

# SUMMER FESTIVAL - REGULATIONS

15/12/2005

## A) **GENERAL**

1. The Summer Festival is conducted by the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) as Sponsoring Organisation (defined by Law 80) in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulations, Screen Regulations, System Regulation, Alerting Regulations and Appeals Rules as applicable and as modified by these Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations of each separate event.
2. In these Regulations abbreviations include ABF, Australian Bridge Federation; AMPC, Australian Multi Pairs Championship; CTD, Chief Tournament Director; IMP, International Match Points; MP, masterpoints; NLM, National Non-Life Maters Teams; NNT, National Novice Teams; NOT, National Open Teams; NST, National Senior Teams; NWT, National Womens Teams; PQP, Playoff Qualifying Points; STD, Senior Tournament Director; SF, Summer Festival; SWPT, South West Pacific Teams; VP, Victory Points; WBF, World Bridge Federation; XT, Australian Mixed Teams.
3. **The ABF reserves the right to alter, without notice, the conditions of any event according to the number of entries received.**
4. Smoking is not permitted in areas defined by the Convener as the playing area and the scoreboard area and in any other designated area.
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 appropriate CTD or STD. Breach of this regulations incurs a disciplinary penalty determined by the Director to be equivalent to 3 VP, 9 IMP or 30% of the MP top on a board.
6. English is the official language of the SF. During a session players may converse only in English unless both captains (teams) or all four players at the table (pairs) agree to use some other common language at their own risk. If necessary, interpretation into English is the responsibility of the (team) captain. Appeals based on misunderstanding in a language other than English will not be entertained.
7. Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Convener (VuGraph, bbo, written bidding, bidding boxes, pick-up slips, table record sheets, electronic scoring units etc.).
8. 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:
  - a) provided otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations for a particular event or
  - b) the next round/stanza is scheduled to commence within that period when they are extended to the expiration of the Time of Appeal and Correction Period for that round/stanza.
9. A score or result recorded that is in conflict with the table record may be altered within the earlier of commencement of the next session or the Correction Period (#A8) for the last round/stanza of that stage.

## B) **TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

1. The Convener is Sean Mullamphy.
2. The Senior Tournament Director (STD) at Rydges Lakeside is Arie Geursen.
3. The Senior Tournament Director (STD) at the National Convention Centre is Laurie Kelso.
4. The Appeals Committee Chairman is Ivy Dahler.
5. The Tournament Committee Chairman is Eric Ramshaw.
6. The ABF Tournament Unit representative is Eric Ramshaw.
7. The ABF Recorders are Pam Crichton, Brian O'Hara & Neville Moses.

## C) **ELIGIBILITY, AND PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS (PQP)**

1. 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. Members of the "Foreign Players Club" are not eligible for events restricted by MP.

3. For events/categories restricted to 0-49, 99, 149 MP, a player's Grand Slam ranking must be less than 58%.
4. The convener may nominate a "house unit" for any event. The convener makes every effort to nominate eligible players from a small group but, at the discretion of the tournament committee, a "house unit" may consist of any number of players including ineligible players.
5. A "house unit" is ineligible to place and its score is limited to a maximum of 15 and a minimum of 11 VP with the minimum IMP of the allocated range unless the Tournament Committee declares it eligible to place when it scores its actual VP & IMP. Opponents of the "house unit" receive their actual VP and IMP score. Masterpoints for "house unit" matches are awarded according to the actual result.
6. **Minimum Board Requirement.** Boards played to break ties are not counted in a player's quota.

Minimum Boards	Swiss	Swiss	Swiss	Stage II	SemiFinal/Final
	NNT/NLM	NWT/NST	SWPT	NST/SWPT	per match
Eligibility for MP/next stage	3 rounds	3 rounds	5 rounds	2 matches	1 stanza =25%
PQP		4 rounds	7 rounds	2 matches	2 stanzas=50%

7. Teams must qualify through the SWPT to enter the NOT. Augmentation to the team that qualified through the SWPT is not permitted and a team qualified through the SWPT without at least four members who satisfy the board requirement (Table in #C6 above) is not eligible to enter the NOT.
8. A team-of-four or -five entered in the NNT, NLM, NST, NWT or SWPT is permitted to augment to a team-of-five or -six during the qualifying Swiss provided that the added players must not be entrants in any other team in the event and must satisfy the board requirement (Table in #C6 above).
9. Teams entering the XT are not permitted to augment after the commencement of the second round.
10. Eligibility for restricted categories is shown in the Table.

Women	all team members female	
Mixed	teams must play at least one male and one female in every round	SWPT: Brian Rawson Trophy
Senior	all members born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1950	SWPT: Eva Hardy Trophy
Veteran	all members born before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1941	
Country	all members Australian residents outside metropolitan Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth or Sydney	
Youth	all members born after 16/1/1981	
Novice	all team members have less than 150 MP at 30/09/05	
Zone 7	all members eligible to represent a Zone 7 NBO other than Australia	NOT: New Zealand High Commissioner's Trophy
ACT	all members assessed (recent ACT activity) by the trophy donor	NOT: Lew Thomson Trophy

11. In any one event a unit with multiple qualifications is eligible to compete in the category final (or win the trophy/prize) only for the trophy ranked highest in the list shown in the Supplementary Regulations for that event. The successful unit is deleted from other categories. Notwithstanding this regulation, the winners of the Zone 7 & ACT trophies are eligible to win one of the SWPT category trophies.
12. To be eligible to play or continue to play in the round robin stage, semifinal or final of the NST, NWT or NOT a player must satisfy the board requirement as shown in the Table in #C6 above.
13. To receive PQP at least two members of the team must be eligible and, if required, the player must submit the declaration of eligibility after complying with all regulations concerning eligibility and board requirements as shown in the Table in #C6 above.
14. Detailed information about PQP and the mode of entry to the Playoff for Australian team selection is available only on the ABF website at abf.com.au.
15. In case of a withdrawal, all scores obtained by the withdrawn unit prior to its withdrawal count and its opponents for subsequent play receive the score appropriate for a forfeit.
16. In case of a disqualification, the Tournament Committee may declare all results obtained by the disqualified unit prior to its disqualification void and determine that the score of their opponents be cancelled or varied.

## **D) SYSTEMS AND PROTECTED PAIRS**

1. The onus rests with all pairs to classify their system(s) as GREEN, BLUE, RED, BROWN STICKER or YELLOW according to the ABF System Regulations as amended to August, 2004. A pair in doubt about the classification of its system should submit a concise summary to the Convener.
2. The ABF System Regulations require each pair to disclose their system by providing the opponents before the start of play with two identical system cards. A YELLOW system may be disclosed on WBF system cards; all others must use the appropriate ABF standard system cards.
3. A dispute during the SF concerning the classification of a convention or system is determined by the ABF Tournament Unit representative whose decision is final and not subject to appeal.
4. Failure to complete a system card adequately and classify the system correctly may result in system reclassification. Failure to comply with the submission requirements or reclassification may result in the adjustment of scores and/or disallowance of BROWN STICKER or YELLOW systems for all or part of the event.
5. GREEN, BLUE, RED and BROWN STICKER systems are permitted in all events. However BROWN STICKER systems must not be used against pairs with PROTECTED status in the events defined in #D6. Pairs playing BROWN STICKER systems must ascertain before the start of each round of a PROTECTED event whether their opponents have PROTECTED PAIR status. If so, the pair playing the BROWN STICKER system must revert to a GREEN, BLUE or RED system for that round.
6. A pair that is playing a GREEN system throughout certain events with both of its players below National Master or one player below Local Master may apply to the STD for PROTECTED PAIR status for those events and be identified by an ORANGE sticker on the front of its system card. At the SF PROTECTED events are the NLM, NNT and any match-pointed pairs event.
7. YELLOW systems may be used, subject to the conditions provided in their Supplementary Regulations, only in the NWT, SWPT and NOT.
8. Pairs wishing to use a YELLOW system must submit a concise summary, printed or written in black ink on an ABF Standard system card or WBF system card plus a maximum of two supplementary A4 sheets, and a *bona fide* suggested defence. The submission, specifying the event(s) in which the YELLOW system is to be used, must reach the Festival Secretary before 4pm on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006.
9. Pairs wishing to use a YELLOW system but only as a defence to a YELLOW system must submit a concise summary, printed or written in black ink on an ABF Standard system card plus a maximum of two supplementary A4 sheets, and a suggested *bona fide* counter-defence. This submission must be handed to the STD before the commencement of the event in which they wish to use the system.
10. For defence against a YELLOW system a pair using a GREEN, BLUE, RED or BROWN STICKER system may change their system, including opening calls.
11. During the auction, pairs may use written notes of their defence or counter-defence for YELLOW systems and defence for convention(s) that make(s) a system BROWN STICKER provided that they comply with regulations #D12-14 below. During the play period, a player's own notes may be consulted **only** to answer a question from the opponents.
12. A written defence must be: typed or written in black ink on one side of an A4 sheet; identical for each player; approved by and lodged with the Director at least 15 minutes before the scheduled session time; submitted to the opponents at least 10 minutes before the scheduled session time; available to the opponents during the auction and play.
13. A written counter-defence must be approved by the Director and two copies submitted to the opponents at the start of play.
14. A pair using a YELLOW system must not change its opening calls for a defence or counter-defence.

## **E) SEATING**

1. Unless provided otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations for a particular event teams registering one or more YELLOW systems, even for matches in which no Yellow system is played
  - ◆ lose all seating rights in all stanzas against teams not registering a YELLOW system
  - ◆ must declare their line-up within 10 minutes of the draw being posted for each stanza.

## **F) *RULINGS AND APPEALS***

1. Requests for a Director's ruling and Appeals against a Director's ruling must be made within the Time of Appeal provided in #A8.
2. Appeals must be notified to the one of
  - ◆ the Director who gave the ruling
  - ◆ the duty Director at the conclusion of the session
  - ◆ the STD at the venue.
3. Each appeal against a Director's ruling must be lodged in person on the approved Appeal Form.
4. When an appeal committee judges an appeal to be without merit, it awards a procedural penalty, on the scale specified in the Appeals Regulations, against the appellant's score.

## **G) *FOULED BOARDS***

1. Hands are generated by computer using the ABF dealing program; the appropriate number of copies are replicated and hand records are provided. A board which does not correspond to the hand record is not necessarily "fouled".
2. Law 87 determines that a board is fouled when "the Director determines that one or more cards were misplaced in the board, in such a manner that contestants who should have a direct score comparison did not play the board in identical form".
3. A ruling that a board was fouled must be sought within the Correction Period (#A8; Law 79C).
4. Fouled boards are scored as described in the sections below for the various types of event.
5. Unless provided otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations for a specific event, should it be proved, within the correction period, that a hand has been played previously in any tournament in Australia or has been reported in any magazine or newspaper article then the result of that hand is cancelled at all tables at which the hand was played. Such boards are not regarded as fouled and no additional boards are added to the session except in the case where every board in a session is cancelled in which case the session is replayed.

## **H) *PROCEDURAL PENALTIES***

1. Late Arrival: It is the responsibility of the players to know the starting time of sessions and be seated five minutes before their start and ready to play at their start.
2. Slow Play: The duration of a session is based on 7.5 minutes per board or such other period as the Director announces. In the Swiss stage of the NLM, NNT, NST, NWT, SWPT, NOT and XT boards not started within 5 minutes of the scheduled finish of the session are removed and not played. Where a round, session or match is not completed in the time allotted, both pairs at the offending table(s) are penalised unless the Director rules that the penalty be shared unequally. The Director may make such a ruling after being called to the table during the play period or as a result of his own observations or those of any appointed time-monitor.
3. Procedural penalties for late arrival or slow play are set out below for the various types of event.
4. Procedural penalties in other cases are determined on a scale considered, in the absolute discretion of the STD, to be consistent with one of the scales shown below.
5. Unless provided otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations of a specific event, the calculation of carryforward from stage to stage includes disciplinary penalties and procedural penalties. Warnings carry forward from stage to stage.

## **I) *SUBSTITUTES***

1. A substitute, approved in advance by the STD or his nominee, may be permitted for cause, not convenience, when a team does not have four members available.
2. A substitute should be, as far as possible, of the same MP classification as the player replaced.
3. A substitute must not be an entrant in the current stage of the event but may be an entrant who was eliminated in a previous stage.
4. The extent of substitutions is determined in the sections below for the various types of event.

5. Notwithstanding clauses #1-4, ABF Tournament Regulation #4.1 authorises emergency substitutions and, in the last resort, the STD may approve any substitution to continue an event.

## ***J) EVENTS SCORED BY IMP/VP***

### **SCORING**

1. Each pair must complete a score card. If the CTD so determines, pairs/teams must agree the result and deliver a signed result slip to the Director/Scorer as soon as the result is agreed.
2. A score or result recorded that is in conflict with the table record may be altered within the earlier of commencement of the next session or the Correction Period (#A8) for the last round/stanza of that stage.
3. Swiss/Butler Pairs: Scoring is by IMP against a datum, converted to VP by a WBF scale. Unless the Supplementary Regulations for an event specify differing numbers to be eliminated, the datum is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores remaining after eliminating the two highest and the two lowest scores.
4. Teams, Swiss or Round Robin matches: Scoring is by VP converted from IMP by the WBF scale for the number of boards per match.
5. Teams, head-to-head matches: Scoring is by VP equivalent to IMP.
6. Final Placing: Except events with a final series, the final placings are the rankings after the last round.

### **FOULED BOARDS**

1. For head-to-head team matches the result of the fouled board is cancelled. A substitute board is played at both tables unless the result of the match 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 0 IMP assigned except for a match with multiple stanzas in which case the substitute board must be played in the next stanza.
2. For events where contestant's scores are compared against a datum, the Director's aim is to preserve the board if a meaningful result can be obtained. The Director determines that either:  
the fouling was of no consequence and one or more of the results of the board be included in the datum calculation or  
the results on the board be treated in separate groups and datums be calculated for each group as above except that only two extreme scores (the highest and lowest) are eliminated for 3-6 results or  
one or more results be treated individually and the datum for each board be the actual result on that board (i.e. a score of 0 IMP is awarded to contestants who played these boards).

## TIES

A tie exists when more than one unit (pair or team) has the identical number of matchpoints or VP. Unless provided otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations of a specific event, ties are broken as below. To determine

1. a Swiss draw by
  - net IMP
  - lot
2. rankings other than the last qualifiers after the last round of a Swiss by
  - removal of procedural, but not disciplinary, penalties
  - calculation, for each tied unit, of the total of the VP scores of all their opponents
  - net IMP
  - lot.
3. rankings other than last qualifier in the NST or NOT round robin by
  - removal of procedural, but not disciplinary, penalties
  - IMP result of the head-to-head match in the round robin
  - net IMP in the round robin
  - lot
4. the winner of a knock-out match in a final series by playoff

Match	R-16, QF, SF	Final
Boards	4 + 2 until broken	6 + 2 until broken

5. critical ties for the last qualifiers for the NWT semifinal (4<sup>th</sup>), NST round robin (6<sup>th</sup>), NST final (2<sup>nd</sup>), NOT (6<sup>th</sup> in each field) or NOT semifinal (2<sup>nd</sup> in each field), including multiple ties, by playoff according to the table below.

Teams are ranked by match results scored: win = 1, draw = 0.5, loss = 0

After each playoff the teams ranked highest progress and the teams ranked lowest are eliminated and any remaining critical ties are broken by another playoff according to the table.

Tied Teams	2	3	4	5	6
Movement	H/H	AW	NER	AW	NER
Boards/Table	2	2	2	2	2
Boards/Match	4	2	2	2	2
Matches	1	2	3	4	5
Boards/Team	4	4	6	8	10
Boards in Play	4	6	8	10	12

## DRAW

1. The fields are seeded.
2. In a Swiss qualifying event units including one or more pairs registering a YELLOW system for that event lose all seating rights when drawn against a unit not registering any YELLOW systems.
2. In all other circumstances the AWAY unit sits first. HOME and AWAY is decided as equitably as possible.
3. The HOME unit is shown first in the draw for each round and sits NS at the table with the blue numbers, EW at the table with the red numbers.
4. The draw for the next round is made as soon as practical after the previous round. Any score not in the hands of the scorer within 20 minutes of the scheduled time for completion of the particular round is treated as a 15/15 score for the purposes of the draw.
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 STD, a grossly-defective draw may be altered in a way that causes minimal disruption to the tournament.
6. Unless provided otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations of a specific event, the draw is performed according to the principles below.

**Swiss Events**

1. The draw for the first round is of the form  $1 \text{ v } (n/2) + 1$ .
2. The draw for subsequent rounds is according to rank determined by VP excluding all penalties
3. The unit ranked highest plays the unit ranked next that it has not played previously and so on.

**Round Robin**

1. Unless provided otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations of a specific event, the draw for the first round is random.
2. The draw for subsequent rounds is according to the schedule published at the commencement of the event.

**PROCEDURAL PENALTIES**

1. Procedural penalties for late arrival in a match scored by IMP or a WBF VP scale, are:-

N minutes late	Procedural penalty
$5 \leq N \leq 10$	3 IMP or 1 VP
$10 \leq N \leq 15$	6 IMP or 2 VP
$15 \leq N \leq 20$	9 IMP or 3 VP
$20 \leq N \leq 30$	15 IMP or 5 VP

For late arrival over than 30 minutes the penalty may be more severe (including disqualification).

2. Procedural penalties for slow play that results in removal of boards, applied to each unit after one warning, are 1 VP for the first board plus 2 VP for each additional board.
3. Procedural penalties for slow play in a head-to-head match scored by IMP, for the time that the director assesses as that team's responsibility, are:-

First offence (<10 min)	Warning
First offence (>10 min)	0.5 IMP per minute or part thereof beyond 10 min
Subsequent offences	1 IMP per minute or part thereof.

4. Procedural penalties for slow play in a match scored by a WBF VP scale are

First offence	(<10 min)	warning	(>10 min)	0.5 VP
Second or third offence	(<10 min)	1 VP	(>10 min)	2 VP
Subsequent offences	(<10 min)	2 VP.	(>10 min)	4 VP

**FORFEITS**

1. In the case of a forfeit in a match scored by a WBF VP scale, the score, for purposes of making the draw or calculating current placings, is:
  - Non-offenders      18 VP and the mean IMP of the 18-12 VP range
  - Offenders          0 VP and the IMP score assigned to 0 VP.
2. After the last round the score of the non-offending unit is adjusted to the highest of:
  - 18 VP,
  - its mean VP score for completed rounds,
  - 30 VP minus the mean VP score for completed rounds of the offending team (maximum 25 VP).
 The non-offender's IMP score is the mean of the range of the VP allocated.  
 The offender's score is 0 VP and the IMP score assigned to 0 VP

**SUBSTITUTION**

1. A unit (pair or team) may be permitted a substitute for:
  - a maximum of 30% of the total number of rounds in a qualifying series or round robin (rounded up to the next integer),
  - a maximum of 50% of the stanzas of a knock-out match (rounded up to the next integer).

## **K) EVENTS SCORED BY MATCHPOINTS**

### **SCORING**

1. A score or result recorded that is in conflict with the table record may be altered within the earlier of commencement of the next session or the Correction Period (#A8) for the last round/stanza of that stage.
2. There are no carryover scores from stage to stage.

### **FOULED BOARDS**

1. To score a fouled board the Director divides the scores into groups on the basis of the scores made in each form of the board; each contestant is awarded the match point units calculated by the computer scoring program.

### **TIES**

1. Ties are broken by comparison of scores above and below average; outright tops and bottoms; lot.

### **PROCEDURAL PENALTIES**

1. Procedural penalties for late arrival in a match-pointed event, expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible score on one board, are:-

N minutes late	Procedural penalty
$5 \leq N \leq 10$	10%
$10 \leq N \leq 15$	20%

2. Procedural penalties, at the discretion of the Director, for slow play in a match-pointed event, expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible score on one board, are:-

First offence (<5 minutes)	warning
First offence (>5minutes)	5%
Subsequent offences	10%.

### **SUBSTITUTION**

1. A pair may be permitted a substitute for one session in the qualifying rounds and for one session in the final rounds.

