

**WORLD TEAM OLYMPIAD**  
**New name 2008: World Bridge Games**

**WORLD SENIORS INTERNATIONAL CUP**

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 was introduced 2016.

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

Also from 2008 was added to a series of competitions for Under 28 players in which each country can submit only one junior team, while there are no limits for participation in the championships for individuals and pairs.

<b>2000 (August 26 – September 9) MAASTRICHT (Netherlands) - 24 teams</b>		
<b>1. USA</b>		<b>John Mohan, Dan Morse, Steve Robinson, John Sutherlin Bobby Wolff, Kit Woolsey</b>
<b>2. FRANCE</b>		<b>Maurice Aujaleu, Claude Delmouly, François Leenhardt Christian Mari, Jean-Marc Roudinesco, Pierre Adad</b>
<b>3. SWEDEN</b>		<b>Hans Olof Hallén, Anders Morath, Sture Ekberg Lars Backström, Lars Alfredsson, Hans Göthe</b>
<b>6. GERMANY</b>		<b>Hans Humburg, Göran Mattsson, Dr. Neklan Chmelik, Werner Schneider, Wilhelm Gromöller, Balázs von Györffy</b>

<b>2004 (October 23 – November 6) - ISTANBUL (Turkey) - 29 teams</b>		
<b>1. USA</b>		<b>Leo Bell, Neil Chambers, Marshal Miles, John Onstott Jim Robinson, John Schermer</b>
<b>2. NETHER- LANDS</b>		<b>Willem Boegem, Nico Doremans, Onno Janssens Jaap Trouwborst, Wied Polle</b>
<b>3. GERMANY</b>		<b>Hans Humburg, Göran Mattsson, Horst Dieter Uhlmann Werner Schneider, Dirk Schroeder, Reiner Marsal</b>

<b>2008 (October 3 – 18) - BEIJING (China) - 32 teams</b>		
<b>1. JAPAN</b>		<b>Hiroya Abe, Masayuki Ino, Yoshiyuki Nakamura Kyoko Ohnom, Akihiko Yamada, Makoto Hirata Takashi Maeda (npc)</b>
<b>2. USA</b>		<b>Grant Baze, Billy Eisenberg, Matt Granovetter, Sam Lev Reese Milner, Russ Ekebelad Jacel Pszczola (npc), Patty Magnus (coach)</b>
<b>3. INDONESIA</b>		<b>Michael Bambang Hartono, Ferdinand Robert Waluyan Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul Munawar Sawiruddin Arianto Kamadjajane Gara (npc) Tanudjan Sugiarto (coach)</b>
<b>9./16. GERMANY</b>		<b>Dr. Karl-Heinz Kaiser, Herbert Klumpp, Ulrich Kratz Bernhard Sträter, Reiner Marsal, Dirk Schroeder Dr. Josef Harsanyi (npc)</b>

<b>2012 (August 9 – 23) - LILLE (France) - 34 teams</b>		
<b>1. HUNGARY</b>		<b>György Barany, Miklos Dumbovich, Mihaly Kovacs Peter Magyar, Geza Szappanos Beatrix Nagy (coach)</b>
<b>2. USA</b>		<b>Richard Schwartz, John Schermer, Stephen Landen Lew Finkel, Neil Chambers, Sam Lev Philip Alder (npc)</b>
<b>3. FRANCE</b>		<b>Philippe Vanhoutte, Philippe Poizat, Patrice Piganeau François Leenhardt, Guy Lasserre, Patrick Grenthe Philippe Cronier (npc), Solange d'Elbee (coach)</b>
<b>9./16. GERMANY</b>		<b>Dr. Michael Elinescu, Dr. Entscho Wladow, Ulrich Kratz Bernhard Sträter, Reiner Marsal, Ulrich Wenning Kareen Schroeder (npc), Karin Wenning (coach)</b>

**2016 (September 3 – 17) – WROCLAW (Poland) - 24 teams**

<b>1. USA</b>		<b>Bob Hamman, Hemant Lall, Zia Mahmood Chip Martel, Jeff Meckstroth, Reese Milner Petra Hamman (npc), Jacek Pszczola (coach)</b>
<b>2. FRANCE</b>		<b>Nicolas Dechelette, Pierre-Yves Guillaumin, Pierre Schmidt Georges Iontzeff, Jean-Jacques Palau, Philippe Toffier Eric Gautret (npc)</b>
<b>3. DENMARK</b>		<b>Knud-Aage Boesgaard, Jørgen Hansen, Dorte Schaltz Hans Christian Nielsen, Peter Schaltz, Steen Schou Peter Magnussen (npc), Jytte Ibsen (coach)</b>
<b>19. GERMANY</b>		<b>Reiner Marsal, Claus Daehr, Berthold Engel, Loek Fresen, Herbert Klumpp, Waltraud Vogt Christoph Kemmer (npc)</b>