

## WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS MIXED PAIRS

The first ever World Pairs Championship can be seen as the one organized by the legendary Ely Culbertson in 1932 under the name "World Bridge Olympic" which was won by the Norwegians outsider: Isak Nielsen and Otto Krefting.

In subsequent years there were various tournaments similar to a World Pairs Championships, but, unfortunately, have lost the information.

The first World Pairs Championships organized by the WBF had the characteristic of an Olympiad and was held in Cannes in 1962 for only three categories: Open and Women Pairs and Mixed Teams.





The Team Championship was repeated in 1974 and then from 1996 moved into the Olympic games.





In 1966 was Mixed Pairs was added and in 1978 the *Rosenblum Cup* was born.



In 1990 the Senior Category was introduced and in 1994 the *Mc Connell Cup* joined.





Today, each even non-leap year, the World Bridge Federation is organizing the World Pairs Championships for every category, often accompanied by ancillary events that engage players eliminated in the final stages.

1966 - AMSTERDAM (Netherlands) - 130 pairs		
1. USA		Mary Jane Farell - Ivan Erdos
2 GREAT BRITAIN		Joan Durran - Maurice Weissberger
3. ITALY		Nuccia Zeppegno - Vito Pittalà




1970 - STOCKHOLM (Sweden) - 228 pairs		
1. USA		Barbara Brier - Waldemar von Zedwitz
2. GREAT BRITAIN SWITZER- LAND	 	Rixi Markus - Georges Catzefflis
3. ISRAEL		Riva Sinder - Michael Hochzeit

1974 - LAS PALMAS – CANARY ISLANDS (Spain)		
1. UAR SWITZER- LAND	 	Loula Gordon - Tony Trad
2. USA		Jacqui Mitchell - Jimmy Cayne
3. FRANCE		Nadine Cohen - Edmond Vial

1978 - NEW ORLEANS (USA) - 316 pairs		
1. USA		Kerri Sanborn - Barry Crane
2. USA		Heitie Noland - Jim Jacoby
3. USA		Carol Sanders - Lou Bluhm

1982 - BIARRITZ (France) - 450 pairs		
1. CANADA		Diana Gordon - George Mittelman
2. USA		Peggy Sutherlin - John Sutherlin
3. FRANCE		Isabelle Viennois - Jean Louis Viennois
9. GERMANY		Lore Tolsdorff – Helmut Häusler


**1986 - BAL HARBOUR - MIAMI BEACH (Florida - USA)**

<b>1. USA</b>		<b>Pam Wittes - John Wittes</b>
<b>2. USA</b>		<b>Kerry Sanborn - Bob Hamman</b>
<b>3. USA</b>		<b>Rozanne Pollack - Bill Pollack</b>





**1990 - GENEVE (Switzerland)**






<b>1. USA</b>		<b>Juanita Chambers - Peter Weichsel</b>
<b>2. SWEDEN</b>		<b>Eva Liss Göthe - Lars Anderson</b>
<b>3. USA</b>		<b>Kathie Walvick - Walt Walvick</b>
<b>5. GERMANY</b>		<b>Heidemari Klein – Matthias Goll</b>

**1994 - ALBUQUERQUE (New Mexico - USA) - 480 pairs**







<b>1. POLAND</b>		<b>Danuta Hochecker - Apolinary Kowalski</b>
<b>2. USA GERMANY</b>	 	<b>Bob Hamman - Sabine Auken</b>
<b>3. POLAND</b>		<b>Ewa Harasimowicz - Marcin Lesniewski</b>

1998 - LILLE (France) - 598 pairs		
1. ITALY		Enza Rossano - Antonio Vivaldi
2. FRANCE		Claude Blouquit - Marc Bompis
3. DENMARK GERMANY	 	Jens Auken - Sabine Auken


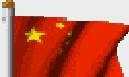




2002 - MONTREAL (Canada) - 434 pairs		
1. USA		Becky Rogers - Jeff Meckstrooth
2. FRANCE		Elisabeth Hugon - Jean Jacques Palau
2. GERMANY DENMARK	 	Sabine Auken - Jens Auken

2006 - VERONA (Italy) - 482 pairs		
1. USA		Matthew Granovetter - Karen McCallum
2. USA		Jill Levin - Bob Levin
3. USA		Joanna Stansby - Lew Stansby
16. GERMANY USA	 	Sabine Auken – George Jacobs

**2010 - PHILADELPHIA (USA) - 432 pairs**

1. USA ITALY			Donna Compton - Fulvio Fantoni
2. USA CANADA			Kismet Fung - Brian Glubok
3. USA			Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins
50. GERMANY			Yasmin Basegmez – Michael Gromöller

**2014 (10-25 october) SANYA (China) - 130 pairs**

1. USA CHINA			Kerri Sanborn – Jie ZHAO
2. USA NETHER- LANDS			Jacek Pszczola – Meike Wortel
3. CHINA			Nan WANG – Bangxiang ZHANG
5. GERMANY			Sabine Auken – Roy Welland

## WORLD BRIDGE GAMES

For the first time 2016 players eliminated from the Team Championships in the Round of 16 and the Quarter-finals may drop-in into the Pairs Championships, in the national appropriate category.

2016 (3 – 17 september) – WROCLAW (Poland) – 114 pairs		
1. RUSSIA		Maria Lebedeva – Igor Khazanov
2. POLAND		Marta Sikora – Adam Walczynski
3. POLAND		Anna Kowalska – Marek Tyran
12. GERMANY		Claudia Vechiatto – Hartmut Kondoch