

2004 AUSTRALIAN TEAM PLAYOFF – SENIOR SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. VENUE, DATES AND SESSIONS

1.1 The Playoff venue is the Sovereign Inn Crows Nest, Sydney from Thursday 1st April 2004 to Monday 5th April 2004. The Convenor may be reached on 04-1111-1655 both prior to and during the event.

1.2 The official website for the Seniors Playoff will be

www.seniors.dbbc.net

with appropriate links from the ABF website www.abf.com.au. All information will be on that website and players will be deemed to be aware of all information there. Any player unable to access the internet should contact the convenor by email david@dbbc.net or by writing to 7 Lawson Street Paddington Sydney 2021.

1.3 Session and Round times are shown below. They may be varied by the Convenor subject to reasonable notice being given to the participants. The convenor has sole discretion of what is reasonable notice but will have regard for the needs of participants.

Thursday 1st April 2004

10:00	-	11:45	Match 1	Appeal/Score Correction Before	15:00	Thursday
11:45	-	12:00	Break			
12:00	-	13:45	Match 2	Appeal/Score Correction Before	15:00	Thursday
13:45	-	15:00	Lunch			
15:00	-	16:45	Match 3	Appeal/Score Correction Before	10:00	Friday
16:45	-	17:00	Break			
17:00	-	18:45	Match 4	Appeal/Score Correction Before	10:00	Friday

Friday 2nd April 2004

10:00	-	11:45	Match 5	Appeal/Score Correction Before	15:00	Friday
11:45	-	12:00	Break			
12:00	-	13:45	Match 6	Appeal/Score Correction Before	15:00	Friday
13:45	-	15:00	Lunch			
15:00	-	16:45	Match 7	Appeal/Score Correction Before	10:00	Saturday
16:45	-	17:00	Break			
17:00	-	18:45	Match 8	Appeal/Score Correction Before	10:00	Saturday

Saturday 3rd April 2004

10:00	-	11:45	Match 9	Appeal/Score Correction Before	15:00	Saturday
11:45	-	12:00	Break			
12:00	-	13:45	Match 10	Appeal/Score Correction Before	15:00	Saturday
13:45	-	15:00	Lunch			
15:00	-	16:45	Match 11	Appeal/Score Correction Before	10:00	Sunday
16:45	-	17:00	Break			
17:00	-	18:45	Match 12	Appeal/Score Correction Before	10:00	Sunday

18:45	-	19:45	Hospitality Drinks			
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Sunday 4th April 2004

10:00	-	11:45	Match 13	Appeal/Score Correction Before	15:00	Sunday
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11:45	-	12:00	Break			
12:00	-	13:45	Match 14	Appeal/Score Correction Before	15:00	Sunday
13:45	-	15:00	Lunch			
15:00	-	16:45	Match 15	Appeal/Score Correction Before	17:15	Sunday
16:45	-	17:45	Break	Team Mate Selection Before	17:15	Sunday
17:45	-	19:45	Final 1/4	Appeal/Score Correction Before	09:30	Monday

Monday 5th April 2004

Teams May Agree to Alternate Times Subject to Finishing Before 17:00

09:30	-	11:30	Final 2/4	Appeal/Score Correction Before	14:15	Monday
11:30	-	11:45	Break	Break		
11:45	-	13:45	Final 3/4	Appeal/Score Correction Before	14:15	Monday
13:45	-	14:45	Lunch	Lunch		
14:45	-	16:45	Final 1/4	Appeal/Score Correction Before	17:15	Monday

NOTE: The convenor reserves the right to recommence matches 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 earlier if possible thus extending the lunch break or finishing earlier.

2. OFFICIALS AND DIRECTORS

- 2.1 The Sponsoring Organisation (Law 80) for the 2004 Playoff is the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF). The Playoff is conducted in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations in force as at 31/03/89, since amended but not republished, and as modified by these Supplementary Regulations as well as the ABF Alert and Screen Regulations. In the case of conflict these Supplementary Regulations will apply.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) and scorer is Matthew McManus. The Tournament Sub-Committee is convened by David Stern. The Appeals Sub-Committee is convened by David Stern. The ABF Tournament Committee representative is David Stern. The Recorder will be appointed following the closing of entries.
- 2.3 Monitors may attend any table during the Playoff to carry out duties assigned by the Tournament Sub-Committee and/or the CTD.

3. COMMITTEES

- 3.1 Sub-Committees are constituted with at least three members except in an emergency when a Sub-Committee may be constituted with only two members.

4. SCREENS, DEALING AND HAND RECORDS

- 4.1 Screens and written bidding are used throughout the Playoff.
- 4.2 Where possible, dummy is asked to record the play to at least the first six tricks.
- 4.3 Boards are pre-dealt using the ABF-approved computer program and hand records with makeable contracts (Deep Finesse) will be provided.

5. NOMINATIONS

- 5.1 Only players who have a minimum of 18 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQPs) as shown on the ABF Website may nominate to compete in the Playoffs.
- 5.2 Nominating pairs must have a minimum of 1 PQP earned in the same unit.
- 5.3 Nominations must be submitted by following the links at the ABF website (www.abf.com.au) and must be received before 4:00 pm on Friday 12th March 2004.
- 5.4 Nominating pairs will be ranked according to their total PQPs, discounted by 50% for PQPs not earned in the same unit.
- 5.5 The top 16 pairs will be accepted into the event and their names will be promulgated on the official website.
- 5.6 Successful pairs must complete a System Disclosure Form by 5:00pm 19th March 2004, along with payment of the entry fee of \$340 per pair. Pairs whose opening one and two bids fall entirely within the meanings contained on that form are not required to lodge any system information. However it is the responsibility of ALL players, whether or not they have completed this form, to arrive for play with a properly completed ABF standard system card and appropriate supplementary sheets.
- 5.7 Pairs who frequently forget their system or conventions have a damaging effect on the tournament. The Director is empowered by these Regulations to require such a pair to play a simpler system or convention. In extreme cases he may apply a procedural penalty under Law 90A.
- 5.8 Whether or not a pair has completed a System Disclosure Form, the CTD, in his sole discretion, may insist on pairs not arriving with properly completed system cards, supplementary sheets or Yellow System Disclosure sheets playing a totally natural system until the necessary paperwork is completed.

6. SEEDING

- 6.1 Pairs will be seeded by David Stern, in consultation with Matthew McManus and members of the ABF Tournament Committee not having an interest in the event and their decision will be final.
- 6.2 Pairs Seeded 1 through 7 will have that pair number. Seed number 8 will be assigned pair number 16. Pairs 9 through 16 will be assigned pairs numbers 8 through 15.

7. SYSTEMS

- 7.1 Systems shall be classified as green, blue, red or yellow in accordance with the ABF Regulations subject to any system or convention specifically being classified below. The applicable ABF regulations will be available on the website and at the venue.
- 7.2 Bidding systems in which the partnership routinely opens at the 2-level or 3-level with less than 15 or 12 Opening Points respectively will not be defined as yellow per se. Bidding systems in which the partnership opens at the 1-level with less than 15 Opening Points will be defined as yellow.
- 7.3 All systems including specialised defences to particular systems are allowed, provided they are circulated in accordance with the directions of the ABF Tournament Committee.
- 7.4 Pairs playing Yellow system must submit a completed standard ABF system card, plus supplementary notes together with a typed summary of the yellow aspects of their system no later than 4:00pm Monday 29th March 2004. Failure to comply may result in the system being disallowed.

ABF Regulations for play with Screens in force at the commencement of the tournament will apply.

- 7.5 Pairs playing Yellow system are also required to provide a system summary with suggested defences in the form attached to these regulations titled 'Yellow System Summary/Defence'.
- 7.6 In the event of a dispute concerning the classification of a system the decision of the CTD shall be final.
- 7.7 Players may not refer to their own system cards or notes, but may refer to notes of their defences to opponents' Yellow systems during the bidding or play of the hand. Such defences must be approved by the CTD at the commencement of the match.
- 7.8 Players may alter part or all of their system only with the consent of the CTD who may, at his discretion, disallow the change or permit it, or part only of it, or permit it only after a period of time has elapsed sufficient to allow the opposing team to prepare fresh defences.

8. SUBSIDIES

- 8.1 Subsidies, where payable, will be determined using **available** internet fares applicable to seniors published on 15th March 2004.
- 8.2 Travel subsidies will be awarded to players in the 12 top-ranked pairs.

- 8.3 Players living more than 400 kilometres from Sydney will be entitled to a subsidy equivalent to the cheapest internet airfare available less \$120.
- 8.4 Players living within 400 kilometres from Sydney will be entitled to the bus fare from their home city to Sydney.
- 8.5 Players from Sydney will receive no subsidy.

9. FORMAT AND DRAW

- 9.1 The field will be seeded in accordance with 6.1 above. The draw and Victory Point Scale are both shown in the Appendix.
- 9.2 The event will be conducted in two phases.

Phase 1 - will be a round robin of 15 rounds of 14 board matches to rank the pairs 1 through 16. Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum being the arithmetic mean of the middle six scores. The total IMPs on the match will then converted to VPs on the 12 Board WBF scale.

Phase 2 - At the end of phase 1, the pair ranked 2 will select one pair as team-mates from the pairs ranked 3, 4 and 5. (Reserves, who replace any withdrawals, are the remaining pairs in rank order.) The remaining two pairs will form the other team. These two teams will contest phase 2.

The two teams will then contest a 64 board match, played in 16 board segments. The team containing the second placed pair will have the choice of sitting first for the first and third segments or the second and fourth segments.

Scoring will be by total IMPs. A tie shall be broken by successive four board playoffs.

Subject to ratification by the ABF qualification for the Australian Seniors Team will be the pair finishing first in Phase 1 plus the winning team from Phase 2.

10. SCORING, TIES AND APPEALS

- 10.1 During the round robin: on each board the score for each pair is compared with the datum score and then converted to IMPs.

The total IMPs for the match will be converted to Victory Points in accordance with the WBF Victory Point Scale for 12 board matches which will be posted on the website and at the venue.

During phase two the score will be determined by the total IMPs attributed to each team during the match.

10.2 Ties occur when pairs score exactly the same number of VPs in Phase 1 andimps in Phase 2.

10.3 During Phase 1 when necessary, ties are broken by applying the following in order until the tie is broken:

- cancellation of procedural penalties but not disciplinary penalties
- the pair with the highest net IMP score will be ranked highest
- removal of scores against the lowest-finishing pairs in turn until the tie is broken.
- by lot

Recognising that players check their scores against those posted on the internet the Correction Period (Law 79C) and Time of Appeal (Law 92B) for a session expire in accordance with the table in 1.3 above

Scoring errors made by the Official Scorer during Phase 1 may be corrected anytime up until 30 minutes after the end of Phase 1.

Scoring errors made by the Official Scorer during Phase 2 may be corrected anytime up until 30 minutes after the end of Phase 2.

10.4 Ties in Phase 2 will be broken by a 4-board playoffs and if still not broken by successive 2 board playoffs until a result is determined.

10.5 Wherever practicable Appeals Committees will be constituted with non competing players of an equal or better standard to those playing in the tournament.

10.6 Notice of an appeal against a ruling give by a CTD, as provided in the International Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 1997, must be made to the CTD within the time prescribed above and signed by one member of the pair. Subsequently a written appeal on the form prescribed for the event must be presented in person to the CTD.

On receipt of an appeal on the prescribed form that lies within the jurisdiction of the Appeals Committee, the CTD shall:

- complete the form giving all reasons for the ruling,
- provide a copy of the appeal with confirmation of the ruling to the Convenor of the Appeals Committee, and
- make a copy of the appeal available to the respondents to the appeal forthwith

The Appeals Committee shall hear the appeal as soon as reasonably practicable after the lodging of the appeal.

The respondents may add their arguments in writing to the prescribed form. Appellants may then add counter arguments in writing to the prescribed form.

The Appeals Committee shall allow parties to the appeal to present arguments in person.

In the course of the appeal hearing, the Appeals Committee may reverse the CTD's decision, where that decision was based on a point of fact or in the exercise in the CTD's discretionary power.

The Appeals Committee may impose a fine of up to 3 VPs in the round robin phase or 9 IMPs in the finals phase if it deemed that the appeal was substantially without merit.

The appeals committee shall have regard to the nature of the event by, as part of their decision, provide advice to the scorer as to the treatment of their decision in determining the datum for the relevant board as well as the scores of the parties involved.

- 10.7 For Phase 1, an artificial adjusted score of average plus or average minus is deemed to be plus 2 IMPs or minus 2 IMPs respectively.

11. FOULED BOARDS

- 11.1 A ruling that a board is "fouled" must be sought within the correction period.
- 11.2 A board that does not tally with the hand record is not ipso-facto fouled.
- 11.3 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".
- 11.4 A "fouled" board during Phase 1 is scored by:
- including one or more of its results in the calculation of the datum when the CTD rules that the fouling was of no consequence;
 - providing that the hand has been played by four or more tables, treat it as a separate deal determining a separate datum for the changed board and calculate scores for that part of the field from this datum; or
 - awarding an artificial adjusted score.
- 11.5 A "fouled" board during Phase 2 is dealt with in accordance with Law 87.
- 11.6 The CTD may issue a procedural penalty (1 VP/3 IMPs) to pairs responsible for fouling a board.

12. PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS (PQPs)

- 12.1 Senior PQPs will be awarded at the end of Phase 1 as follows: first 36, second 32, third 28, fourth 24, fifth 20, sixth 16, seventh 12, eighth 8.
- 12.2 Ties will not be broken for the purposes of awarding PQPs. The available PQPs will be shared equally among all tying pairs.

13. SUBSTITUTION, PROCEDURAL PENALTIES

- 13.1 Substitution is not a right but a privilege allowed for cause at the discretion of the CTD in the first instance and the Tournament Sub-Committee by further appeal whose decision on this issue is not appealable.
- 13.2 The maximum substitution allowable for cause for any player in Phase 1 is 3 rounds. The maximum allowed in Phase 2 is 16 boards. Breach of this regulation renders the pair ineligible but they are expected to continue; their scores are included in the determination of results.
- 13.3 The time allotted for each board is 7½ minutes. In Phase 1 the time allowed per match will be 105 minutes for 14 boards in Phase 2 it will be 120 minutes for 16 boards.
- 13.4 Procedural penalties are not subject to appeal but the CTD may be requested to review the assessment.
- 13.5 Players are expected to be seated five minutes before the scheduled start of play in 1.3 above. There will be no grace period for late arrival. Procedural penalties for late arrival are:

from 0 to 5 minutes late	In the round robin 1 VP deducted from offender. In the finals the margin between the two teams is adjusted by 3 IMPs in favour of the non-offending side.
from 6 to 10 minutes late	In the round robin 2 VPs deducted from offender. In the finals the margin between the two teams is adjusted by 6 IMPs in favour of the non-offending side.
from 10 to 15 minutes late	In the round robin 3 VPs deducted from offender In the finals the margin between the two teams is adjusted by 9 IMPs in favour of the non-offending side.
over 15 minutes late	More severe penalties may be assessed by the CTD including disqualification. The CTD may, at his sole discretion, also allow the match to be played.

The CTD's timepiece will be used as the means of determining the lateness of arrival but a player may request the CTD to compare the time on his timepiece with "official" Australian Eastern Standard Time for the purposes of determining the exact arrival term. Having done so the CTD's assessment will then be considered final.

- 13.6 If a number of boards are unable to be played because one pair is late, the non-offending pair will be awarded an artificial adjusted score for every board not played.
- 13.7 In cases of slow play the director considers any monitor's reports, his own observations and any admissions by players involved then assesses the time by which each pair is deemed responsible for failing to maintain the required rate of play.
- 13.8 As each score has a material affect on the scores of others involved in the tournament the CTD will, wherever possible, ensure that all boards are completed in all matches except where, the CRD in his sole discretion, is of the opinion that the completion would have an adverse affect on the running of the tournament. For boards which are unplayed, the CTD will award an artificial adjusted score.

In Phase 1 unless the penalty of 2 VPs per board not started within the allocated time is otherwise allocated by the CTD between the pairs involved, each pair will be fined 1 VP for each board not started at the conclusion of the time allowed.

- 13.9 In cases of slow play in Phase 2, the assessed penalty will be 1 IMP for each minute that elapses after the scheduled end of session and before the end of play. The CTD will assess how this will be allocated between the pairs involved, based on any monitor's reports and his own observations and any admissions from the players involved (average minus for offenders, average plus for non-offenders).
- 13.10 It is possible for a pair, considered responsible for excessive slow play to be penalised in a session that finished within the allotted period.
- 13.11 Where players arrive late and can be assessed for a late arrival penalty as well as a penalty for slow play the pair will be assessed for the greater of the two penalties.
- 13.12 Players are permitted to be in possession of a mobile phone during play. However players are not permitted to use their phones. Use of a phone will include the phone ringing or consulting the phone such as reading text messages or adjusting the phone settings without the express consent of the director or convenor. Such consent will be required even to take the phone from one's pocket or bag or holding the phone for the purpose of turning it off. Failure to comply with this regulation will attract a disciplinary penalty of 3 VPs in Phase 1 and 3 IMPs in Phase 2 per offence. Mitigating circumstances will not be accepted as a defence and therefore this penalty is automatic and not discretionary.

14. FORFEITS

- 14.1 In the case of a forfeit the score of the non-offending pair after round 15 is adjusted to the highest of:
- 18 VPs; or
 - its mean VP score for completed rounds; or
 - 30 VPs minus the mean VP score for completed rounds of the offending team (maximum 25-5 VPs).
- 14.2 The non-offender's IMP score is the mean of the range of the VP allocated.
- 14.3 The offender's score is 0 VP and -62 IMPs.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.1 In accordance with ABF policy smoking is not permitted in the playing area but the Convener may designate other areas where smoking is permitted.
- 15.2 Contestants are obligated to play to win each board and each match.
- 15.3 The first placed pair in Phase 1 will not be permitted to kibitz Phase 2.
- 15.4 The reserves, who replace any withdrawals, are the remaining pairs in rank order

APPENDIX
Draw and Pair Numbers

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| 1 | Bill Haughie and Zoltan Nagy |
| 2 | Michael Hughes and Edward Griffin |
| 3 | Paul Wyer and Wally Malaczynski |
| 4 | Roger Januszke and Peter Chan |
| 5 | Alan Walsh and Barbara McDonald |
| 6 | Peter Buchen and Dennis Zines |
| 7 | Bill Westwood and Ian McKinnon |
| 8 | Barry Noble and George Bilski |
| 9 | Margaret Bourke and Eric Ramshaw |
| 10 | David Anderson and David Mortimer |
| 11 | Peter Jamieson and Ruth Jamieson |
| 12 | Margaret Foster and Richard Cowan |
| 13 | Kinga Moses and Neville Moses |
| 14 | Stan Klofa and Jeannette Collins |
| 15 | Ross Crichton and Peter Grant |
| 16 | Elly Urbach and Les Varadi |

DRAW

	Table 1		Table 2		Table 3		Table 4		Table 5		Table 6		Table 7		Table 8	
Rnd	NS	EW														
1	6	13	11	4	15	8	9	2	12	3	16	7	1	10	14	5
2	14	7	3	10	5	16	1	12	8	13	6	15	11	2	4	9
3	3	8	6	1	4	7	10	13	16	11	14	9	15	12	2	5
4	6	3	8	1	2	7	5	4	14	11	10	15	9	16	12	13
5	7	1	8	2	12	14	3	5	15	9	10	16	6	4	11	13
6	15	2	5	12	9	8	6	11	3	14	13	4	10	7	1	16
7	4	12	15	7	10	2	9	1	8	16	13	5	14	6	11	3
8	11	5	7	9	13	3	6	12	1	15	14	4	2	16	10	8
9	10	14	9	13	11	15	16	12	6	2	5	1	7	3	4	8
10	16	4	5	9	8	12	15	3	6	10	7	11	13	1	14	2
11	5	10	2	13	9	6	11	8	7	12	3	16	15	4	14	1
12	14	8	16	6	11	1	13	7	10	4	12	2	5	15	3	9
13	12	9	11	10	13	16	15	14	4	1	2	3	5	8	6	7
14	15	13	16	14	1	3	2	4	5	7	8	6	11	9	10	12
15	1	2	4	3	5	6	7	8	10	9	12	11	14	13	15	16

VP Scale

VP Result	12 Boards
15 - 15	0 - 1
16 - 14	2 - 6
17 - 13	7 - 9
18 - 12	10 - 12
19 - 11	13 - 16
20 - 10	17 - 20
21 - 9	21 - 24
22 - 8	25 - 28
23 - 7	29 - 32
24 - 6	33 - 36
25 - 5	37 - 40
25 - 4	41 - 45
25 - 3	46 - 50
25 - 2	51 - 55
25 - 1	56 - 61
25 - 0	62+

Yellow System Summary/Defence

Opening Bid	Meaning	Suggested Defence	Opponents Notes/ Further Bidding
Pass			
1§			
1"			
1©			
1 ^a			
1NT			
2§			
2"			
2©			
2 ^a			
2NT			

System Summary ABF Seniors Playoff 2004

Bid	If your Bid has any of the following meaning You do not require to make any further disclosures herein unless you wish to do so	Disclosures
	Basic System Description	
1♣	Strong Club OR 3+ Suit AND 11 HCPs	
1♦	Natural 3+ AND 11 HCPs	
1♥	Natural 4+ AND 11 HCPs	
1♠	Natural 4+ AND 11 HCPs	
1NT	Any Balanced Hand fully contained within an 11 to 18 HCP range.	
2♣	Acol OR Strong AND/OR Natural 11-15 with or without Major	
2♦	Acol AND/OR Strong AND/OR Natural 11-15 with or without Major AND/OR A Weak Two Bid in ♦'s or in a major AND/OR 5+/5+ Colour/Rank/Odd.	
2♥	Acol AND/OR Strong AND/OR Natural 11-15 with or without Major AND/OR A Weak Two Bid in ♥'s AND/OR 5+/5+ Colour/Rank/Odd.	
2♠	Acol AND/OR Strong AND/OR Natural 11-15 with or without Major AND/OR A Weak Two Bid in ♠'s AND/OR	

