

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual



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Venue

# *Australian Youth Bridge Championships*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

The Canberra Bridge Club  
6 Duff Place, Deakin, Canberra

Open to all players born in 1987\* or later

International participants very welcome

Youth Week ALSO includes the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler

**Entries and info: [youthweek2017@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek2017@abf.com.au)**

## **Three MAJOR Events**

**The Australian Youth Teams Championship  
The Australian Youth Pairs Championship  
The Australian Youth Team Butler Selection**

**As well as side events for non-qualifiers to the Butler Final**

**Entry Fees ONLY \$10/day/event**  
**Includes light lunch every day**

**No Evening Bridge**

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Director: Bruce Crossman

\*Australians must be ABF Members. To qualify for the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler event, players must satisfy eligibility requirements including being born on or after 01/01/1992.

## General Information

The 2017 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) consists of three major events:

- Australian Youth Teams 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January – starting 10am on the 7<sup>th</sup>.  
The Final (top two teams at end of qualifying) to be played on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am.  
Players in the final receive automatic entry to the Pairs final on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January
- Australian Youth Pairs 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January – starting 10.30am on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Australian Junior Team Selection Butler 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January – starting at 9.30am

Plus:

- Other events and activities from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January for players who do not qualify to, or are not eligible for, the Butler.
- Social events, including some bridge events such as speedball, will be organized for the evenings

There will be a test match between New Zealand and the Australian team, as selected, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January, to contest the "Stern-Cornell Trophy".

The format of the Australian Youth Team Selection Butler (11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January) will be determined by the number of entries received, but the final will "likely" be contested between the 10 top qualifying pairs. The TOP THREE PAIRS AT THE END OF THE BUTLER FINAL will qualify as the Australian Youth team for 2017.

The targeted events for 2017 are the Junior Teams at the APBF Seoul, Korea, May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 and The New Zealand National Congress and Test Match, Hamilton, New Zealand, from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### 2017 AYC Provisional<sup>†</sup> Program

At Canberra Bridge Club, Deakin, 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017:

	Morning	Afternoon	
<b>7/1/17 Saturday</b> 10 am start	Teams	Teams	
<b>8/1/17 Sunday</b> 10 am start	Teams	Teams	
<b>9/1/17 Monday</b> 10:30 am start	Pairs Qualifying Teams Final	Pairs Qualifying Teams Final	
<b>10/1/17 Tuesday</b> 10 am start	Pairs Final and Consolation	Pairs Final and Consolation	Cliff wake/ Pizza Night
<b>11/1/17 Wednesday</b> 9.30 am start	Youth Butler Qualifying	Youth Butler Qualifying	
<b>12/1/17 Thursday</b> 9.30 am start	Youth Butler Final & Consolation event	Youth Butler Final & Consolation event	
<b>13/1/17 Friday</b> 9.30 am start	Youth Butler Final & Consolation event	Youth Butler Final & Consolation event	BBQ at TBA

**14/1/17 Saturday**  
Start time TBA

Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand

<sup>†</sup> 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 Canberra Bridge club, 6 Duff Place, Deakin.

Accommodation is not provided but there are many options available.

**Entry is via an online form on the AYC website.** Those players under-18 are also required to submit a parental consent form, available at:

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/ayc/2017/>

Any queries should be directed to **Elaine Leach**: email them at [youthweek2017@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek2017@abf.com.au), or ph 0402081506

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

### **Fees**

Fees are simply \$10/player/day. So, for the Teams \$80 per team, Pairs \$40 per pair. The Butler Selection event will be \$20 per pair for Stage 1 (Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>), and \$40 per pair for Stage 2 (Thursday and Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>). Side events on the Wednesday to Friday will be \$20 per pair per day.

**Lunches** (normally; assorted sandwiches, fresh fruit, fruit juice) will be provided daily for the event, free of charge. There will a B-B-Q evening on Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Any participants with dietary requirements (gluten intolerance; allergies; etc) should contact the organisers when entering, otherwise normal catering will be provided.

**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 Elaine Leach.

### **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.

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

- To play in the Butler, qualified pairs must be born on or after 01/01/1992, 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 The targeted events for 2017 are the Junior Teams at the APBF Seoul, Korea, May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 and (ii) The New Zealand National Congress and Test Match, Hamilton, New Zealand, from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- Pairs may be available for one of these events, but not the other. 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 2017, 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 rooms 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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