

EA BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2025

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Welcome to a New Chapter for Bridge in India

It gives me great joy and pride to welcome you all to the EA Bridge International Bridge Championships, 2025, being hosted for the very first time at Express Avenue Mall, Chennai — a unique and exciting milestone for both the championships and for us at the Express Group.

This is the first time in India that an international bridge event of this scale is being held inside a mall. At the heart of this idea was a vision to bring the game closer to the people — to make Bridge more visible, more accessible, and more celebrated. And what better venue than Express Avenue, a space that combines world-class infrastructure with the warmth and energy of one of India's most vibrant cities.

Bridge, for me, has always been more than a game — it is a deep and enduring passion. It teaches discipline, patience, strategy, and the power of connection. Hosting this championship is a reflection of that passion, and of our commitment to supporting the growth and visibility of this beautiful mind sport in India.

We are honoured to host participants from across the country and abroad seasoned champions, rising stars, and lovers of the game alike. Whether you are here to compete, observe, or support, your presence contributes to something special: a shared celebration of skill, sportsmanship, and community.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the Bridge Federation of India, our co-organizers, tournament directors, and the many volunteers and partners who have worked tirelessly to bring this tournament to life. This event would not be possible without your energy and dedication.

To all the players — may your minds be sharp, your partnerships strong, and your memories of this event lasting. We hope you enjoy both the championship and everything our wonderful city of Chennai has to offer.

With warm regards,

Kavita Singhania **Managing Director Express Group of Companies**

For Live Results: Gold Teams

Silver Teams

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From the Desk of Chief **Tournament Director**

- 1. 6 Digit Player ID is compulsory in Bridgemate. Players have to enter the ID before starting play.
- Mobile phone must be in switched off mode if kept in pocket or bag. A mobile kept on the table can be in silent mode
- No smoking is allowed inside the playing arena.
- No tea/coffee or eatable are allowed inside the playing
- Bridgemate scores are official scores. Both sides are responsible for the correctness of the scores.
- After you finish your play, don't watch play at other tables. Players should leave the playing arena.
- Most of the announcements will be on the screens. All players are requested to follow them.
- In Silver Teams two National Masters can't play as partners.

Location for Lunch: Silver Teams -Second Floor Gold Teams -**Ground Floor**

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Message from President, Bridge Federation of India



Dear players, officials, and friends of bridge, It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you all to Chennai, for the EA Bridge International Bridge Championships — a truly special edition of our premier event, as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Bridge Federation of India.

Since its beginnings in 1950, BFI has grown into a symbol of excellence and a cornerstone of international bridge, bringing together generations of world-class players in the spirit of competition, respect, and camaraderie. The EA Bridge International Championship is not only a tribute from the EA Group legacy for promotion of bridge in Women, Juniors but also to bring India prominently on the world bridge map for which BFI is highly grateful to Ms. Kavita Singhania for her deep insight and efforts taken by her to keep the game actively recognized across national and international levels.

Alongside with this prestigious international event, we are also proud to announce the upcoming Asia Cup to be hosted at Goa from 21-27th June, 2026 which will invite all teams from our nearby Asia Pacific Zone including Australia and New Zealand.

These events showcase the very best of bridge and the enduring passion of its players. EA Bridge offers us an excellent platform with outstanding facilities and a deep appreciation for international sport, and, most important, for our sport.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Tamilnadu State Association, the local organizing committee, our technical staff, and all those whose hard work has made this event possible. Your dedication ensures the continued success and growth of our game.

To all the teams competing, I wish you fair play and unforgettable memories. Let us celebrate not only the champions we will crown, but also the values and community that make bridge such a remarkable game. *Happy 75th Anniversary to all our dear players - and welcome to Chennai!*

Prasad V. Keni President, Bridge Federation of India

Message from Organizing Secretary



Dear Distinguished Guests And Esteemed Participants

On behalf of the Organizing committee as well as the Tournament committee, it is my great honor and privilege to welcome you all to the 1st EA BRIDGE International Bridge Championships here in the vibrant city of Chennai hosted by Ms. Kavita Singhania and her esteemed organization the EA Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.

On behalf of the Bridge Federation of India we are truly privileged to organize this prestigious event, which brings together some of the world's finest minds and most dedicated players. Bridge is far more than a game — it is a celebration of strategy, partnership, and international camaraderie. Through competition, we not only test our skills, but also build friendships that transcend cultures and borders.

This tournament stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of bridge — a game that demands focus, discipline, mutual respect, and deep collaboration. We are proud to provide a platform where excellence meets integrity, and where players from around the world can engage in spirited, yet respectful, competition.

To our international guests, we extend a heartfelt welcome. We hope your time here is enriched not only by the tournament, but also by the warmth, hospitality, and cultural richness that Chennai has to offer.

May this tournament be marked by fair play, brilliant moves, and lasting memories of EA BRIDGE. May every partnership thrive and every team rise to meet the challenge.

Thank you — and let the tournament begin!

Yours truly

Debasish Ray Organizing Secretary EABRIDGE International Bridge Championships

Message from Co-Chairperson, Tournament Committee



Dear Friends,

I am Kirubakaramoorthy, Ex-President of the Bridge Federation of India (BFI), and it is my great pleasure to welcome all our dear friends participating from across the globe – including Russia, Poland, Argentina, Sweden, Italy, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, and many more friends from across the nations.

Let me introduce Madam Kavita Singhania, Director of Express Infrastructure in Chennai an active Bridge player too. Kavita ji's vision is EA Bridge dedicated to promoting and developing the sport. Her mission is to encourage greater participation, introduce attractive prizes, and most importantly, inspire young players, women, and senior enthusiasts to embrace this true "sport of the mind." Her efforts to create an inclusive community while bringing India in achieving the global laurels in Bridge.

This year, we are proud to host the EA Bridge International Bridge Championships 2025, scheduled from September 15–20, 2025, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. More than 100 teams from various countries are expected to participate, making this event a truly remarkable gathering.

On behalf of the organizing team, I sincerely thank each one of you for joining us at this inaugural event. As this is our first effort, we kindly request your understanding in case of any shortcomings. We are confident that this championship will become an annual tradition. With the growing participation of international players, we also assure you that efforts will be made to work towards recognition in the World Bridge Federation (WBF) rankings for the future.

With warm regards,
N.R.K. Moorthy
Co-Chairperson
Tournament Committee

	EA Bridge Gold	Teams	Draw
Table	Home Team	Vs	Away Team
1	Formidables (1)		Zenith (2)
2	Kosmos (3)		EA Bridge (4)
3	Jareja (5)		Mavericks (6)
4	(Ad)Ira (7)		Dhampur Sugar Mills (8)
5	Samadhan (9)		Aquarius (10)
6	Tvs Mobility (11)		Bisibele (12)
7	Bold Play (13)		Magnum (14)
8	Overttrix (15)		Arun Jain (16)
9	Tornatae (17)		Texan Aces (18)
10	Yarboro (19)		Mix N Match (20)
11	Nest Inn (21)		Raghuramans (22)
12	Gupta'S (23)		Inspace (24)
13	Hemant Jalan (25)		Shree Cement (26
14	Mohmaya (27)		Suicide Squad (28)
15	Adventure (29)		Indian Chain (30)
16	Eisk (31)		Carpe Diem (32)
17	Shri Radhey (33)		Juthika (34)
18	Lake My Love (35)		Bangur Cement (36)
19	Symphony (37)		Monica Jajoo (38)
20	Deepadhaar (39)		Dassbridge (40)
21	Sri Jagannath (41)		Gromov Team (42)
22	Ks Five (43)		Team Tolani (44)
23	Magic Eyes Thailand (45)		Poland (46)

EA Bridge Silver Teams Draw Table Home Team Vs **Away Team** 1 The Squad (1) Tarams (2) 2 Gladiators (3) Trecers (4) 3 Pragmatic (5) Aviraj (6) 4 RCBC (7) Sarlafibers (8) 5 Nagpur Vi (9) Fathe Maidan Club (10) 6 Dr Mohan Rao (11) Hyderabad Blue (12) 7 Adventure (13) Jackals (14) 8 Super Lucky (15) Double (16) 9 Alchemy (17) Racers (18) 10 Star (20) Alumni (19) 11 Brahmos (21) Itrc Friends (22) 12 Prin (23) Ladies First (24) 13 Athena (25) Alfa Zero (26) 14 Team David (27) Kings And Queens (28) 15 Slams Squad (29) Cosmo Coimbatore (30) 16 Knaves (31) Takers (32) 17 ECL Bridge Lovers (33) Mind Crusaders (34) 18 Dilip Atha Iv (35) Ranjan (36) 19 Lake My Love Too (37) Bads Six (38) 20 KKK Bridge Lovers (39) Savvy Acers (40) 21 Goal Getters (41) Team Kabra (42) 22 Ekdalia (43) Chefs Table (44) 23 Linking Bridge (45) Autumn Sonata (46) 24 Usha Kiran (47) Unity (48) 25 Cross Border (49) Lankan Bridge (50)

Home Team sits NS in Open Room

PRIZE MONEY BREAKUP*

Rank	Gold Te	eam	Silver T	eam	Open I	Pair	Swiss Te	eams
	INR	USD	INR	USD	INR	USD	INR	USD
1.	21,60,000	24000	5,00,000	5500	4,50,000	5000	3,60,000	4000
2.	10,80,000	12000	3,00,000	3500	3,60,000	4000	2,70,000	3000
3.	7,20,000	8000	2,00,000	2200	2,70,000	3000	1,80,000	2000
4.	4,50,000	5000	1,50,000	1600	1,80,000	2000	90,000	1000
5.	1,80,000	2000	50,000	550	90,000	1000	45,000	500
6.	1,80,000	2000	50,000	550	63,000	700	45,000	500
7.	1,80,000	2000	50,000	550	45,000	500	45,000	500
8.	1,80,000	2000	50,000	550	27,000	300	45,000	500
9.	90,000	1000	25,000	275	18,000	200	-	-
10.	90,000	1000	25,000	275	18,000	200	-	-
11.	90,000	1000	25,000	275	-	-	-	-
12.	90,000	1000	25,000	275	-	-	-	-
13.	90,000	1000	25,000	275	-	-	-	-
14.	90,000	1000	25,000	275	-	-	-	-
15.	90,000	1000	25,000	275	-	-	-	-
16.	90,000	1000	25,000	275	-	-	-	-

All side events total prize amount : INR 3,60,000 USD 4000 *All Prize Money Will Be Paid Without Tax deductions *INR = Indian Rupees

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Gidwani Award For Best Defence

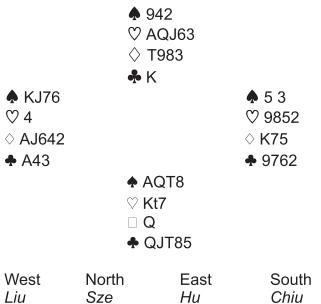
Winner: Yinghao (Dunga) Liu (China)

Source: IBPA Bulletin

The 2022 Asian Games, officially the 19th Asian Games, were held from 23 September to 8 October 2023 in Hangzhou, China. Since 2018, bridge has been among the mind sports with full medal status at this second largest multi-sport event after the Olympic Games.

Here is a brilliant defence executed by the bronze medalist Yinghao (Dunga) Liu of the China Open Team, in the early round-robin match against the final gold medal winner, Hong Kong, China.

Round 11. Board 14. Dealer East. None vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
Liu	Sze	Hu	Chiu
		Pass	1 🗫 ¹
1♦	Double ²	2◊	Double ³
2♠	Double	3□	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

- 1. 2+ clubs.
- 2. 4+ hearts.
- 3. Takeout.

The contract is played from the correct side, as a spade lead from East would easily set it. With West on lead, to give the defense any chance a diamond underlead away from the ace of diamonds is required, and that is exactly what Dunga did. First hurdle cleared!

Hu won his king, and duly shifted to the five of spades. Chiu's ten was taken by Dunga's jack.

Now, it was time for some serious thought. Based on the bidding and play so far, Dunga was able to correctly deduce the actual layout, but was there a way to beat 4%? Even the expert tournament commentators were unable to figure it out when looking at all four hands, until Dunga put the six of spades on the table.

At the first glance, this seemed to solve declarer's problem in spades, but a closer look reveals that it was actually a big trouble-maker. The bridge between the declarer and dummy was broken! Declarer could no longer set up the clubs and clear trumps at the same time.

In reality, declarer took dummy's nine, and ruffed a diamond back before drawing trumps. When he tried the king of clubs from dummy next, Dunga could score his ace along with two diamond winners for two down.

It took two marvelous moves by Dunga to defeat this solid contract: an underlead to his partner first, then a free finesse for the declarer next. A candidate for next year's best defense award?

In the other room declarer had no trouble taking 11 tricks:

West	North	East	South
Mak	Liu Jing	Lai	Zhuang
		Pass	1NT
Double	2◊	Pass	2♡
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Zhuang started with an offshape 1NT and was transferred to hearts, while West's double of 1NT showed a four-card major and 5+ minor.

The defense here was straightforward: Mak started with the ace of diamonds and another diamond. Zhuang ruffed in hand and played a club. Mak grabbed the club ace, which was the last trick for the defense. Having set up the club suit, Zhuang claimed 11 tricks seconds later.

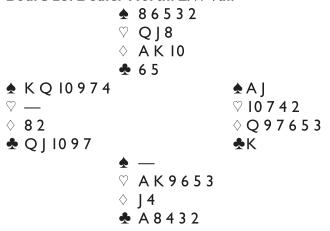
Dazzling in Denmark

Mark Horton

Here is a selection of outstanding deals from the Round-Robin phase of the recent World Team Championships in Herning:

In Round 10 of the Venice Cup, Denmark, ninth, faced Brazil, twenty-second.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Falk	Rasmussen	Ferreira	L Bilde
_	Pass	Pass	Ι♡
2♡*	3♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

2 Spades and a minor

West led the ♠K and declarer ruffed and played two rounds of clubs, West winning and playing a second spade. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a club high and played a heart to the ace. When West discarded, declarer ruffed a club high, ruffed a spade, took dummy's ◇AK and was sure to collect the ♡A9 for II tricks, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
D Bilde	Biondillo	Thomsen	Doria
_	Pass	Pass	10
♠	2♠*	Dble*	4 ♡
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

2♠ Something in spades

North led the $\heartsuit Q$ and declarer ruffed and played a club, South winning and returning a heart. Declarer ruffed and played winning clubs. There was nothing North could do, as if she ruffed at any point declarer would overruff with dummy's $\triangle A$ and overtake the $\triangle J$ to draw trumps. It was +790 and 15 IMPs for **Denmark**.

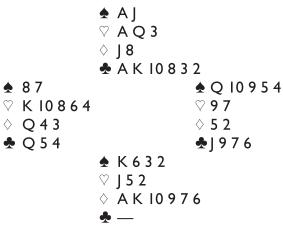
There is a way to defeat 4♠!

South must withhold the A on the first round of the suit!

If declarer then ruffs a heart and continues clubs South wins and plays a third heart, after which North can happily ruff the next round of clubs, leaving declarer with only nine tricks.

Every once in a while you see a play that sends a shiver down your spine. We can't recall anything quite as amazing as this one from the Round I I Venice Cup match between Poland and China:

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Morawska	Liao	Jarosz	Wang
			$ \Diamond \rangle$
I♡	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Ewa Morawska led the ♠7 for the jack, queen and king and declarer played a heart to dummy's queen and ran the ◇J. Without batting an eyelid Ewa, appreciating that declarer had no way to get to hand, let it hold and when declarer continued with a diamond to the ten she could win and exit with a spade, the contract finishing five down for -250.

In the replay Poland also bid 6NT but declarer took I I tricks which meant a 5 IMP swing.

Imagine that East had led the ♠10 against 3NT. Declarer can win with the ♠J, unblock the ♠A and run the ◇J. Now Ewa's brilliant duck is an essential move. In Round 16 Herman De wael was passing through the Open room when he noticed that Belgium was playing Netherlands in the Venice Cup.



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ENTRY: INR 3,500/Pair TOTAL PRIZE: INR 2,00,000/-

REGISTRATIONS WILL OPEN BY SEP 10. 2025
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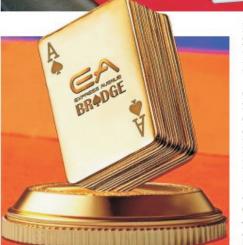
division of Express Infrastructure Pvt Ltd (EIPL), EA Bridge is sponsoring the International Bridge Championships 2025 in Chennai. "It is for the first time that an international bridge event is being organised inside a mall and with a prize money of ₹1 crore (USD 1,10,000). More than 100 teams from various countries will be participating and making this event a truly remarkable gathering," the organisers say.

Led by Kavita Singhania, managing director of EIPL, EA Bridge, they say, aims to expand its bridge both in India and internationally. "Her mission is to foster the youth in this sport, encourage women participants, promote the sport for greater participation through attractive prize money and to inspire more people to embrace this true 'sport of the mind'," they share.

To be held under the aegis of the Bridge Federation of India (BFI) and in association with the Tamil Nadu Bridge Association (TNBA), the championship will follow the World Bridge Federation's 2017 laws of Duplicate Bridge, they inform.

"The Team of Four Gold event and Open Pairs event of this tournament are BFI category 1 ranking point events, and hence, performance in these events will be eligible for ranking points (as per the National





Ranking and Selection Policy 2024-25), which is used for selecting pairs to participate in selection trials of Indian teams," they add.

"Bridge players and enthusiasts can check the bulletin on our website for the daily updates on this championship, with expert commentary on hands, results, highlights of top matches and more. EA Bridge also sponsors monthly tournaments at E Hotel, online tournaments for women and youth, and national and international events," they conclude.

Address: Central Atrium, Express Avenue Dates: September 15-20 www.eabridge.in

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – SWISS LEAGUE

(5 ROUNDS OF 10 BOARDS EACH)

Time in Hours	Activity
1000 – 1015	Director's Announcements & Display of Draw for Team of Four Events
1020 – 1145	Round 1
1205 – 1330	Round 2
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1555	Round 3
1615 – 1740	Round 4
1740 – 1810	Tea Break
1810 – 1935	Round 5

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – SWISS LEAGUE

Time in Hours	Activity
1000 – 1125	Round 6
1145 – 1310	Round 7
1310 – 1410	Lunch Break
1410 – 1535	Round 8
1555 – 1720	Round 9
1720 – 1750	Tea Break
1750 – 1915	Round 10
1930 – 2000	Captain's meet for the Top 16 qualifying teams of the GOLD & SILVER TEAMS for Pre-QF knock out

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Time in Hours Activity

GOLD & SILVER TEAMS - KO Pre-Quarter Finals (4*14 boards)

1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 _ 1945	Session 4

OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)

1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3

IMP PAIRS (2 Sessions of 24/26 Boards each)

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1100 – 1400	Session 1
1400 – 1500	Lunch Break
1500 – 1815	Session 2
1500 – 1815	Session 2

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Time in Hours Activity

GOLD & SILVER TEAMS -KO Quarter Finals (4×14 boards)

1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4

OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 2

(3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)

1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3

SWISS PAIRS - IMP SCORING

(7 rounds of 8 boards each)

1045 – 1400	Session 1
1400 – 1500	Lunch Break
1500 – 1915	Session 2

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Time in Hours Activity

1745 - 1945

GOLD & SILVER TEAMS -KO Semi Finals (4×14 boards)

1000 - 1200Session 1 1215 - 1415Session 2 1415 - 1515Lunch Break 1515 - 1715Session 3 1715 - 1745Tea Break

> **OPEN MP PAIRS - FINAL Barometer Scoring**

Session 4

1000 - 1330Session 1 1330 - 1430Lunch Break 1430 - 1830Session 2

SWISS TEAMS - IMP SCORING

(7 rounds of 8 boards each)

1030 - 1400Session 1 1400 - 1500Lunch Break 1500 - 1930Session 2

LADIES PAIRS

(2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)

1030 - 1330Session 1 1330 - 1430Lunch Break 1430 - 1730Session 2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Time in Hours Activity

GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – Finals (4x14

boards) & Play-Off (3x14 Boards) 0900 - 1100Session 1

1115 - 1315Session 2

1315 - 1400Lunch Break

1400 - 1600Session 3 1615 - 1815Session 4

SWISS TEAMS FINAL - IMP SCORING

(7 rounds of 8 boards each)

0930 - 1345Session 1 1345 - 1430Lunch Break 1430 - 1800Session 2

SWISS PAIRS - MATCHPOINT SCORING

(2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)

1000 - 1300Session 1 1300 - 1400Lunch Break

1400 - 1700Session 2

MIXED PAIRS

(2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)

1030 - 1330Session 1

1330 - 1430Lunch Break

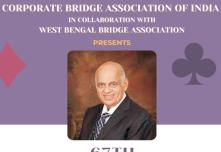








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