

46th INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF BRIDGE PER TEAM.



MÖVENPICK MANSOUR EDDAHABI
PALAIS DES CONGRÈS
MARRAKECH

From 20 August to 2 September 2023.





Ladies, gentlemen,



I am sure you all know that sport, in all its forms, is very important to us moroccans and that it is a part of our collective identity.

We, as a nation, love sports and are constantly trying to encourage and celebrate our talented athletes. Seeing the Moroccan flag raised this high in international competitions is something that our kingdom is really proud of and we can't express enough admiration towards such brilliant and persevering men and women.

Practicing sports is becoming, these days, one of the human's fundamental rights. Furthermore, it is our duty to give access to it "to as many as" possible, without any kind of discrimination. Sports is, in fact, a great tool for inclusion, social cohesion, human development and fight against misery, exclusion and marginalization

Royal Message from His Majesty the King Mohammed VI

addressed to the participants of the "Assises nationales du sport".





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Contract bridge

Vector of development and
spirit emancipation...

“**Develop your
analytical,
summarizing and
strategic skills**”



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BENEFITS OF BRIDGE :

Far from just being a game, contract bridge is a sport beneficial for the spirit of those who practice it regularly, whatever may be their age.

Contract Bridge is also a way to get to know others and to form strong relationships with them. For a long time now, the Bridge has been considered to be a card game that everyone played independently from their social class or their differences in general and always was considered as a popular activity.

It is one of the most played intellectual sports in the world with over 100 millions players, professional or not. Thus, it develops among young people strategic, summarizing and analysis skills.

For those who are working professionally, it prepares you for decision-making which is a fundamental skill. Finally, for seniors, it can stimulate memory and help avoid brain aging.

Bridge is very beneficial for your professional life by helping you develop :

**Decision-making, Decoding messages, Strategic spirit,
Communion, Stress management...**



BENEFITS OF BRIDGE : FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Bridge can help them develop abilities that will help them throughout their school years. It can be proposed as an activity to every child arriving in middle school.



>It helps develop social skills, because it is the only intellectual sport that must be played with a partner...

>It makes integration easier for the shy ones by using it as a tool for socialization.

>It helps develop analytical skills which can be very useful for mathematics for example...

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The moroccan school championship of bridge, 2019



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BRIDGE IN MOROCCO

FRMB | 1959

The Moroccan Royal Federation of Bridge since 1959

ZONE AFRIQUE | 8

The global federation of bridges (WB) organizes their competition in 8 zones. Morocco is located in the African zone (8th zone)

FAB | 2000

The African Federation of Bridge since 2000

MOROCCO HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO HOST THE

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WHO ARE WE?

THE MOROCCAN ROYAL BRIDGE FEDERATION.

**A MAJOR PROMOTER OF BRIDGE, THE
INTELLECTUAL SPORT PAR EXCELLENCE.**

Founded in 1959, the Moroccan Royal Bridge Federation is associated with the ministry of education. This association is managed by :

- The Dahir n 1-58-379 of the 3 jourmada I 1378 (15 November 1958)
- The Law n 30-09 related to educational sports, provided by the Dahir n 1-10-150 of the 13 Ramadan 1431 (24 August 2010)
- The Decree n 2-10-628 of the 7 Hija 1432 (4 November 2011) taken for the application of the law n 30-09 related to educational sports ;
- The Dispositions of the Federational Status and its rules.



“Organize, encourage, develop and vulgarize the practice of Bridge under all its forms, in the whole Moroccan Kingdom”

The Royal Moroccan Federation of Bridge has the objective of providing access to the bridge to everyone, in all its forms.

Its duty is to avoid any kind of discrimination and respect the deontology rules imposed by the international sport movement and more particularly the global and African Federation of Bridge in order to offer a safe environment to its players.

To achieve this, The Federation has plans such as :

- Organize, encourage and vulgarize the practice of Bridge in all its forms, in all the Moroccan territory and with appropriate actions ;
- Organize and manage competitions in the national territory and at the end of it nominate a person or a sportive association as a national or regional winner in compliance with the rules and regulations established by the global Federation of Bridge
- Managing the economical aspect such as the federal cotisations needed by its members which contains a mandatory part for the social coverage of the athletes and the necessary assurance.



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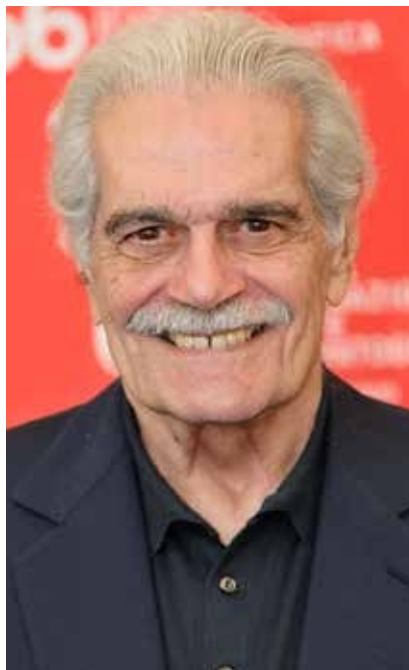
THE BRIDGE, SPORT OF CELEBRITIES

A lot of celebrities, talented athletes, Businessmen and historical personalities love playing bridge.

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For example :

- **The President** Eisenhower
- Bill gates
- Deng xiaoping
- Martina navratilova
- Omar sharif
- Ahmed osman





BRIDGE, SPORT OF CELEBRITIES



TÉMOIGNAGES



BILL GATES

Famously known for having funded Microsoft, Bill Gates, a great player of bridge, has participated in the global bridge championship in Vérone (Italie). He supports bridge playing among young people.



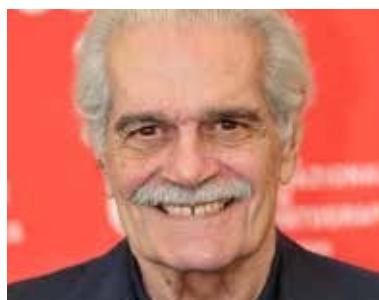
MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

She won 59 tournaments of the great chlam and was usually in a team. It can be explained by her love for bridge, where she considers it to be her chelem, her nirvana, her Olympus, her grail.



DENG XIAOPING

Leader of China for almost 20 years, he still found time to play bridge. For him, the bridge was far from useless.



OMAR SHERIF

He loved and was incredible at bridge. He was vice-champion of France in 1971 and wrote a book about it (Ma vie au Bridge)



AHMED OSMAN

One of the greatest players in Morocco, Mister Ahmed Osman was an ex-prime minister and speaker of parliament.

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PRESENTATION OF THE GLOBAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN A FEW WORDS

Every two years, the global bridge championships reunite the best players on the earth. The Moroccan federal instance managed to convince the National Bridge Federation to host their big championship in 2023 at Marrakesh, for which will qualify the eight zones.



The global championship is also

1200 | Participants coming from the five continents

46 | Qualified nations

100 | Millions players in the world

135 | Countries adhering to the WBF

Organized by the Global Federation of Bridge (WBF), the 46th world championships of Bridge will take place in Marrakesh at the Movenpick Mansour Eddahbi - Palais des congrès from 20 August to 2 September 2023.

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**PARTICIPATING
CONTRIES**



ARGENTINA



GUADELOUPE



PORTUGAL



AUSTRALIA



GUATEMALA



QATAR



BELGIUM



HUNGARY



ROMANIA



BRAZIL



ICELAND



SCOTLAND



BULGARIA



INDIA



SINGAPORE



CANADA



ISRAEL



**SOUTH
AFRICA**



CHILE



ITALY



SPAIN



**CHINA
HONG KONG**



JORDAN



SWEDEN



CROATIA



MOROCCO



SWITZERLAND



DENMARK



NETHERLANDS



TUNISIA



EGYPT



NEW ZEALAND



TURKEY



ENGLAND



NORWAY



**UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES**



FRANCE



PAKISTAN



URUGUAY



GERMANY



POLAND



USA

PODIUM SEATS AND MEDALS OF THE MOROCCAN TEAMS IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

QUALIFICATIONS AT THE END OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS :

1. Championship in Salsomaggiore (Italie),
from 27 March to 9 April 2022
2. World Championship in Wuhan (China),
from 14 to 28 September 2019
3. World Championship in Orlando (U.S.A)
from 21 September to 6 october 2018

PODIUM AT THE AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP :

1. **Year 2021** at Casablanca through internet :
 - > **Gold Medal** obtained by the senior team
 - > **Silver medal** obtained by the Lady team
2. **Year 2019** at Casablanca :
 - > **Gold medal** obtained by the Senior team
 - > **Gold medal** obtained by the Mixt team
 - > **Silver medal** obtained by the Open team
 - > **Silver medal** obtained by the Lady team
3. **Year 2017** at Cape Town (South Africa)
 - > Silver medal obtained by the Lady team.



the national teams (lady and seniors) at the world championship of 2021 at Salsomaggiore, Italie

PODIUM SEATS AND MEDALS OF THE MOROCCAN TEAMS IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

PODIUM AUX JEUX PANARABES PAR ÉQUIPE À AMMAN/JORDANIE : **Silver Medal**

The members of the teams were : Abdelkamel Rerhaye, Said Berrada, Laghrari Abdellah, Mohamed Dinia, Belkouch Abdellatif



RETROSPECTIVE IN IMAGES





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