



BRIDGE HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF BRIDGE IN FISU

The 1st World University Bridge Championship took place in 2002 in Bruges, Belgium, and welcomed 65 players from 13 countries.

In 2020, the first FISU World University Championship Mind Sports was organised online due to the Covid-19 pandemic by the Organising Committee in Bydgoszcz (Poland). The first presential edition of the FISU Championship Mind Sports was held in Antwerp, Belgium in 2022.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	ATHLETES	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	2002	BEL	Bruges	13	63	2	65	11	76
2	2004	TUR	Istanbul	15	74	5	79	9	88
3	2006	CHN	Tianjin City	22	112	13	125	21	146
4	2008	POL	Lodz	15	94	9	103	23	126
5	2010	TPE	Kaoshiung	10	68	5	73	21	94
6	2012	FRA	Reims	13	67	14	81	20	101
7	2014	CRO	Opatija	11	61	15	76	9	85
8	2016	POL	Lodz	8	51	8	59	9	68
9	2018	CHN	Xuzhou	8	43	11	54	9	63
10*	2020	POL	Bydgoszcz	13	93	58	151	0	151
11**	2022	BEL	Antwerp	20	97	50	147	21	168

* For the first time in 2020 the Championship Mind Sports was organised gathering Bridge and Chess in the same event. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the on-site event has been replaced by an online Championship. The competition format has been modified accordingly without the participation of any teams' officials.

**From 2022 the statistics refer to the combination of both Bridge and Chess.

3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS	OPENING DAY 0	COMPETITION DAY 1 TO 5	COMPETITION DAY 6 & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES
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*This schedule will be merged with the Chess programme.

4. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

4.1. GENERAL TERMS

The Bridge competitions shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical rules of the World Bridge Federation (WBF) unless otherwise stated. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of these rules, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the ITC WUC. The competitions shall last four days.

For each tournament, each country is authorised to present three teams of six persons.

Each country can register a delegation composed of a maximum of eighteen competitors and five officials.

The event shall be disputed by teams of four players in a round robin competition, with the option to end with finals.

The OC shall provide the necessary hardware ("Bridgemates") and software to broadcast the Championships online via "running scores" and BBO ("Bridge Base Online"). At least one match per round shall be broadcast via BBO.

4.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 25% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

The draw is done by computer software to determine the schedule of the Championship. In case of an odd number of teams, at each round, one team will receive a bye.

4.3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination and costs

International referees shall be appointed jointly by WBF and FISU. The Organising Committee shall bear their costs of travel and board (from two (2) days before the opening ceremony to one (1) day after the closing ceremony).

The costs of the Tournament Director shall be borne by the World Bridge Federation.

Other costs are referenced in the FISU – WBF partnership agreement.

Number of technical officials needed and qualification

At least two English speaking referees shall be appointed, depending on the number of registered participants.

One software technician (approved by the FISU TCC) will be appointed for Bridgemates and running scores software management, as well as the internet transmission on BBO.

5. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wi-Fi shall be available for all delegations for free. Costs for a laundry services will be provided as soon as possible to assist with budgeting.

Technical Officials

Technical Officials (TO) Services is complex and must not be underestimated. The Sport functional area must set up an efficient team early in advance.

In coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is responsible for:

- NTOs recruitment in coordination with the Competition Manager and NF;
- support services such as visa, invitation letters, flight tickets and accreditation;
- managing and delivering TO clothing / uniforms when requested;
- procuring suitable accommodation for the period required;
- providing daily catering and transportation;
- ensuring that all TOs are properly qualified (in close cooperation with FISU);
- hosting Technical Officials' meetings;
- per diem and allowance payment.

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championships Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

7. EQUIPMENT

Equipment is listed in the FISU Bridge Venue Minimum Requirements.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

The training sessions schedule should be drawn up by the FISU Technical Committee Chair together with the Organising Committee Competition Manager and provided to the participating teams as early as possible to make the planning as smooth as possible.

9. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved.

10. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND ANTI DOPING CONTROL REQUIEREMENTS

The venue medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit.

Doping Control

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
1	4	0	0

11. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in each competition venue of a FISU World University Championship.

Sport presentation has become a vital instrument of major sport events and is key to delivering the Championships sports successfully. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions.

It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific the Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics,

it is important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC to consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sport presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle.

Considering the importance of sport for the sport presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sport presentation under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

12. SPORT TIMELINE

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue visit & equipment approval (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs) - 50% payment from the participating countries (NUSFs) - ITO & NTO’s list (FISU- WBF)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC) - Payment of the 100% of the participation fee from the participating countries
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & teams’ confirmation (NUSFs) - Referee meeting (ITOs - NTOs - FISU TCC - OC) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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