

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 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.

SENIOR TEAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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