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| Nordic Bridge Union |
| Changes to Conditions of Contest |
| For the Nordic Youth Teams Championships 2015 |
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# New § 132. Nordic Youth Teams Championships 2015

A U16 class has been added to the Nordic Youth Teams Championship event 2015. Therefore, it has been decided to change the tournament format which was specified in the NBU Conditions of Contest. The new tournament format is specified below.

Four teams have signed up for each of the U25 and U20 classes, two teams for each of the U16 and Girls (U25) classes.

## A. U25

The U25 class plays a separate tournament.

1. The tournament is played as a double round robin, 14 boards per match, followed by a gold/silver medal match for the 1st and 2nd placed teams and a bronze medal match for the two other teams, both matches of 5x14 boards.
2. The schedule of the second round robin is based on the rankings after the first round robin. The pairings are (1-4, 2-3), (1-3, 2-4), (1-2, 3-4).
3. For playoff matches, there will be a carry-over of the aggregate imp score from the head-to-head matches in the round robin. The team with the higher aggregate imp score in the head-to-head matches will receive half of the imp difference if they finished higher in the round robin than their opponents, one third of the imp difference if they finished lower. However, the maximum carry-over will be 16 imps. The higher placed team will be the home team.
4. Seating rights:
   1. In the round robin, both teams must submit their line-up without knowing that of the opponents.
   2. In playoff matches, the home team chooses one session in which they have seating rights, then the away team chooses two of the remaining sessions in which they have seating rights, and finally the home team gets the seating rights in the two sessions which were not already chosen. The home team may pass on to the opponents the right to choose first.

## B. Other Classes

The U20, U16 and Girls classes play a tournament.

1. The tournament is played as a round robin between all participating teams in one group, 14 boards per match, followed by playoff matches.
2. The schedule is constructed such that in the first four rounds, each U20 team plays each U16 or Girls team; in the next two rounds, each U16 team plays each Girls team. Under these restrictions, teams representing the same NBO play each other as early as possible.
3. In the U20, the 1st and 2nd placed teams after the round robin play a match consisting of 4 sessions of 14 boards each for the gold and silver medals. The imp result of each session is converted into VPs. The aggregate VP score over all 11 sessions played decides the winner. The bronze medal is decided in a similar fashion between the two other teams.
4. In each of the U16 and Girls classes, the two participating teams play a match consisting of 4 sessions of 14 boards each for the gold and silver medals. The imp result of each session is converted into VPs. The aggregate VP score over all 11 sessions played decides the winner.
5. Seating rights:
   1. In the round robin, both teams must submit their line-up without knowing that of the opponents.
   2. In playoff matches, the home team, being the higher placed team from the round robin, chooses one session in which they have seating rights; the away team will have seating rights in the other session of the same half of the match. The away team then chooses one of the remaining sessions in which they have seating rights, and the home team will have seating rights in the other session of that half of the match. The home team may pass on to the opponents the right to choose first.

## C. NBU Trophy

The NBU Trophy is awarded to the NBO scoring the most aggregate VPs using the following calculation.

1. The imp result of each head-to-head session of 14 boards between two U25 or U20 teams is converted into VPs.
2. Each team playing a gold/silver match in the U25 class is awarded a bonus of 12,50 VPs for NBU Trophy purposes.
3. Each team playing a gold/silver match in the U20 class is awarded a bonus of 10 VPs for NBU Trophy purposes.