

2005 EUROPEAN **YOUTH TEAM** CHAMPIONSHIPS

RICCIONE, ITALY
13-23 JULY

- 20th European **Junior** Team Championship
- 7th European **Schools** Team Championship
- 2nd European **Girls** Team Championship

The European Youth Team Championships, established in 1968, is the flagship competition of the EBL youth programme. Originally, it comprised only the **Junior** series (players up to 25 years old); the **Schools** series (players up to 20 years) was added in 1994, while the **Girls** series (for female Juniors) was inaugurated last year. The Championships are open to all EBL member countries. Each country may be represented by one national team in each series, consisting of 4-6 players.



Riccione

RICCIONE is a picturesque maritime tourist resort town, situated on the outskirts of Rimini, on Italy's Adriatic coast.

Riccione attracts thousands of holiday makers every year, thanks to its beaches, bars & clubs, sports possibilities, shopping, restaurants, etc. Riccione is 230 km away from Milan and Florence, 190 km from Venice and 110km from Bologna which provides the closest major international airport. San Marino is just 30 km from Riccione.

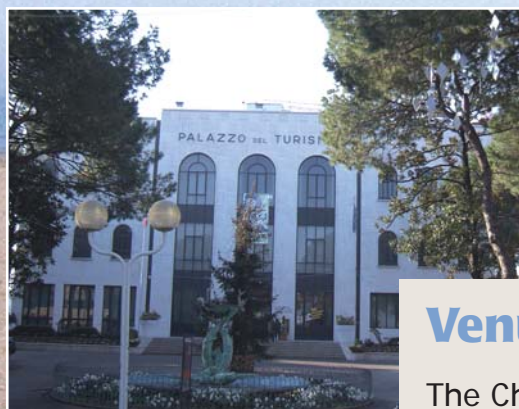
Accommodation

A number of accommodation possibilities has been worked out by the local organizers as follows (rates per person per night, full-board, for a minimum stay of 5 nights):

- superior 3-star hotels:
€79 (single room), €64 (double room),
€57 (3-bedded room).
- 3-star hotels:
€64 (single room), €51 (double room),
€45 (3-bedded room).
- 2-star hotels:
€55 (single room), €45 (double room),
€40 (3-bedded room).

All hotels are at a walking distance from the venue (max 300m).

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



Venue

The Championship will be played in Riccione's Palace of Tourism, a public building situated in the centre of the town.

Palazzo del Turismo
Piazzale Ceccarini 10
I-47838 Riccione (Rn)
Italy



Format

Programme

Entries

Prizes

JUNIORS

A simple round-robin of 20-board matches.

Wednesday 13 July

- 16.00 hrs Captainsí Meeting
- 18.30 hrs Opening Ceremony
- 20.30 hrs Round 1

Thursday 14 - Saturday 23 July

- 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.

Saturday 23 July

- 20.30 hrs Prize-giving Banquet

Sunday 24 July

- Departure after breakfast

All players must have been born on or after **1 January 1980**. Participation is by invitation only. The entry fee is **€800** per team.

- 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 2006 World Youth Team Championship.

SCHOOLS

A simple round-robin of 20-board matches.

Monday 18 July

- 16.00 hrs Captainsí Meeting
- 18.30 hrs Opening Ceremony
- 20.30 hrs Round 1

Tuesday 19 - Saturday 23 July

- 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.

Saturday 23 July

- 20.30 hrs Prize-giving Banquet

Sunday 24 July

- Departure after breakfast

All players must have been born on or after **1 January 1985**. Participation is by invitation only. The entry fee is **€500** per team.

- The *Jose Damiani Trophy* (to keep for two years) to the winners
- Silver replicas and souvenir gifts to the top three teams (7 per team)
- The top three teams will qualify to represent Europe in the 2006 World Youth Team Championship.

GIRLS

A simple round-robin of 20-board matches.

Wednesday 13 July

- 16.00 hrs Captainsí Meeting
- 18.30 hrs Opening Ceremony
- 20.30 hrs Round 1

Thursday 14 - Monday 18 July

- 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.

Monday 18 July

- 18.30 hrs Prize-giving Ceremony

Tuesday 19 July

- Departure after breakfast

All players must have been born on or after **1 January 1980**. Participation is by invitation only. The entry fee is **€800** per team.

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

Minor programme changes are possible if dictated by the number of entries.

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 make it available in compliance with the Rules & Regulations.

- **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 FIGB website www.federbridge.it

Deadlines

Preliminary Entries

until 13 May

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

Only electronically through the Internet address:

www.eurobridge.org/competitions/05Riccione/Information.htm

Final Entries

2 May - 1 July

submission of players' names & dates of birth

Only electronically through the Internet address:

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Entry Fees

until 1 July



€800 per Junior or Girls team, €500 per Schools team

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