

Nordic Championships 05...07 June, 2009 in Finland.

This is the third announcement and revision 01

This document contains some changes in the three following paragraphs, so please read the whole document carefully. For your information is also included the previous information, but this is at the end of this paper. All relevant communications regarding this competition must be addressed to the Executive Officer of Bridge League of Finland (BLF). The person is Hulda Ahonen and her Email address is executive.officer@bridgefinland.fi.

BLF sincerely hopes that the Nordic countries have the possibility to also send a senior team. This possibility was agreed upon at the NBU meeting in Lillehammer in 2007.

Revised information

The time for the championships is from Friday the fifth to Sunday the seventh of June 2009. The idea is that playing days are half of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The arrival can be on Thursday evening or early Friday morning, with departure on Monday.

We have arranged that the players that arrive already on Thursday can stay at Harjattula, but we wish that you can inform us as soon as possible if you intend to do this. The price level for this extra night is the same as for the other nights.

Bridge League of Finland will take care of your transportation from Turku harbor, or Turku airport to the Harjattula manor. To do this we need to know your traveling arrangements in middle of May.

Competition starts on Friday at 14:00 with the captains' meeting and playing starts at 14:30.

New information

Chief tournament director will be Mr. Kari Koistinen. He will be assisted by Mrs. Kati Sandström and Mr. Timo Sairanen.

Finland has already nominated their teams; the names are here for your information. Please note that there is also a Senior team:

Finland

Open team:

Team Koistinen

Kauko Koistinen, Clas Nyberg, Pekka Viitasalo,
Mika Salomaa, Jouni Juuri-Oja and Osmo Kiema.

Women team:

Team Sue

Sue Bäckström, Raija Tuomi, Hulda Ahonen,
Pia Nurmi and Sanna Kitti as playing captain.

Senior team:

Team Uskali

Pekka Uskali, Alpo Järvinen, Juuso Leikola,
Kaj Sundsten, Matti Koivisto and Olli Puurtinen.

Norway

Open team:

Glenn Grøtheim (PC), Ulf Tundal, Jon Egil Furunes,
Espen Erichsen, Rune Hauge and Tor Helness.

Women team:

Geir Olav Tislevoll (NPC), Ann Karin Fuglestad,
Marianne Harding, Tonje Aasand Brogeland,
Tone Torkelsen Svendsen, Siv Thoresen,
Marianne Homme

Senior team:

No information

Island

Open team:

4 players no names

Women team:

4 players no names

Senior team:

Will not send any players

Sweden

Open team:

4 players and captain,

Women team:

6 players, a captain and a coach

Senior team:

2 senior pairs.

Denmark

Open team:

Jens Auken – Søren Christiansen and
Michael Askgaard – Gregers Bjarnarson

Women team:

Marlene Kirstan - Christina Klemmensen,
Stense Farholt - Dorte Cilleborg and
Nadia Bekkouche - Trine Binderkrantz

Senior team:

4 players (but no names)

Head of teams:

Jens Kofoed

From **Faroe Islands** we have no information at all.

Time schedule for information delivery

The names of your teams' members as well as the captain must be released latest on Sunday 29th of March. One person must have a valid Email address and this person is then responsible for distribution of all information from BLF to the teammates.

Their system cards must be submitted alternatively as Adobe pdf-document or Microsoft Word alternatively Excel before Monday 27th of April. The systems should preferably be in WBF format. A compilation all systems will be distributed on week 19. We sincerely hope that you can send the systems in time for the benefit of all participants.

The Regulating Authority (see Law 80 of '2007 LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE') is the Bridge League of Finland. The Regulating Authority options selected by the BLF will be translated and communicated to the participants during Q1/2009.

SBL systeemipolitiikka (BLF Systems Policy) differs in some cases from WBF Systems Policy. The Finnish policy will apply at the Nordic Championships held in Finland. At time they are available only in Finnish, but will be translated to English and distributed to the teams' contact person before end of March.

Most practical matters will be taken care of by BLF's president Olli A. Manni together with Lasse Utter, but your first contact person is still Hulda Ahonen.

With the enrollment should also sent auxiliary information like: wish of single room accommodation, special kind of diets and motion handicaps.

Time schedule for the championships

Friday, June 5 th at	14:00 – 14:30		Captains' Meeting
	14:30 – 16:45	1 st	round
	17:15 – 19:30	2 nd	round
	dinner		
	21:00 – 23:15	3 rd	round
Saturday, June 6 th at	10:00 – 12:15	4 th	round
	10:00 – 12:15		NBU's meeting
	lunch		
	13:15		NBU's meeting will continue if necessary
	14:00 – 16:15	5 th	round
	16:45 – 19:00	6 th	round
	dinner		
	20:30 – 22:45	7 th	round
Sunday June 7 th at	10:00 – 12:15	8 th	round
	lunch		
	13:15 – 15:30	9 th	round
	16:00 – 18:15	10 th	round
	20:00		Closing ceremony

Information already included in the first invitation

The place for the tournament is Harjattula manor, which is about 20 km from the centre of Turku (Åbo in Swedish). From the market square of Turku there are municipal bus routes to Harjattula (if you have spare time for visiting Turku). More information is available (mostly in Finnish) on the web site www.harjattula.fi . There is a short English part that is copied here:

"Sea, archipelago, recreational activities, manor glamour and old cultural landscape in the midst of verdant nature. About 200 hectares of the most beautiful archipelago at Kakskerta of Turku. In addition, there are some 170 hectares of water areas abounding in fish. You can also come with your own boat! The harbor has 20 places for our customer's visiting boats. All this at only 20 kilometers from downtown Turku. You can visit us easily by your own car or regular bus service."

Lodging for is about 30 euro per person for a night if you use double rooms. There is a limited amount (5pcs) single rooms, then the price is higher (50 euros) The hotel advertise that they have free Internet-connection.

We have negotiated a meal package that includes lunch and supper on Friday, breakfast on Monday and breakfast, lunch and supper on the other days, except for Sunday, when supper is exchanged to a price giving dinner. The estimated price for this is 100 euro pro person.

Finland has three official languages Finnish, Swedish and Lappish. Finnish is the majority to 95%, Swedish is spoken at costal regions and Lappish in Lapland. Turku's name in Swedish is Åbo. There are scheduled air routes with SAS and Finnair from (TKU) to at least Stockholm (STO) and Copenhagen (CPH). From Stockholm you an also take a ferry, which takes about 12 hours. There are ferries that travel during daytime and night. The night ferry arrives in good time before the competition starts.

The address to the tournament place is

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FI-20960 Åbo

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N 60° 22,171´

Harjattulantie 80

FI-20960 Turku

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E 22° 18,120´

With the coordinate information you can find the place for instance at www.viamichelin.com or maps.google.com. Attached are four screen copies or the area in different magnifications

More information will be sent when available. The NBU meeting is scheduled to Saturday the sixth of June 2009 (20090606T10:00).

According to decisions in Lillehammer in 2007 the competition classes are open, women and as trial also seniors.