

WORLD TEAM OLYMPIAD

New name 2008: World Bridge Games

The *World Team Olympiad*, inaugurated in 1960, was the first competition to be set up by the WBF itself; the *Bermuda Bowl* already being well established when the WBF was founded in 1958.

Harold S. Vanderbilt , the inventor of modern bridge scoring, endowed the new event with a handsome cup, the *Vanderbilt Trophy*. His generosity continues to provide replicas for each member of the winning team.

The first Olympiad was held in 1960 in Turin , Italy and from the second in 1964, the two events (Open & Women) have practically the same format as in nowadays. A third series, reserved for senior players (55 [now 60] or older) was introduced in 2000. A national Mixed Teams series were introduced 2016.



Every member country of the WBF is entitled to participate with one representative (national) team in each of the four series of the competition.

Following the fashion of the Olympic Games, the World Team Olympiad is held on leap years only.

In 2008, the World Team Olympiad was incorporated in the World Mind Sports Games, under the new title World Bridge Games.

It should be noted that the World Mixed Teams Championship, contested at the same time as the World Pairs Olympiad in 1962 and 1974, was moved, as from 1996, to the site of the World Team Olympiad.

Mixed Teams

1962 - CANNES (France) - 20 teams		
1. GREAT BRITAIN		Fritzi Gordon, Nico Gardener, Rixi Markus, Boris Schapiro
2. NETHER- LANDS		Jopi Westerveld, Dicky Hoogenkamp, Herman Filarski Bram Kornalijnslijper
3. BELGIUM		Nicholas Savostin, Ria Bogaerts, Claude Hemricourt Simone Moulia, Helen Kover

1974 - LAS PALMAS – Canary Islands (Spain) - 72 teams

1. USA		Bob Lipsitz, Peggy Lipsitz Reich, Steve Parker Steve Robinson, Jo Morse
2. USA		Victor Mitchell, Jacqui Mitchell, Jimmy Cayne Tubby Stayman, Matt Granovetter
3. USA		Mike Cappelletti, Kathie Cappelletti, Lois Anne Veren Bob Lewis
9. GERMANY		Lore Tolsdorff, Kareen Schroeder, Göran Mattsson Dirk Schroeder

1996 (October 19 – November 2) - RODOS (Greece) - 86 teams

1. GREAT BRITAIN ICELAND			Björn Eysteinnsson, Heather Dondy, Liz McGowan Jon Baldursson, Adalsteinn Jörgensen Ragnar Hermannsson (coach)
2. USA			Mark Feldman, Sharon Osberg, Bill Pollack Rozanne Pollack
3. FRANCE			Christine Namens, Elizabeth Schaufelberger, Pierre Adad Alain Nahmias
9. GERMANY			Andrea Rauscheid-Reim, Ulrike Schreckenberger Nedju Buchlev, Robert Maybach

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2016 (3 – 17 September) - WROCLAW (Poland) - 23 teams		
1. NETHER- LANDS		Richard Ritmeijer, Magdaléna Tichá Aida Jansma, Jan Jansma (pc)
2. RUSSIA		Alexander Dubinin, Anna Gulevich, Andrey Gromov Victoria Gromova, Georgi Matushko, Tatiana Ponomareva
3. BULGARIA		Diana Damianova, Georgi Karakolev, Miriana Mitovska Ivan Nanev, Marta Nikolova, Victor Aronov (pc)
5/8. GERMANY		Marie Eggeling, Claudia Vechiatto, Beatrix Wodniansky Matthias Felmy, Thomas Gotard, Hartmut Kondoch Max Ellerbeck (npc)