



Fact Sheet – ABF Teams 2025

2025 International Bridge Championships – Australian Teams

What's Happening:

- **Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF) Championships**
Hefei, China | ⓘ 17–25 May 2025
- **World Bridge Championships**
Herning, Denmark | ⓘ 23 August – 6 September 2025

Why It Matters:

- Over **15 Asia-Pacific countries** competing in the APBF
- Sophie Ashton becomes the **first woman on Australia's Open Team** since 2007
- Australia will compete in **Open, Women's, Seniors' & Mixed** categories
- Global participation strengthens **bridge as a mind sport** and elevates Australia's profile

Who Is Sophie Ashton?

- Former **quantitative risk analyst in Tokyo**
- Founder of a regional **healthcare hub** in NSW
- Learned bridge on a trip to Argentina
- Balances elite competition with family life and young children
- Plays alongside her husband, international bridge player Sartaj Hans

About the ABF

- Represents **35,000+ players** and **330 affiliated clubs**
- National body for bridge in Australia
- Supports elite players through training, selection, and international pathways

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