

## Travel

Air and bus travel to and from the Championships will normally be cheaper if they are booked early on the web. Canberra is serviced by Virgin, Qantas and Tiger flights and by Greyhound and Murrays buses. Please let us know about your travel arrangements if you need to be picked up from the airport or bus station.

Some groups of players typically drive to Canberra from Sydney and Melbourne. If you would like a lift from either of these cities, email Griff at [youthweek@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek@abf.com.au) well before the event to be put in contact with people who may be able to help you out.

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 some events: check the supplementary regulations closer to the event. The organiser and director reserve the right to restrict the use of other complex methods against inexperienced pairs.

## Further Information and Regulations

- Players residing in Canberra who do not wish to stay at the venue should contact Griff to enquire about costs.
- Financial assistance may be available subject to serious financial need. In this regard contact the chairman of the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, David Stern: [foyb@abf.com.au](mailto:foyb@abf.com.au).
- The designated event for the team to be chosen from the Squad selected by the Butler is the 2012 World Youth Championships (WYC). These are scheduled for 25 July – 4 August 2012 in Taicang, China (60 km from Shanghai). To play in the Butler, qualified pairs must sign declarations of availability for the WYC and for additional training, be born on or after 01/01/1987 and satisfy ABF residency requirements for international representation.
- The top-ranked under-21 pair from the Butler, who are presumptive selectees to the U21 team (U21 = born in 1992 or later), will be invited to participate in Squad activities but will not be eligible for U26 selection unless they qualified to the Squad. At the sole discretion of the ABFYC, this invitation may also be extended to the second-ranked U21 pair or a newly formed U21 pair as a result of one or more mixed U26/U21 pairs failing to qualify for the Squad.
- The ABFYC and those appointed to conduct the Championships reserve the right 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.
- Additional 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 44<sup>th</sup> annual



# Australian Youth Bridge Championships

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
at

**Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort**

999 Federal Highway, ACT/NSW Border, ACT 2601

(Also Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at Rydges Lakeside for those pairs who finish 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> in the Australian Junior Squad Selection Butler)

**Open to all players born in 1982\* or later  
International participants very welcome**

**Includes ALL Bridge, Meals and Accommodation**

**Full-week price: \$520 (FT Students \$440)**

**\$20 off full-week price if paid before 25/12/2011**

**Weekend Youth Pairs – 2 days, 1 night: \$100 (FTS \$90)**

**Entries and info: [youthweek@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek@abf.com.au)  
[www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/](http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/)**

Director: Matthew McManus

Tournament Organiser: Griff Ware 0435 368 343 (m)

\* To qualify for the Australian Junior (Under-26) Squad Selection Butler sub-event, players must satisfy eligibility requirements including being born on or after 01/01/1987.

## General Information

The 2012 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) consists of three major events:

- Australian Youth Pairs 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – starting 1:30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Australian Youth Teams 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – starting 11am on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Australian Junior Squad Selection Butler 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

Plus:

- Other events and activities from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Jan for players who do not qualify to, or are not eligible for, the Butler.

If enough New Zealanders attend, a test match against an ABF Youth Committee selected Australian team will be played on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

The first stage of the Butler (17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Jan) is contested between 9 pairs selected based on their performance in the Australian Youth Teams and a 10<sup>th</sup> pair provisionally qualified from the Australian Youth Triathlon.

**In 2012 the Butler will select a 'Squad' of five pairs; the Australian Junior (U26) Team will be chosen from the Squad at a later date. See the AYC website for further information.**

## 2012 AYC Provisional<sup>†</sup> Program

At Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort, 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Jan:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>1:30pm Start</b> Pairs Qualifying	Pairs Qualifying
<b>Sunday</b>	Pairs Final	Pairs Final	Pizza by Pool at the Venue
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11am Start</b> Teams	Teams	Teams
<b>Tuesday</b>	Teams	Teams	Butler R1-R2 <small>Cliff Wake</small>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Butler R3-R4 <i>Lesson</i>	Butler R5-R6 <i>Teams-of-3</i>	Butler R7-R8 <i>Teams-of-3</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Butler R9-R10 <i>Lesson</i>	Butler R11-R12 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	Butler R13-R14 <i>MP Pairs</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Butler R15-R16 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	Butler R17-R18 <i>Cons. Butler</i>	BBQ at a Canberra Park

At Rydges Lakeside Canberra, 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan:

<b>Saturday</b>	Butler Stage 2A for pairs ranked <b>4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup></b> Possible Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand
<b>Sunday</b>	Butler Stage 2B to decide <b>5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup></b> place Possible 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 superb Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort, located 15 minutes drive up Northbourne Ave from Canberra's Civic Centre, at 999 Federal Highway, ACT/NSW Border, ACT. Expansive and open, the resort includes such amenities as a gym, a sauna, a tennis court and a swimming pool.



Accommodation is in multi-share hotel units<sup>††</sup>, which house 6 people between 2 rooms: 4 people in one room and 2 in the second. Each unit includes an en-suite bathroom, a small fridge and a TV.

**Entry is via an online form on the AYC website.** Under-18s are also required to submit a parental consent form. Both are available at:

[www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/](http://www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/)

Any queries should be directed to Griff Ware at [youthweek@abf.com.au](mailto:youthweek@abf.com.au), or call him on 0435 368 343.

Partners and teammates can be arranged for those who don't have them: please email Griff if you are partner- or teammate-less.

## Fees

We have secured a fantastic value package deal at the venue. Included are all meals from dinner on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan to lunch on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan and 6 nights accommodation for the nights 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. Participants can also stay for a shorter period if playing in only some of the week's events.

	Non-students	Full Time Student Rate
Full Week - 7 days, 6 nights	\$500 (before 25 Dec) \$520 (after 25 Dec)	\$420 (before 25 Dec) \$440 (after 25 Dec)
Weekend 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> - 2 days, 1 night	\$100	\$90
1 day's play + 1 night	\$85	\$75

**Payment is required prior to arrival.** Note the \$20 discount on the full-week rate if paid before 25/12/10. 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 Griff.

<sup>††</sup> Twin-share hotel rooms for 2 people are also available at a surcharge of \$60 per room per night. Rates for single occupancy can also be negotiated. Please contact Griff if you want to book a twin or single occupancy room.