Attention is drawn to Article 2.8 of the EBL GCoC. Players, Captains, Coaches and other Team Officials, who have not already submitted one, are required to have signed and submitted the EBL Participant's Commitment Form (see GCoC Appendix 2) not later than 10 February 2025.



### **Awards**

- ♥ **WTC:** EBL Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals will be awarded; The winning team of this main event will receive the title of EBL European Champion
- ♥ **BAM Trophy:** EBL Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals will be awarded
- ♥ EBL Master Points will be awarded in the **WTC** and in the **BAM Trophy**.

### **Rules & Regulations**

The Rules & Regulations, including the Anti-doping Regulation, the Eligibility Code, the Disciplinary Code, the Dress Code and the Systems Policy are published on the EBL website.

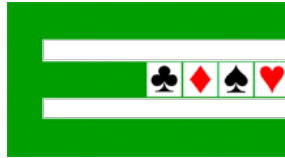
### **Hotel accommodation**

Special prices have been negotiated with the Top Congress hotel (B&B accommodation):

- ♥ Standard room: single/€70 ; double/€75 ; triple/€85
- ♥ Executive room: single/€75 ; double/€80 ; triple/€90
- ♥ Superior room: single/€80 ; double/€85 ; triple/€95
- ♥ Lunch/dinner (Buffet type): €16/meal/pers. If pre-ordered for hotel guests (€20 if ordered on the spot)
- ♥ Reservations with AVE-KONTAKT by using the [reservation form](#) ; special prices valid until 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (all details at <http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/25Prague/microsite/Accommodation.htm>)

### **Transportation to hotel**

- ♥ Prague “Vaclav Havel” airport: 50mn drive
- ♥ Main train Station: 21mn
- ♥ Main bus station-Florenc: 24mn
- ♥ Downtown Vaclavske Namesti: 13mn drive
- ♥ Bus stop “Mestsky archiv Chodovec” in front of hotel every 10mn and Metro C (red line)



## **Social Media**

Please note

- ♥ EBL FB address: <https://www.facebook.com/europeanbridge/>
- ♥ WhatsApp Channel: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaDxyxcBVJl2MHgxCA39>

Don't hesitate to share the page and its contents.

## **Contact**

For further information, please contact: Catherine Vitry - EBL Secretariat

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We look forward to seeing you and your players in Prague.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Laurant