

From the United States Bridge Federation:

Do You Want to Play in a World Bridge Championship?

Hi Under Thirty Person,

The United States Bridge Federation (USBF) has responsibility for selecting, training and supporting US teams in International Competition. One area of primary USBF concern is worldwide Junior bridge. In 2009, USBF will probably be sending one or two teams to the World Transnational Junior Championship in Turkey (for more information on this event go to <http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Istanbul.09/Istanbul.pdf> , as well as starting the selection process for the US Under-26 and Under-21 teams for the 2010 World Junior Championship. We also plan to host monthly Bridge Base Online (BBO) training sessions and Junior tournaments, with leading experts participating.

In order to improve development of International Junior teams, the USBF wants to find out who the possible members of Junior teams are and open a line of communication with them. We are also looking for recent juniors who would be interested in helping with the Junior program.

If you are an eligible Junior (under the age of 26 and a US citizen or permanent resident) who is interested in International competition, please help us to help you by sending us your name, date of birth and email address. Please also go to <http://www.usbf.org> and register (click on the join button - you can register on the website without paying dues). The USBF website database allows us to select people of specific ages. In a week or two, we will begin sending a newsletter to everyone whose email address we have, with more information about USBF Junior activities in 2009. We would also appreciate your passing on this information to anyone you know who is not an ACBL member, but might be interested in our Junior program.

If you are too old for Junior events but would be interested in helping by playing in practice matches and perhaps partnering Juniors in local tournaments or NABCs, or if you just want to receive information about Junior activities, please send us your name and email address and the fact that you are too old. If you can also provide us with some information about what you'd like to do to help with the USBF Junior program, that would be great.

Thank you for reading this and for your interest in bridge - those of us who can hardly remember when we were under 30 need you!

Bill Pollack
USBF President