

Travel

Transport to and from the Championships will normally be cheaper if booked early on the web. Canberra is serviced by Virgin, Qantas and Tiger flights and by Greyhound and Murrays buses. Please let us know if you need to be picked up from the airport or bus station. Some players typically drive to Canberra from Sydney and Melbourne. If you would like a lift from either of these cities, email David at youthweek2015@abf.com.au well before the event to be put in contact with those who are driving.

The ABF Youth Committee and the Australian Youth Bridge Championships organisers and officials take no responsibility for passenger safety for any transport arranged for players.

System regulations

ABF system regulations apply. Yellow systems are not permitted. Brown Sticker conventions will also be prohibited in certain events: check the supplementary regulations closer to the event. Inexperienced pairs may be able to claim protected pair status against brown sticker conventions in some events.

Further Information and Regulations

- Players residing in Canberra who do not wish to stay at the venue should contact David Thompson to enquire about costs.
- Financial assistance may be available subject to legitimate financial need. In this regard contact the chairman of the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, David Stern: foyb@abf.com.au. Some state associations may also offer assistance.
- To play in the Butler, qualified pairs must be born on or after 01/01/1990, sign declarations of availability for designated event(s) and for additional training, and ensure they satisfy ABF residency requirements for international representation.
- The designated events for the team selected by the Butler are: (i) the APBF Junior Championships, scheduled for Bangkok, Thailand from April 1st to 7th 2015 (ii) the World Open Youth Championships to be held in Opatija, Croatia from August 24th to September 1st 2015. The top three pairs together with the reserve fourth pair will be invited to form a squad that will undergo preparatory training activities. Further conditions relating to team and squad membership, together with details of the process for selecting ABF or Oceania teams for other international youth events in 2015, will be posted on the Championships' website.
- The ABFYC and those appointed to conduct the Championships reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to regulate player behaviour and attire both in and around the playing area during the week. This regulation applies both to sessions of play and periods between sessions.
- Smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the playing area at any time. The organisers and director(s) will have the right to sanction participants who abuse alcohol or other drugs. Sanctions may include expulsion from the Championships and/or longer-term suspension from ABF events. 'Abuse' includes, but is not limited to, the consumption of any alcohol by participants under 18 years of age or the provision of alcohol to such a participant. For further details see the supplementary regulations.
- Supplementary regulations pertaining to participation in, the format of, and the running of, the Championships will be posted in the playing area during the week and on the Championships' website prior to the event.



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A Gold Point Event conducted by the ABF Youth Committee under the auspices of the ABF

The 47th annual



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

**New
Venue!**

Saturday 10th to Friday 16th January 2015

at

Bruce Hall, Australian National University
40 Daley Rd., Acton, Canberra

Open to all players born in 1985* or later

International participants very welcome

Also Saturday 17th January at QT Canberra (was Rydges Lakeside), for those pairs who finish 3rd through 6th in the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler)

**Includes ALL Bridge, All evening Meals and
Accommodation**

**Full-week price: \$580 (full time students \$480)
Weekend Youth Pairs – 2 days: \$60 (plus \$80/accommodation+dinner)**

Entries and info: youthweek2015@abf.com.au

www.abfevents.com.au/events/ayc/2015

Director: Phil Gue

Tournament Organisers: Elaine Leach 0402 081 506 (m)
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*Australians must be ABF Members. To qualify for the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler sub-event, players must satisfy eligibility requirements including being born on or after 01/01/1990.

General Information

The 2015 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) consists of three major events:

- Australian Youth Pairs 10th to 11th January – starting 1:30pm on the 10th.
- Australian Youth Teams 12th to 13th January – starting 11am on the 12th.
- Australian Junior Team Selection Butler 13th to 17th January

Plus:

- Beginners' day on 10th January separate to the main event.
- Other events and activities from 14th to 16th January for players who do not qualify to, or are not eligible for, the Butler.

There will be a test match between New Zealand and the top two Butler pairs as the selected Australian team on Saturday 17th January, at QT Canberra to contest the new "Stern-Cornell Trophy".

The first stage of the Butler (13th to 16th January) is contested between 10 pairs, selected based on their performance in the Australian Youth Teams. The second stage (17th Jan) is played by those pairs who place 3rd through 6th in the first stage, for the final place.

2015 AYC Provisional[†] Program

At Bruce Hall, ANU, 10th to 16th January 2015:

| | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
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| Saturday | 10am Beginners session | 1:30pm Start Pairs Qualifying Beginners Session | Pairs Qualifying |
| | Pairs Final & Consolation | Pairs Final & Consolation | |
| Monday | 11am Start Teams | Teams | Teams |
| Tuesday | Teams | Teams <small>Cliff Wake</small> | Butler R1-R2 |
| Wednesday | Butler R3-R4 <i>Lesson</i> | Butler R5-R6 <i>Teams-of-3</i> | Butler R7-R8 <i>Teams-of-3</i> |
| Thursday | Butler R9-R10 <i>Lesson</i> | Butler R11-R12 <i>Cons. Butler</i> | Butler R13-R14 <i>MP Pairs</i> |
| Friday | Butler R15-R16 <i>Cons. Butler</i> | Butler R17-R18 <i>Cons. Butler</i> | BBQ at TBA |

At QT Canberra, 17th January:

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| Saturday | Butler Stage 2A for pairs ranked 3 rd to 6 th Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand |
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[†] The program is subject to change dependent on entries. The events listed in italics are for participants not playing in the Butler and are given as a guide only. The start times of the pairs and teams events will not change. Please arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes early.

Venue and Accommodation

The venue is the excellent Bruce Hall, at the Australian National University, located within walking distance of Canberra's Civic Centre. Within a short stroll of Bruce Hall are a number of food outlets (for breakfast or lunch). Dinner is provided as part of the total package, as is accommodation on a single basis. Dinner for those not taking the weekly package is \$17/night.



Accommodation is in single rooms with an en-suite bathroom, and is included in the weekly fee. Accommodation for those not taking the weekly package is \$63/night.

Entry is via an online form on the AYC website. Those players under-18 but over-16 staying on-site overnight are also required to submit a parental consent form. Those players under-16 can only stay overnight on site if accompanied by a chaperone staying on-site overnight also (normally a parent). Those under 18 staying off-site will need a parental consent form to cover their time at the venue whilst playing. Both available at:

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/ayc/2015/>

Any queries should be directed to **Elainne Leach** or **David Thompson**: email them at youthweek2015@abf.com.au, or ph 0402081506 (Elainne) or 0417 526 331 (David) .

Partners and teammates can be arranged, please email for a partner or team-mates.

Fees

We have secured a value package deal at the venue. Included are all bridge activities, dinner each night from Saturday 10th January to Thursday 15th January, and 6 nights accommodation for the nights 10th to 15th January, the BBQ on Friday 16th January. Participants can also stay for a shorter period if playing in only some of the week's events. *Note the reduced student rate: a further reduction is available for under-16s, and accompanying non-participant adults pay \$480 for the week, please email for details.*

| | Non-students | Full Time Student Rate |
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| Full Week - 7 days, 6 nights | \$580 | \$480 |
| Weekend 10 th /11 th - 2 days | \$60 | \$50 |
| 1 day's play | \$30 | \$25 |
| 1 night accommodation Plus evening dinner | \$80 | \$80 |

Payment is required prior to arrival. Payment can be made by bank transfer to:

Account Name: ABF BSB: 082-968 Account Number: 641482644

Reference: your ABF number or, if you don't have a number, your name

For other methods of payment please contact David Thompson.