

**AUTUMN NATIONAL OPEN, SENIORS, WOMEN'S & RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS  
and OPEN TEAMS & RESTRICTED TEAMS  
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2012**

**1. General**

- 1.1 The Autumn National Swiss Pairs (ANSP) for Open (ANOSP), Seniors (ANSSP), Women (ANWSP) and Restricted (ANRSP) and the Autumn National Open (ANOT) and Restricted Teams (ANRT) are conducted by the South Australian Bridge Federation Inc. (SABF) in conjunction with the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) and in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The Tournament Organiser is Dianne Marler.  
The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) is David Anderson.  
The Appeal Committee is chaired by Bruce Neill.  
The Appeals Consultant is Richard Grenside.  
The Tournament Sub-Committee is chaired by Laurie Kelso.  
The ABF on-site Representative is Laurie Kelso.  
The Recorders are Linda Alexander and David Cherry.  
The Chairman appoints the Appeal or Tournament Committee members and is the sole judge of their quorum.
- 1.3 The venue for all events is the Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showgrounds, Wayville. The Swiss Pairs events will be run on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April with the Teams commencing on Friday evening 27<sup>th</sup> April and continuing through Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012. The ANOT final is held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April along with the Consolation Teams.
- 1.4 Smoking is not permitted in areas defined by the Tournament Organiser as the playing area, the scoreboard area and in any other designated area.
- 1.5 Mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic equipment must be switched off during session time and may not be consulted or used unless a specific exception is permitted by the CTD. After one warning per unit, breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty determined by the CTD to be equivalent to 3 VP or 9 IMP.
- 1.6 The Time of Appeal (Law 92B) and Correction Period (Law 79C) for each session expire 30 minutes after the score is available for inspection, unless advised otherwise.
- 1.7 Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing area during session time. Violation of this prohibition incurs a disciplinary penalty of 3 VP or 9 IMP.
- 1.8 At the time of commencement of an event, each Australian resident entrant must be a financial member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and of an organisation affiliated to the ABF or to an Australian State Bridge Association. Overseas players become honorary members of the "Foreign Players Club"

**2. Pairs and Teams**

- 2.1 Pairs consist of 2 players
- 2.2 Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players. A team may be increased to 5 or 6 players up until the start of Match 6 provided that no player so added has played previously in another unit in the same event in 2012.
- 2.3 To be eligible for overall masterpoint awards or to be eligible to qualify for the final of the teams, the minimum requirement for each player is 4 rounds.
- 2.4 The CTD may approve substitutes (not members of another unit in the same event) for cause, not convenience, for a maximum of 2 qualifying rounds and 2 stanzas of the final.
- 2.5 The Tournament Organiser may nominate a "house team" for any purpose consistent with the movement. The Tournament Organiser makes every effort to nominate eligible players from a small group but, at the discretion of the tournament committee, a "house team" may consist of any number of players including ineligible players.

**3. Systems**

- 3.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems are permitted without restriction.
- 3.2 BROWN STICKER systems are prohibited in the ANRSP. They will be permitted in other events except against ANSSP/ANWSP/ANRT opponents (both players below Life Master or one player below State Master) who play a GREEN system throughout and have claimed "protected pair" status in the manner announced by the CTD.

- 3.3 YELLOW (HUM) systems are prohibited in the ANOSP/ANSSP/ANWSP/ANRSP, the 1<sup>st</sup> two rounds of the ANOT and any ANOT match involving a team with a current position in the bottom 2/3rds of the field (decimals rounded up). No YELLOW Systems will be allowed in the ANRT. They are permitted in other matches provided
- ◆ pairs lodge a copy of their system with the Tournament Organiser before 22nd April 2012
  - ◆ pairs carry an adequate ABF standard system card (with not more than 2 supplementary A4 sheets, typed or written in black ink on one side) with
  - ◆ a *bona fide* defence and
  - ◆ seating is posted in accordance with these regulations.
- A YELLOW (HUM) system employed only against an opposing pair playing a YELLOW system must be lodged with the CTD before the first round of the event in which they wish to use it
- 3.4 In the event of a dispute concerning the classification of a convention or system, the decision of the ABF on-site representative is final.
- 3.5 Coloured markers identify pairs employing complex systems and the summaries, lodged with the CTD, will be available for perusal.

#### **4. Defences and Counter-Defences**

- 4.1 For defence against a YELLOW system and the conventions that make a system BROWN STICKER, a pair using a GREEN, BLUE, RED or BROWN STICKER system may change any facet of its system, including opening calls, but may use a YELLOW system only if it has been submitted in accordance with #3 above.
- 4.2 During the auction, pairs may use written notes of their defence or counter-defence to YELLOW systems and defence to the convention(s) that make(s) a system BROWN STICKER provided they comply with the regulations below. During the play period, a player's own notes may be used only to answer a question from the opponents.
- 4.3 A written defence must be:
- ◆ typed or written in black ink on one side of an A4 sheet
  - ◆ lodged with the Director and approved at least 5 minutes before the scheduled session time
  - ◆ identical for each player
  - ◆ available to the opponents during the auction and play.
- 4.4 A written counter-defence must be approved by and lodged with the Director and two copies submitted to the opponents at the start of the session.
- 4.5 A pair using a YELLOW system is not permitted to change its opening calls for a defence or counter-defence.

#### **5. Seating**

- 5.1 Teams registering one or more YELLOW systems lose all seating rights in ANOT Qualifying rounds 3-9 against teams not registering a YELLOW system.
- 5.2 Yellow systems may be played only if the seating has been posted within 10 minutes of the posting of the draw or, in any other circumstances, with the agreement of the opposing captains and the CTD.
- 5.3 In the final, captains toss for seating rights prior to the first session. The team that wins the toss may choose to sit first in either the odd-numbered stanzas or the even-numbered stanzas.
- 5.4 In other circumstances the unit named second sits first.

#### **6. Movement and Sessions**

- 6.1 The ANOSP/ANSSP/ANWSP/ANRSP are single-field Swiss-style tournaments consisting of 7 x 14-board matches.
- 6.1.1 The 14-board matches are played in one segment. Play will commence on Thursday and Friday at 10.00am, with other matches scheduled for 12.00 noon, 2.30pm and 4.30pm (Thursday only).
- 6.2 The ANOT and ANRT will be single-field Swiss-style tournaments consisting of nine 16-board matches. For the ANOT, there will be a final of four 14-board stanzas played with screens. If there are insufficient teams to make up an independent field for the ANRT, the TO and CTD may elect to combine both fields, with the highest placed registered Restricted Team being declared the winners of this category.
- 6.3 The 16-board matches of the ANOT/ANRT are played in one segment. Commencing times for sessions and rounds are:

Day	Sess.	Rd	Time	Day	Sess.	Rd	Time	Day	Sess.	Rd	Time
Friday	1	1	8.30 pm	Saturday	2	2	9.30 am	Sunday	4	6	9.00 am
						3	11.45 am			7	11.15 am
					3	4	2.30 pm		5	8	1.45 pm
						5	4.45 pm			9	4.00 pm

- 6.4 The draw for round 1 is of the form  $1 \text{ v } n/2+1$ . The draw for subsequent rounds (made as soon as practicable) pairs the unit having the highest rank by VP (excluding all penalties) with the next highest unit that it has not played previously and so on down the field.
- 6.5 Until the scheduled commencement of play a defective draw (as a result of appeals, correction of scoring errors etc.) is corrected for the last round. For other rounds, and at the (sole) discretion of the CTD, a grossly-defective draw may be altered in a way that causes minimal disruption to the tournament.
- 6.6 ANOT Final
- The ANOT final of 56 boards is played in 4 stanzas of 14 boards on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.
  - The starting times of the stanzas are 9.00 am, 11.00am, 1.15pm and 3.15pm).
  - Finalists must toss for seating rights and lodge their team for the first stanza of 14 boards prior to departing the venue on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
  - Screens will be used during the final of the teams.
  - The leading team at the end of the Swiss has a carry-forward into the final of 0.1 IMPs
- 6.7 A consolation teams event will be run on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012. The consolation teams event will consist of 6 x 8 board matches and will commence at 9.30am. This event will be free to those who participated in the ANOT or ANRT who wish to nominate to play, with an entrance fee of \$20 per player for others.

## 7. Scoring

- 7.1 Hands are pre-dealt by an ABF-approved computer program and hand records are available.
- 7.2 IMPs are converted to VP using the 12-board (ANOSP/ANSSP/ANWSP/ANRSP) or 16-board (ANOT/ANRT qualifying) WBF scale.
- 7.3 Final matches are scored by net IMP - any IMP margin determines the winner.
- 7.4 At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, a "house team" is eligible to place and scores its actual VP & IMP or is ineligible to place and scores between a maximum of 15 and a minimum of 11 VP with the minimum IMP of the allocated range. Its opponents receive their actual VP and IMP. Masterpoints for "house unit" matches are awarded according to actual VP.
- 7.5 ANOSP/ANSSP/ANWSP/ANRSP pairs score by IMP against a datum calculated as the arithmetic mean of specified scores. When scores are missing (cancelled or board not played) the datum is calculated from the scores available in the specified range. Datums are determined as "Average Butler" for rounds 1-3 then, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, "Leaders Butler" or "Average Butler" for rounds 4-7.
- ◆ "Average Butler" eliminates four extremes from the scores of all tables.
  - ◆ "Leaders Butler" eliminates two extremes from scores of the top half (rounded up) of the tables in the field.
- 7.6 A score of 0 IMP is assigned for all boards not played.
- 7.7 In case of a forfeit the offenders score 0 VP (IMP for 0 VP). For the purpose of the draw, the non-offenders score 18VP, 12 IMP; after the last round the non-offenders score is adjusted to the highest of:
- ◆ 18 VP or
  - ◆ the mean VP score of the non-offending team for its completed matches or
  - ◆ the mean VP score of the opponents of the offending team in completed matches (not including forfeited matches of the offending team).

The non-offender's IMP score is the mean of the range of the VP allocated.

## 8. Ties

- 8.1 Ties exist when teams have the identical VP score.
- 8.2 To perform the draw, ties are broken by net IMP; then lot.

- 8.3 To determine placing or qualification to the final ties are broken by calculation, for each tied unit, of the total of the VP scores of their opponents; then number of wins in VP (a draw is equal to half a win), then IMPs; then lot.
- 8.4 Playoff Qualifying Points are shared between tied units.

## 9. Appeals

- 9.1 The CTD may reverse any of his or his assistant's decisions. Appeals must be made
- ◆ within the Time of Appeal
  - ◆ in person
  - ◆ on the approved form (available from the CTD)
  - ◆ signed by the team captain.
- 9.2 When an Appeals Committee decides that an appeal is without merit it may award a disciplinary penalty on the scale specified in the Appeals Regulations, against the appellant's score.
- 9.3 A decision on substitution (allowed or disallowed) may be appealed only by either of the two units involved directly.

## 10. Fouled Boards

- 10.1 A ruling that a board is “fouled” (as defined in Law 87) must be sought within the Correction Period (Law 79C).
- 10.2 To determine the datum for a fouled board the CTD will decide between the following treatments
- ◆ the fouling was of no consequence and one or more of its results be included in the calculation
  - ◆ the different forms of the board be treated as a separate entities and datums calculated for each separate entity after eliminating two extreme scores for 3-6 results or Leaders Butler but four extreme scores for more than 6 results in an Average Butler
  - ◆ one or more of its results be cancelled. A score of 2 IMPs is assigned to those contestants whose score is cancelled.
- 10.3 The result of a board fouled in a team match is cancelled and a substitute board is played at both tables unless the result of the stanza is known or any of the players has left the table at the conclusion of that stanza. In these cases the board is cancelled and a score of 3 IMPs assigned except for a match with multiple stanzas in which case the substitute board must be played in the next stanza.
- 10.4 When
- a) an irregularity occurs such that no rectification will permit normal play of the board and
  - b) the team-mates of the players involved have not played the board and
  - c) neither or both teams have contributed to the error
- the Director will substitute a new board to be played at both tables.
- 10.5 If the board has been played at one table the CTD should assign an artificial adjusted score (Law 12C1). In the event that only one team was at fault, the CTD, in determining the artificial adjusted score, takes into consideration any unusually favourable result obtained by a non-offending team.
- 10.6 The Director may penalize teams responsible for mis-boards or irregularities

## 11. Punctuality, Slow Play and Penalties

- 11.1 The general provisions of ABF Tournament Regulation 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply.
- 11.2 For teams finals scored by IMPs, a penalty of 1 VP converts to 3 IMP or 10% top.
- 11.3 Players must be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Teams or pairs not seated and ready to play at the scheduled starting time are subject to procedural penalties listed in Appendix 1 at the discretion of the director..
- 11.4 The times (in minutes) allotted to the start of the last board and to complete play are
- | Boards             | Start of last board | Complete play |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 14 without screens | 98                  | 105           |
| 16 without screens | 113                 | 120           |
- 11.5 For matches in a Swiss event, boards not started in the time allotted are not played. The procedural penalty for slow play that results in removal of boards, applied after one warning (which carries forward to the final), is 1 VP for the first board plus 2 VP for each additional board.
- 11.6 In the ANOT final the procedural penalty is 1 IMP for each minute or part thereof that the director assesses as that team's responsibility.

- 11.7 In cases of slow play the director, after considering monitor's reports and his own observations, may enforce penalties on the scale shown in Appendix 1.
- 11.8 It is possible for a unit, deemed responsible for sufficient slow play, to receive a procedural penalty for slow play even though the stanza finished within the allotted period.

## 12. Playoff Qualifying Points

- 12.1 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player in an eligible ANSP pair or ANOT team provided the player complies with the minimum board rule in the Swiss and, if applicable, at least 2 of the 4 stanzas in the final.

Event	Minimum	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd	4 <sup>th</sup>
Swiss Pairs	5 rounds	24	18	12	6
Teams	4 rounds	36	18	9	

- 12.2 Players who wish to record PQP awarded for the ANOT on the Seniors list must register their date of birth with the CTD.
- 12.3 Detailed information about PQP and the mode of entry to the Playoff for Australian team selection is available only on the ABF website at [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au). It is mailed only on receipt of a written request.

## 13. VP Scales

IMP are converted to VP using a World Bridge Federation Victory Point Scale.

WBF IMP/VP Conversion Scales								
12 boards (Swiss Pairs)					16 boards (Teams)			
IMP	VP	IMP	VP		IMP	VP	IMP	VP
0- 1	15-15	29-32	23- 7		0- 2	15-15	32-36	23-7
2- 6	16-14	33-36	24- 6		3- 7	16-14	37-41	24-6
7-9	17-13	37-40	25- 5		8-11	17-13	42-46	25-5
10-12	18-12	41-45	25- 4		12-15	18-12	47-52	25-4
13-16	19-11	46-50	25- 3		16-19	19-11	53-58	25-3
17-20	20-10	51-55	25- 2		20-23	20-10	59-64	25-2
21-24	21- 9	56-61	25- 1		24-27	21- 9	65-71	25-1
25-28	22- 8	62 +	25- 0		28-31	22- 8	72+	25-0

## Appendix 1

### Penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play

Procedural penalties, at the discretion of the Director, are:

1 <sup>st</sup> offence <5min	warning	10+ -15 mins late	2 VP
0 - 5 mins late	1 VP	15+ -20 mins late	3 VP
5+ -10 mins late	1 VP	>20 mins late	5 VP

If more than 30 mins late, the CTD may assess a more severe penalty including forfeit or disqualification.