



International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

A meeting of the Management Committee of the World Bridge Federation, held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020,

Considered that

- On 11<sup>th</sup> March the World Health Organization (WHO) moved to declare the COVID-19 outbreak as an official Pandemic and in every Country the Authorities introduced restrictive measures for protecting the public health of its people
- The virus persistently continues to spread its dramatic effects all over the world
- The uncertainty at present to make any possible prediction about the end of these measures and the achievement of safety conditions
- Various concerns, including psychological and emotional aspects, are expressed by several of our stakeholders
- The priority of the WBF is the health and welfare of its National Bridge Organisations, registered members and people attending its event
- It's necessary and urgent to provide certainties and to avoid or minimize any possible negative effect on our members, the WBF and the Organisers

With regret, unanimously stated

1. The cancellation of the World Youth Bridge Teams Championship scheduled to be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, on 31<sup>st</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> August postponing it to August 2021, still to be hosted in Salsomaggiore Terme, retaining the name of 2020 World Youth Bridge Team Championship and all the same requirements and conditions, including the 2020 age limits. For these circumstances the 2021 World Youth Transnational Bridge Championship is cancelled.
2. The cancellation of the World Bridge Games scheduled to be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, on 21<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020,

postponing it to 2021 (indicatively February/March), still to be hosted in Salsomaggiore Terme, retaining the name of 2020 World Bridge Games. The exact dates and the 2021 WBF Calendar of Events will be defined in due time.

#### Apologising

for any inconvenience caused, but in taking the decision to cancel the event at this stage, endeavoured to minimise the potential disruption to the participants' plans, remarking once again that this decision has been taken with the utmost consideration for every single person involved to protect his health, wellbeing and safety, being very grateful for the support of the City of Salsomaggiore Terme and the Italian Bridge Federation.

#### Sharing

its concern and best wishes for players, officials, personnel, families and colleagues, and for everyone who has been affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic.