

53th International Baltic Congress

Regulations

1. The organizer of the competitions is a Pomeranian Bridge Union, based in Gdansk, Marynarki Polskiej Street 80th.
2. Competitions will be hold in the sport hall of Sopot Tennis Club, Sopot, Haffnera Street 57th during 19.07.2013 - 27.07.2013
3. Competitions status: open.
4. The Competitions applies to regulations of International Code Laws of Duplicate Bridge and the Systems Policy of the Polish Bridge Union.
5. Long term classifications be In Competitions
 - a) Congress - based on 9 best results of 11 organized events:
Congress Pairs Tournaments including elimination tournament of the series Pairs Polish Grand Prix, Congress Mixed Pairs Tournament,
 - b) Open Tournaments – based on 5 best results of 6 organized Open Pairs Tournaments,
 - c) Youth Congress – based on 3 best results of 4 organized events,
 - d) Teams Tournament Baltic Vase & Neptune's Trident will not be classified into any of the classifications.
6. The winners of the tournaments receive long-term classification points:
 - a) The classification of Congress:
 - Mixed Pairs Tournament – 180 points
 - Pairs Tournament 3 x 10 – 240 points
 - Pairs Tournament 5 x 10 – 320 points
 - b) The classification of Open Pairs Tournament – 120 points
Number of points for further places is reduced about integer number until to run out, so as to 40% pairs recives points in particular event. If necessary the reduction's diversify is always greater at higher places.

In addition, the leading pairs receive additional points according to the following key:
 - Mixed Pairs Tournament: 20, 14 10, 7, 5, 3, 2, 1
 - Pairs Tournament 3 x 10: 30, 21, 15, 10, 7, 5, 3, 2, 1
 - Pairs Tournament 5 x 10 : 40, 28, 20, 14, 10, 7, 5, 3, 2, 1

Open Pairs Tournament:

- 15, 10, 7, 5, 3, 2, 1 when competing more than 30 pairs
- 10, 7, 5, 3, 2, 1 when competing less than 30 pairs

c) The classification of the Youth Congress

- pairs tournament – winners receive a number of points equal to the number of competing pairs with the reduction of two points for a directly lower place.
In addition, the leading pairs receives points: 5, 3, 2, 1
- individual tournament – the winner receives number of points equal to half the number of participants with a reduction of 1 point.
In addition, the leading pairs receive appropriately: 5, 3, 2, 1 points
- teams tournament – winners receive a number of points equal to twice the number of competing teams, with a reduction of 4.
In addition, leading teams receive appropriately; 10, 6, 4, 2 points

At equal number of points the higher place in the Pairs Polish Grand Prix Tournament decides of the final classification of the congress.

At equal number of points the greater number of once won points decides of the final classification of the open pair.

At equal number of points a higher place in the individual tournament decides of the final classification in Youth Congress.

If two or more participants take up the same place, prizes will be divided.

7. Entry fees.

Tournament Per player

Youth Congress: each tournament	10 PLN
Congress Pairs Tournaments Polish Grand Prix (5 mini-sessions)	70 PLN
Congress Pairs Tournament (3 mini-sessions)	50 PLN
Congress Mixed Pairs Tournament (3 mini-sessions)	50 PLN
Open Pairs Tournament	40 PLN
TEAMS TOURNAMENT - BALTIC VASE – Each Session - 32 Boards per Team	180 PLN
and once after first session 10 PLN per player for Polish Teams Grand Prix finals found, or 800 PLN per team – tournament and once 10 PLN per player for Polish Teams Grand Prix finals found.	

8. Prizes.

- a) According to the Polish Bridge Union's regulations, leading players in each tournament (about 10% of the total number of competitors) gain prizes in cash. Prizes fund is a 40% of entry fee. First prize is a 20% of prizes fund. In elimination tournament due to Polish Grand Prix prizes fund is 50% of entry fee. Additional 1st place 1200 PLN, 2nd place 800 PLN, 3th place 500 PLN.
Additionally the winners of each tournament will be awarded by cups.

The prize pool of the congress tournaments also has special prizes (not cumulative), which will be awarded in the following order of the categories:

- woman,
- mixed pair,
- juniors,
- for best foreign pair, who are not members of PZBS.

In order to obtain a special award in the top half of the classification, in a particular category there must be minimum 5 competitors.

b) Overall Congress Classification - 10 top players will gain fixed prizes in cash:

- 1 Prize – 10 000 PLN**
- 2 Prize – 7 000 PLN**
- 3 Prize – 5 000 PLN**
- 4 Prize – 3 500 PLN**
- 5 Prize – 2 500 PLN**
- 6 Prize – 2 000 PLN**
- 7 Prize – 1 500 PLN**
- 8 Prize – 1 000 PLN**
- 9 Prize – 500 PLN**
- 10 Prize – 500 PLN**

Special prizes in the classification of the congress, which may be cumulative, are provided for:

- **the best woman – 500 PLN**
- **the best foreign player – 500 PLN**
- **the best senior – 500 PLN**
- **the best junior – 500 PLN**

c) Overall Open Classification 3 top players will gain cash prizes:

- 1 Prize – 1 500 PLN**
- 2 Prize – 1 000 PLN**
- 3 Prize – 500 PLN**

d) BALTIC VASE - Prize pool – minimum 50% entry fee. Guaranteed prizes

- 1 Prize – 4 000 PLN**
- 2 Prize – 2 500 PLN**
- 3 Prize – 1 500 PLN**

All brackets winners 800 PLN.

9. Tournament Director is Sławomir Latała.

10. Any arguments will be solved by Tournament Director.

Chairman PWZBS
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