

The 2012 World Bridge Games (Olympiad) in Lille France

The WBF have announced a venue and dates for this event, which is to take place in Lille, France August 09 – 23, 2012. <http://www.worldbridge.org/home.asp>

Further information is at

<http://www.ecatsbridge.com/Documents/files/2012WMSG Lille/1stLetterNBOLille.pdf>

For the Open, Ladies and Senior Teams at this event the Selectors wish to invite applications from teams of 6 and expressions of interest from partial teams of 2 or 4. Pairs initially eligible for consideration are those who have played in the Open, Ladies and Senior trials during the last two years or who have played for Wales in the last 2 years.

The following conditions apply:

- 1) The Welsh Bridge Union will not be providing any financial assistance of any kind. Pairs intending to play shall be liable for all entrance fees, accommodation and subsistence, and any other ancillary fees for scorers or fines.
- 2) Players will be representing the Welsh Bridge Union and thus will sign an undertaking that they will act as ambassadors of the WBU and uphold the principles as stated in the WBU Players Responsibilities document.

< <http://www.wbu.org.uk/Int/2011/PlayersResps20110707A4.pdf> >
- 3) Players will need to pay the entrance fee to the WBU and sign an undertaking to absolve the WBU of any financial involvement beyond processing this fee and to confirm that they will not pursue any later financial claim regarding their participation in this event.

Please note:

- a) Teams consist of 6 players ideally plus an NPC.
- b) The event will consist of a round robin of 6 days, from 10-15 August inclusive followed by a Knockout phase of around 7 days, with non-qualifying teams allowed entry into a secondary event, a Transnational Mixed Teams.
- c) The Entrance Fee is 3200 Euros per team
- d) You may be required to provide a scorer, or pay for a scorer to be provided.
- e) Accommodation details are here
<http://www.ecatsbridge.com/Documents/files/2012WMSG Lille/recommendedhotels.pdf>

If you wish to register an interest as a partial team of 2 or 4, the deadline is Friday 27 April.

As soon as practical after this date, players who have expressed such an interest will receive details of the other players who have done so. Players will then need to apply as a team of 6 by Monday 14 May.

If you wish to enter as a team of 6 directly, the deadline is Monday 14 May.

All entries and expressions of interest should be to Neville Richards, WBU Chief Executive.

If two teams apply in any category, a play-off match will take place for that category. This will be on Tuesday 5 June (or earlier by mutual agreement) over 60 boards with screens at a mutually convenient location (the WBU has screens in Cardiff and Llandrindod Wells). In the event that more teams apply than envisaged by this arrangement, further details will follow.

For the World Transnational Mixed teams, separate arrangements apply. Mixed pairs or teams interested in playing should contact the WBU Chief Executive for further details.

WBU Selection Committee