

2009 GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONAL FINAL

Saturday-Sunday 16-17 January 2010

Supplementary Regulations

1. GENERAL

The Grand National Pairs Championship (GNP) National Final is conducted by the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations.

2. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Co-Coordinators	John Brockwell, Di Marler
Chief Tournament Director (CTD)	Matthew McManus
Directors	Ed Barnes, Angela Little
Appeals Sub-Committee Chair	Eric Ramshaw
Appeals Consultant	John Brockwell
Tournament Sub-Committee Chair	Di Marler
Recorder	John Brockwell
Chief Caddy	Erin King

The Chairs of the Appeal and Tournament Sub-Committees will appoint members of those committees and will be the sole judges of a quorum.

3. VENUE, TIME AND PLACE

The National Final of the 2009 GNP will be played on Saturday and Sunday 16-17 January 2010. It will be staged in the Exhibition Hall of the National Convention Centre, Constitution Avenue, Canberra. Participants may register at the (Summer Festival) desk in the lobby of the Convention Centre - and pick up their name tags and satchels – from 9.00 am on the Saturday. There will be two sessions each day – at 9.30 am and 2.30 pm. Prize-giving and hospitality will be follow close of play (approximately 6.00 pm) on the Sunday.

3.1 Dress

Dress must be neat and tidy and conform to the requirements of the venue.

3.2 Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the playing area, or elsewhere as defined by the management of NCC and ACT law.

3.3 Mobile telephones

Mobile phones (and other electronic communication devices) must be switched off during session time. If a player's mobile phone rings during session time and/or if a player speaks into or otherwise consults his phone, that player and his partner shall receive a warning for the first offence and incur a disciplinary penalty of 3 matchpoints for each subsequent offence. The provisions of this paragraph may be waived if a specific dispensation is granted by the CTD.

4. FORMAT

The field for the 2009 GNP National Final will comprise approximately 120 pairs from 33 regions Australia-wide. Play will comprise four 26-board sessions. Pairs will be seeded into four North-South fields and four East/West fields. Over the four sessions, pairs in the North/South fields will play one 2-board round against 52 pairs in the East/West field. Each round will comprise 2 boards.

5. TIMETABLE

Saturday 16 January	9.30 am	Session 1
	2.30 pm	Session 2
Sunday 17 January	9.30 am	Session 3
	2.30 pm	Session 4
	6.00 pm	Prize-giving and hospitality.

6. SYSTEMS

- 6.1 ABF System Regulations apply. Each pair must have available two current ABF simple or standard system cards on which their system is described.
- 6.2 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN Sticker conventions are permitted without restriction.
- 6.3 In the event of a dispute concerning the classification of a system or a convention, the decision of the Tournament Sub-Committee is final.

7. SUBSTITUTION

The CTD may approve substitutes for cause, not convenience, for a maximum of two sessions. A substitute need not be qualified to represent the pair's region.

8. TIE BREAKING

Ties will not be broken. In the event of a tie for first place, the title shall be shared and the perpetual trophy (the Richard Grenside trophy) and gold medallions will be awarded to the tied pairs. (Notwithstanding the foregoing, a tie for first place shall be broken – see ABF Tournament Regulations – for the purpose of awarding the individual trophies.) In the event of a tie for second and/or third place, silver medallions will be awarded to all tied pairs.