

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 Griff at youthweek@abf.com.au well before the event to be put in contact with those who are driving.

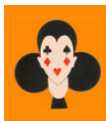
The ABF Youth Committee and the Australian Youth Bridge Championships organisers and officials take no responsibility for passenger safety for any transport arranged for players.

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 Griff 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.
- To play in the Butler, qualified pairs must be born on or after 01/01/1988, sign declarations of availability for the APBF Championships and for additional training, and ensure they satisfy ABF residency requirements for international representation.
- The designated event for the team selected by the Butler is the APBF Junior Championships, to be held in Wuhan, China, dates TBC (late August 2013 is likely). 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 sponsored teams for other international youth events in 2013, can be found on the Championships' website.
- The top-ranked under-21 pair from the Butler will be selected for the U21 team, subject to ABF ratification and participation in training activities
- 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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A Gold Point Event conducted by the ABF Youth Committee under the auspices of the ABF

The 45th annual



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

Saturday 12th to Friday 18th January 2013
at

Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort
999 Federal Highway, ACT/NSW Border, ACT 2602

(Also Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th January at Rydges Lakeside for those pairs who finish 2nd through 5th in the Australian Junior Team Selection Butler)

Open to all players born in 1983* or later
International participants very welcome

▪ **Includes ALL Bridge, Meals and Accommodation**

Full-week price: \$580 (full time students \$480)

\$20 off full-week price if paid before 23/12/2012

Weekend Youth Pairs – 2 days, 1 night: \$120 (FTS \$100)

Entries and info: youthweek@abf.com.au
www.abf.com.au/youth/events/ayc/

Director: Matthew McManus

Tournament Organiser: Griff Ware 0435 368 343 (m)

* 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 01/01/1988.

General Information

The 2013 Australian Youth Championships (AYC) consists of three major events:

- Australian Youth Pairs 12th to 13th Jan – starting 1:30pm on the 12th.
- Australian Youth Teams 14th to 15th Jan – starting 11am on the 14th.
- Australian Junior Team Selection Butler 15th to 20th Jan.

Plus:

- Beginners' day on 12th Jan separate to the main event.
- Other events and activities from 16th to 18th 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 19th to 20th Jan.

The first stage of the Butler (15th to 18th Jan) is contested between 10 pairs, selected based on their performance in the Australian Youth Teams. The second stage (19th to 20th Jan) is played by those pairs who place 2nd through 5th in the first stage. (The format is the same as was used two years ago in 2011.)

2013 AYC Provisional† Program

At Rydges Eagle Hawk Canberra Resort, 12th to 18th Jan:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday		1:30pm Start Pairs Qualifying & Beginners' Session	Pairs Qualifying & Beginners' Session
Sunday	Pairs Final & Consolation	Pairs Final & Consolation	
Monday	11am Start Teams	Teams	Teams
Tuesday	Teams	Teams	Butler R1-R2 <small>Cliff Wake</small>
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 a Canberra Park

At Rydges Lakeside Canberra, 19th to 20th Jan:

Saturday	Butler Stage 2A for pairs ranked 2nd to 5th Possible Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand
Sunday	Butler Stage 2B to decide 3 rd place Possible Test Match Australia vs. New Zealand

† 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^{††}, 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/

Any queries should be directed to Griff Ware: email youthweek@abf.com.au, or phone 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 bridge activities, all meals from dinner on Sat 12th Jan to lunch on Fri 18th Jan and 6 nights accommodation for the nights 12th to 17th 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	\$560 (before 23 Dec) \$580 (after 23 Dec)	\$460 (before 23 Dec) \$480 (after 23 Dec)
Weekend 14 th /15 th - 2 days, 1 night	\$120	\$100
1 day's play + 1 night	\$100	\$80

Payment is required prior to arrival. Note the \$20 discount on the full-week rate if paid before 23/12/10. 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.

†† Twin-share hotel rooms for 2 people are also available at a surcharge. Rates for single occupancy can also be negotiated. Please contact Griff if you want to book a twin or single occupancy room.