

2004 EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC • 1-11 AUGUST

comprising:

- 19th European **Junior** Team Championship
- 6th European **Schools** Team Championship
- 1st European **Girls** Team Championship

Open to all member countries of the EBL. Each country may be represented by one national team in each series, consisting of 4-6 players.

At the age of 36, European Youth Bridge returns to the place of its birth - **Prague**, the capital of the Czech Republic. Indeed, it was in 1968 that the first *European Junior Championship*, for players up to 25 years, took place in the capital of what was then Czechoslovakia, attracting representatives of 10 nations.

Since then, a lot has changed. The **Junior** Championship, held uninterruptedly every two years, is now an established event of the international calendar, attended by most European countries. In 1994, the **Schools** series was added, for players up to 20 years; it has been going from strength to strength ever since. Now, the EBL has the ambition to see a new event taking off: the **Girls** series, reserved for female Juniors. The inaugural tournament is to take place this year in Prague - 36 years later...

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PRAGUE

The **CZECH REPUBLIC** (pop. 10m), comprising the historic regions of Bohemia, Moravia and part of Silesia, borders Poland to the north, Germany to the northwest and west, Austria to the south, and Slovakia to the east.

The Czech-inhabited lands of Bohemia and Moravia were part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire from the early 17th century until 1918, when they were united in a common state with Slovakia and part of Silesia. The new state, known as **Czechoslovakia**, was broken up during World War II, but was reestablished in 1945. During the early 1990s, the Czechs and Slovaks decided to dissolve the republic, and two independent states were born in 1993: the **Czech Republic** and **Slovakia**.

PRAGUE (pop 1.1m), capital and largest city of the Czech Republic, is located in the central part of the country, in the region of Bohemia. Often called the 'City of a Hundred Spires' because of its many churches and towers, Prague is a main commercial, industrial, and cultural center. It is also one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, and a major tourist attraction.

Greater Prague was formed in 1920 by the incorporation of 37 nearby towns and villages, but today it also includes numerous new suburban developments. The historic center of the city developed in a broad valley on the banks and surrounding hills of the Vltava River. Many bridges link the two parts of the city. The most famous of these is Charles Bridge.

Venue

The Championship will be played in the **National House of Smíchov**, the town hall of one of Prague's districts.

Accommodation

There is a great variety of accommodation possibilities in Prague.

For the participants, a number of solutions has been worked out by the organizers; they include:

- 3-star hotels within a walking distance from the venue at €45
- 2-star hotels at €30 (with convenient public transportation)
- student accommodation at €20 (transportation provided)

All above rates are per person, per night in a double room. Single and 3-bedded rooms are available upon request.

The quoted rates are on a full-board basis. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel, while lunch and dinner will be served at the venue.

Detailed information on accommodation will be provided by the local organizers who will also prescribe the procedure for room reservations.

JUNIORS

SCHOOLS

GIRLS

Format

A simple round-robin of 20-board matches.

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Programme

Sunday 1 August

- 16.00 hrs Captains' Meeting
- 18.30 hrs Opening Ceremony
- 20.30 hrs Round 1

Thursday 5 August

- 15.00 hrs Captains' Meeting
- 16.30 hrs Welcome Drink
- 17.30 hrs Round 1

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Monday 2 - Tuesday 10 August

- Three matches will normally be played every day, starting at 10.00, 14.00 and 17.30 hrs.
- Depending on the number of entries, some sessions may be left free for sightseeing, etc.

Friday 6 - Tuesday 10 August

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Wednesday 11 August

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Wednesday 5 August

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Thursday 12 August

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Thursday 6 August

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Entries

All players must have been born on or after **1 January 1979**. Participation is by invitation only. The entry fee is €800 per team.

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All players must be females born on or after **1 January 1979**. Participation is by invitation only. There is no entry fee for the inaugural event.

Prizes

- The *David Pigot Cup* (to keep for two years) to the winners
- Silver replicas and souvenir gifts to the top three teams (7 per team)
- The top five teams will qualify to represent Europe in the 2005 World Youth Team Championship.

- The *José Damiani Trophy* (to keep for two years) to the winners
- Replicas and souvenir gifts to the top three teams (7 per team)

- Trophies and souvenir gifts (7 per team) to the winners and a number of top teams, depending on the entries.

The Girls series will be held if at least four countries take part.

Special Regulations

- **Systems**

The Championships are classified in Category 3 of the EBL Systems Policy. Accordingly, all systems of bidding and card play may be used, with the exception of Highly Artificial Systems and Brown Sticker Conventions.

- **Convention Cards**

Each pair must complete an official Convention Card and lodge it with the Appeals Committee before **15 July 2004**.

- **Screens**

Table screens will be used in all series throughout.

- **Dress Code**

Teams are expected to be dressed appropriately during play, and especially at the ceremonies where uniform outfit is strongly encouraged.

- **Not allowed**

Smoking and alcohol drinking, as well as the use of mobile phones, pagers and any kind of electronic communication devices in the playing area are strictly prohibited.

Internet Coverage

Upcoming information on the Championships will be published, as it becomes available, at the EBL official website www.eurobridge.org and the CBF website www.bridgecz.cz

Deadlines



Preliminary Entries

until 14 May

let us know if you intend to participate in any of the series

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Final Entries

1 May - 30 June

submission of players' names & dates of birth

Only electronically through the Internet address:

www.eurobridge.org/competitions/04Prague/Information.htm

Entry Fees

until 30 June

€800 or €500 or both



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