



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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President

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs  
WBF zones

Cc EBL Executive Committee  
WBF Executive Council

Lausanne, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Alpe d'Huez – France**  
**15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

Dear Presidents, dear friends,

I am very pleased to confirm that the 1<sup>st</sup> European Winter Transnational Championships will be held at:

**Palais des Sports et des Congrès**  
**70 avenue de Brandes**  
**38750 Alpe d'Huez – France**

### **Format of the Championships**

These Championships include the **Transnational Teams** and **the BAM Trophy**

All events are **transnational**.

Detailed information is available at [www.winterbridge.org](http://www.winterbridge.org)

### **Schedule of play**

15 April: **Transnational Teams** (Qualification, Swiss)

16 April: **Transnational Teams** (Qualification, Swiss)

17 April: **Transnational Teams** (KO, Round of 32)

**BAM Trophy** (Qualification)

18 April: **Transnational Teams** (KO, Round of 16)

**BAM Trophy** (Qualification)

19 April: **Transnational Teams** (KO, Quarterfinals)

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

20 April: **Transnational Teams** (KO, Semifinals)

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

21 April: **Transnational Teams** (KO, Final)

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



## **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 event, at: [www.winterbridge.org](http://www.winterbridge.org)

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).

To be eligible for participation in the 2024 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 fee**

- ♥ **Transnational Teams + BAM Trophy** = €400/player
- ♥ For **Amateurs Teams only** = €100/player if the team consists **only** of players without European (EM, EGM) or world (WM, WIM, WGM) titles

## **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: CH88 0483 5135 2558 8200 3  
SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZ80A

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

- ♥ On-site payments will be possible in cash (Euros) **latest on the day prior** to the start of the event, subject to the conditions in "Registration" above, at the Tournament Reception & Registration Desk at the Venue.

## **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 12 April 2024.



## Awards

- ♥ **Transnational Teams:** EBL Medals will be awarded to the top 4 teams; The winning team of this main event will receive the title of EBL European Champion
- ♥ **BAM Trophy:** the winning team will receive **Les Etincelles BAM Trophy**
- ♥ EBL Master Points will be awarded in the **Transnational Teams** and in the **BAM Trophy**.

## Cash Prizes

<b>Les Etincelles BAM Trophy</b>	-Final A-	-Final B-
First:	€6000	€1600
Second:	€4000	€1200
Third:	€2800	€ 800
Fourth:	€2000	
Fifth:	€1600	

## 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 Group Les Etincelles in Alpe d'Huez.  
(Special code EBL2024 -for stays from 13 April to 24 April-)

2 hotels \*\*\*\*\*: Daria-I Nor (100m from the venue)

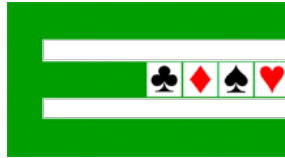
Au Chamois d'Or (1km from the venue)

1 Residence Apartments \*\*\*\*\*: Daria-I Nor (100m from the venue)

Reservations at [www.etincelles.com](http://www.etincelles.com)

## Transportation

- ♥ Train: 40mn from the nearest train station: Grenoble
- ♥ Plane: 2h50 from Geneva or Lyon airports
- ♥ Shuttle: group transportation by bus (13, 14 & 22 April; a couple of times a day) will be organised from Geneva/Lyon airports, **FREE FEE ONLY** for players staying in Les Etincelles hotels.  
To be booked at : [reservation@etincelles.com](mailto:reservation@etincelles.com)  
All details will be provided by the Group Les Etincelles upon request
- ♥ Public transportation: from Grenoble Transalitude ([www.transalitude.fr](http://www.transalitude.fr)); operational until 16 April 2024 included (one trip=€20).



### **Ski promotion**

Special offer on equipment before/after the event.  
please send your request to [reservation@etincelles.com](mailto:reservation@etincelles.com)

### **Social Media**

Please note

- ♥ EBL FB address: <https://www.facebook.com/europeanbridge/>
- ♥ WhatsApp Channel: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaDxyxcBVJl2MHgxCA39>
- ♥ EBL Website: [www.winterbridge.org](http://www.winterbridge.org)

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

### **Contact**

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

E-mail: [secretariat@europeanbridge.org](mailto:secretariat@europeanbridge.org)

We look forward to seeing you and your players in Alpe d'Huez.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Laurant