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- Bridge, the best known and most played worldwide card game is embracing eSports by offering the first big World Online Championship (WOC).
- The World Bridge Federation in close partnership with FunBridge and BBO, the two main online bridge providers will jointly organize this event in 2020. THE 1st WORLD ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP.
- This competition will be an **official one**.
- The winner or winners will be awarded the title of **WORLD ONLINE CHAMPION**.

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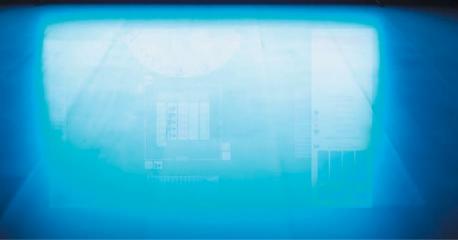
WHO

From March 2020 to November 2020

Every bridge player in the world









Some **KEY FIGURES!**





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ALREADY

+50 MILLION BRIDGE PLAYERS IN THE WORLD

MORE THAN

2 MILLION REGULAR ONLINE PLAYERS!



MORE THAN

10 000 PLAYERS EXPECTED FOR THIS FIRST ONLINE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP!



Some **KEY FIGURES!**





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3 DAYS FINAL SHOW

500 BEST PLAYERS FULLY INVITED FOR A LIVE FINAL DURING 3 CRAZY DAYS! **MORE THAN**

500 K\$ A TOTAL CASH PRIZE OF 500 K\$ AND A 100K\$ FOR THE WINNER: HIGHEST EVER CASH PRIZE FOR A BRIDGE TOURNAMENT!



2 phases FROM MARCH TO NOVEMBER





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PHASE 1

A FIRST PHASE OF QUALIFICATION FROM MARCH TO AUGUST 2020 6 months **ALIVE FINAL PHASE**

A LARGE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED PLAYERS FOR THE FINAL: 500* November 2020

*TARGET



Qualification **HOW WILL THIS WORK**





THE RULE

Every player, good or bad, young or more senior, no matter where in the world they are based CAN participate and become a World Champion!

WHFRF

To enter, the qualification phase will be online only on:

• FunBridge

- **BBO** (Bridge Base Online)
- **CBO** (China Bridge Online)

The player can chose which platform they **prefer to use**, ensuring that it's easy for every player to find a place to play.



Qualification HOW WILL THIS WORK UP TO 500 QUALIFY!





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Players will have to subscribe to an WOC entry fee pack to participate

- · A WOC pack contains 20 tournaments per month
- · A player can buy as many packs as they want

* SEE ALL RULES ON THE NEXT PAGE

Qualification for an exciting 3 day Final at a venue to be determined, with all expenses (travel and accommodation) paid

QUALIFICATIONS

Up to 500 players qualify for the Finals

PLATFORMS

BBO CBO FUNBRIDGE

PER MONTH

A number of players, depending on the number of participants will qualify based on their best 20 tournaments

DURING THE 6 MONTHS

A number of players, depending on the total number of participants will qualify based on their best 60 tournaments



How this will work BASIC RULES

- Rules are **the same** on each platform.
- A WOC entry pack contains 20 tournaments.
- Price for a **WOC entry pack** will be €50 or \$55(US).
- All players can buy **several packs** every month if they want.
- Each OWC pack bought during the month must be played during the same calendar month.





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World Online Championship competition project OCTOBER 2019

How this will work BASIC RULES

- All tournaments will be **12 boards**.
- All tournaments can be played at any time in the month.
- All tournaments **will be closed** at the end of each calendar month.
- The **number of qualified** players will be announced.

WORLD ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP



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*BASED ON MINIMUM 10,000 PARTICIPANTS PURCHASING A MINIMUM OF 120 PACKS IN TOTAL



How this will work BASIC RULES

- The number of qualified players on each platform will be proportional to the number of participants by platform.
- Every month, some players will qualify based on their best 20 tournaments, and at the end of the 6 months others will qualify based on their best 60 tournaments to give a maximum of 500 players in the Final*.



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How this will work ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Consideration is being given to offering a reduced rate to Junior players upon proof of age being provided.
- Definitive rules regarding this and other matters will be published on the website in due course.



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Final HOW WILL THIS WORK UP TO 500 QUALIFY!

THE QUALIFIERS WILL BE INVITED TO THE VENUE OF THE FINAL WITH THEIR TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED.

DAY 1

DAY 2

2 TIMES 5 X 12 BOARDS 500 PLAYERS

[PLAYING ON FUNBRIDGE]

2 TIMES 5 X 12 BOARDS NUMBER TO BE DECIDED BEFORE THE CUT

[PLAYING ON FUNBRIDGE]

DAY 3

FINAL : 52 PLAYERS PLAYING ON BBO "GENERALI" SYSTEM & INDIVIDUAL FORMAT

(THIS FORMAT IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS)



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Cash prize Breakdown 500K US\$

- \$100,000 (US) to the winner.
- Minimum award of \$1000 (US) to 50th place**.
- Additional prizes (non cumulative) may be offered to some different categories of players, non registered in any NBOs, juniors, or special prizes for best women and first of their Zone.

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** BASED ON A FIELD OF 500 IN THE FINAL



Great World Bridge Day THURSDAY 12th DEC!





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THERE WILL BE A TEST BEFORE GOING LIVE CONSISTING OF TWO, DAYLONG, TOURNAMENTS (ONE IMPS ONE MPS) FREE OF CHARGE.

These will be on Thursday 12th December 2019 played on the Funbridge WBF Robots site (www.funbridge.com) THE TOP FIVE PLAYERS FROM EACH OF THESE TOURNAMENTS WILL RECEIVE:

• A free year's subscription to Funbridge.

IN ADDITION

- The next 250 players from each of the tournaments will be awarded **10 free WBF Robot Tournament entries**.
- WBF Robot Master Points will be awarded and your own NBO Master Points if you wish to offer these, free of charge for that day.
- Everyone can participate in the Journalists' competition (See IBPA Bulletin April issue N° 651).



Thanks!

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