

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

OPEN & WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN TEAMS PLAYOFF – 2008

1 General

- 1.1 The Open & Womens Playoffs are conducted by the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations as modified by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The Tournament Convenor is Eric Ramshaw.
The Director-in Charge (DiC) is Sean Mullamphy.
The Tournament Committee chair is Eric Ramshaw.
The Appeal Committee chair is Eric Ramshaw.
The ABF Tournament Unit representative is Martin Willcox.
The Official Scorer is Martin Willcox.
The Recorder is John Brockwell.
- 1.3 Appeal and Tournament Committees constitute at least three members appointed by the Chairman and present in person except in an emergency when only two members may be present in person and a third member is on the telephone.
- 1.4 The venue is Rydges Lakeside, Canberra from Wednesday 26th March to Sunday 30th March 2008 inclusive.
- 1.5 The official website for the Playoffs is www.abf.com.au/events/playoffs. Information pertaining to the Playoffs is found on that website and players are deemed to be aware of all information contained thereon.
- 1.6 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Convenor.
- 1.7 Alcohol is not permitted in the playing room during session time.
- 1.8 Smoking is not permitted in areas defined by the Convenor.
- 1.9 Mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic equipment must be switched off during session time and may not be consulted or used unless a specific exemption is given by the DiC.
- 1.10 The Time of Appeal (Law 92B) expires 30 minutes after the conclusion of the session.
- 1.11 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for sessions 1-4 and 7 & 8 expire 30 minutes before the commencement of the penultimate round of the relevant Stage. The Correction Period (Law 79C) for sessions 5, 6, 9, & 10 expire 30 minutes after the score for the relevant session is available for inspection.

2 Pair Nomination, Substitution, Entry fee and Subsidy

- 2.1 Only players with sufficient Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) as shown on the official Website may nominate to compete in the Playoffs
- 2.2 Nominating pairs must have a minimum of 1 PQP earned in the same unit.
- 2.3 Womens pairs eligible for both Playoffs may nominate for either, but not both.
- 2.4 Initial nominations must be submitted by registered mail to Playoff, PO Box 1105, Mountain Gate, Victoria, 3156 and must be received before 5.00 pm on Friday 31st December 2007.
- 2.5 Nominating pairs are ranked according to their total PQP, discounted by 50% for PQP not earned in the same unit.
- 2.6 The 14 pairs ranked highest in each category are accepted into the Playoff and their names are promulgated on the official website on Thursday 10th January.

- 2.7** The 2 contending pairs ranked highest in the Open and Womens Last Trains are accepted into the respective Playoffs. They are posted on the official website as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the Last Trains.
- 2.8** Substitution is a privilege, not a right. The DiC may approve a substitute of equivalent standard for cause, not convenience, for a maximum of 6 rounds in Stage I and 4 rounds in Stage II.
- 2.9** Emergency substitutions not covered by the #2.8 may be allowed for substantial cause by a special ruling of the Tournament Sub-Committee subject in such cases to such terms as the Sub-Committee shall impose.
- 2.10** In the last resort, the Director may take whatever action is necessary to keep the tournament in motion.
- 2.11** Rulings concerning substitutes made under #2.8-10 are not appellable.
- 2.12** Players become liable for the entry fee of \$240 per player upon acceptance into the field but this entry fee, adjusted for subsidy based on state-or-origin is payable only by cheque at the venue on Wednesday 26th March before the commencement of the first round.
- 2.13** Adjusted amounts payable are ACT, \$240, NSW, \$160, QLD, \$60, Vic, \$50 while players from SA & WA receive \$60 & \$180, respectively.
- 2.14** There are no rebates for players eliminated after Stage I.

3 Systems and Defences

- 3.1** GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted provided they are submitted before 14th February for posting on the web site. YELLOW systems are not permitted.
- 3.2** Players may alter part or all of their system only with the consent of the DiC 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 opponents to prepare fresh defences.
- 3.3** For defence against BROWN STICKER conventions a pair may change any facet of its system, including opening calls.
- 3.4** During the auction, pairs may use written notes of their defence or counter-defence for BROWN STICKER conventions 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.
- 3.5** 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 10 minutes before the scheduled session time
 - ◆ identical for each player
 - ◆ available to the opponents during the auction and play.
- 3.6** 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 Equipment

- 4.1** Hands are generated by the ABF computer program and hand records with Deep Finesse analysis are provided.
- 4.2** Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Convener. These include, but are not limited to screens, bidding boxes with chariots and electronic scoring units.
- 4.3** BBO webcasts may present the play from any table without prior notice.

5 Movement Scoring and Sessions

- 5.1** The Open and Womens Playoffs each consist of Stage I, a round robin of 15 matches each of 12 boards and Stage II, a round robin of 11 matches each of 12 boards.
- 5.2** Pairs score by IMP against a datum calculated as the arithmetic mean of the middle (n-4) scores from all n tables in the Stage I field but the middle (n-2) scores from all n tables in the Stage II field. When scores are missing (cancelled or board not played) the datum is calculated from the available scores
- 5.3** Separate datums are calculated for the Open and Women's Playoffs
- 5.4** The net IMP against the datum for each pair in each round is converted to Victory Points (VP) using the WBF scale for 10-board matches.
- 5.5** Scoring errors made by the players may be corrected until the expiry of the Correction Period.
- 5.6** Scoring errors made by the Official Scorer may be corrected until 30 minutes after the conclusion of play in the relevant Stage.
- 5.7** For Stage I, pairs are seeded by Martin Willcox, in consultation with the ABF Tournament Committee.
- 5.8** At the conclusion of Stage I, pairs ranked 13, 14, 15 and 16 are eliminated while pairs ranked 1 through 12 progress to Stage II.
- 5.9** Each pair in Stage II is assigned a carryover based on their rank in Stage I

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
28	23	19	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	0

- 5.10** Ties are not broken; the available carryovers are shared equally among the tied pairs.
- 5.11** The Stage II field is reseeded on the basis of the carryover of each pair.
- 5.12** Session and round times with the correction period (CP) are

Stage	Day	Session	Rd	Start	End	Day	Session	Rd	Start	End	Day	Session	Rd	Start	End	CP				
I	Wed	1	1	1000	1130	Thu	3	6	1000	1130	Fri	5	11	1000	1130	(1930)				
			2	1135	1305			7	1135	1305			12	1135	1305	30 min				
		2	3	1400	1530	4	8	1400	1530	6			13	1400	1530	after				
			4	1535	1705		9	1535	1705				14	1535	1705	Rd 15				
			5	1730	1900		10	1730	1900				15	1730	1900	score				
II	Sat	7	1	1000	1130	Sun	9	7	1000	1130	CP	1-4	0930	Fri						
			2	1135	1305			8	1135	1305							5, 6	30 min	after	score
		8	3	1400	1530	10	9	1400	1530	7, 8			0930	Sun						
			4	1535	1705		10	1535	1705								9, 10	30 min	after	score
			5	1930	2100		11	1730	1900											
				6	2105	2235														

6 Procedural and Disciplinary Penalties

- 6.1** Procedural and disciplinary penalties are not subject to appeal, but the DiC may be requested to review the assessment.
- 6.2** Warnings carry forward from Stage I to Stage II.
- 6.3** The procedural penalty for failure to lodge a system before 21st February is 1 VP; a further penalty of 1 VP is added after every subsequent week.

6.4 The disciplinary penalty, applied after one warning, for breach of #1.9 is 3VP.

6.5 There is no grace period for late arrival, procedural penalties are

0 - 5 minutes late	5+ - 10 minutes late	10+ - 15 minutes late	15+
1 VP	2 VP	3 VP	DiC assessment

6.6 When a pair is more than 15 minutes late, a more severe penalty, including disqualification, is assessed by the DiC. The DiC at his discretion may allow the play of some or all of the boards in the round.

6.7 When a number of boards are unable to be played because one pair is late, the non-offending pair is awarded a score of 1 IMP for every board not played.

6.8 The time allowed is 85 minutes to start the last board and 90 minutes to complete play of all boards.

6.9 In cases of slow play a penalty for each pair is 1 VP for the first board plus 2 VP for every subsequent board not started at the conclusion of the time allowed.

6.10 Players who arrive late and are allocated a penalty for slow play receive only the greater of the two penalties.

6.11 The DiC may allocate a penalty of 1 VP to any pair responsible for a fouled board.

7 Appeals

7.1 Appeals for or against a Director's ruling must be made

- ◆ within the Time of Appeal
- ◆ in person
- ◆ on the approved format (available from the DiC)

7.2 The Appeals Committee Chairman constitutes a committee of not less than three (preferably five) members from among available experienced players and appoints a Chairman (usually himself).

7.3 No competitor in the 2008 Playoffs may be a member of the Appeals Committee.

7.4 Appeals are heard at the first convenient opportunity, not necessarily immediately following the round in which the appeal is involved, unless it has a direct bearing on the next stage of the event.

7.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee is by majority; in the case of equality of votes the Chairman has a casting vote as well as a deliberate vote.

7.6 When an Appeals Committee judges that an appeal is without merit it awards a procedural penalty on the scale specified in the Appeals Regulations, against the appellant's score.

8 Fouled Boards and Disqualification

8.1 A ruling that a board is "fouled" must be sought within the correction period.

8.2 A board that does not tally with the hand record is not ipso-facto "fouled".

8.3 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".

8.4 A "fouled" board is scored by:

- a) including one or more of its results in the calculation of the datum when the DiC rules that the fouling was of no consequence

or

(b) 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
or

(c) awarding an adjusted score of 0 IMP to those pairs who played the fouled board.

8.5 In the case of a forfeit, the offender scores 0 VP, -56 IMP and at the end of the Stage the score of the non-offending pair is adjusted to the higher of:

(a) 18 VPs;

or

(b) its mean VP score for completed rounds in that stage;

or

(c) 30 VP minus the mean VP score for completed rounds of the offending pair in that stage (max. 25-VP)

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

8.7 In case of a withdrawal, including disqualification, before round 11 in Stage I or before round 9 in Stage II, all scores obtained by the withdrawn pair in that Stage are expunged and the remaining scores including datums are recalculated from and including the first round of the Stage.

8.8 In case of a withdrawal, including disqualification after round 10 in Stage I or after round 8 in Stage II, the scores obtained by the withdrawn pair stand. Each remaining match scheduled for play by the withdrawn pair is treated as a forfeit.

9 Ties

9.1 Ties occur when one or more pairs are on exactly the same VP score at the conclusion of the Stage.

9.2 Relevant ties are broken by applying the following in order until the tie is broken (greater ranks higher)

- ◆ net IMP
- ◆ number of matches won in VP (a draw is equal to 0.5)
- ◆ lot

10 Playoff Qualifying Points

10.1 A player must play 7 of the 15 rounds in Stage I and 5 of the 11 rounds in Stage II to satisfy the board rule and qualify for PQP.

10.2 PQP are awarded on the rankings at the conclusion of Stage II:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
36	32	28	24	20	16	12	8

10.3 Ties are not broken; the available PQP are shared equally among the tied pairs.

11 Teams and replacement pairs

11.1 The Australian Team to participate in the event designated for 2008 (*viz.* the WBF Championships, Beijing, October 3-18, 2008) consists of the pairs ranked 1-3 at the conclusion of Stage II.

11.2 The reserves are the Stage II pairs in rank order.

- 11.3** Any pair in the Australian Team that is prevented by unavoidable emergency from competing in the designated event is replaced by the reserve pair ranked highest.
- 11.4** The pairs ranked 4-6 form an Australian team to participate in the PABF Congress, Gold Coast, August 29-September 7, 2008.
- 11.5** Were Australia to enter a second team to compete in the PABF Congress that team consists of the pairs ranked 1-3. It may play as a team-of-four if one pair is unavailable.
- 11.6** Any invitations to other international events held before the 2009 Playoff are offered to the Australian team determined by #11.1 with reserves in #11.2. If no team can be formed in this manner, the ABF may fill the vacancy at its discretion.

12 Seeds, Draw and Seating

12.1 Seeds are assigned pair numbers for Stage I as

Seed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pair	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	16	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

12.2 The Stage I draw is

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

12.3 Seeds are assigned pair numbers for Stage II as

Seed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pair	1	2	3	4	5	12	6	7	8	9	10	11

12.4 The Stage II draw is

Table	1		2		3		4		6		6	
Rd	NS	EW										
1	12	1	4	2	9	6	11	5	10	3	7	8
2	12	6	9	7	3	11	5	10	4	8	1	2
3	12	4	7	5	1	9	3	8	2	6	10	11
4	12	11	3	1	8	5	10	4	9	2	6	7
5	12	2	5	3	10	7	1	6	11	4	8	9
6	12	7	10	8	4	1	6	11	5	9	2	3
7	12	9	1	10	6	3	8	2	7	11	4	5
8	12	5	8	6	2	10	4	9	3	7	11	1
9	12	8	11	9	5	2	7	1	6	10	3	4
10	12	3	6	4	11	8	2	7	1	5	9	10
11	12	10	2	11	7	4	9	3	8	1	5	6

12.5 The Convener may alter the order of the later rounds to avoid undesirable match ups in the last round(s).

Seed		Open			Women		Seed
1	1	Tony Nunn	Sartaj Hans	347	Alida Clark	Leone Fuller	234 8
14	2	Neil Ewart	Blaine Howe	180	Margaret Bourke	Dagmar Neumann	228 1
4	3	Pauline Gumby	Warren Lazer	162	Therese Tully	<i>Sue Lusk</i>	207 4
11	4	Arjuna De Livera	Ian Robinson	161.5	Di Smart	Felicity Bealey	204 3
5	5	Simon Hinge	Cathy Chua	160	<i>Candice Feitelson</i>	<i>Elizabeth Havas</i>	184 2
13	6	Jamie Ebery	<i>Nigel Rosendorff</i>	145	Julia Hoffman	Jenny Thompson	180 5
10	7	Peter Gill	Bob Richman	138	<i>Rena Kaplan</i>	<i>Paula Schroor</i>	178 6
6	8	Avi Kanetkar	<i>Terry Brown</i>	132	Kate Smith	Jill Del Piccolo	168 9
8	9	Richard Brightling	Ian Thomson	132	Greer Tucker	Margaret Millar	148 10
3	10	Andrew Peake	Murray Green	129	Nafi Bashar	Kinga Moses	138 11
7	11	Ted Chadwick	David Beauchamp	127	Jill Courtney	Denise Sharbanee	110 12
15	12	Barry Noble	George Bilski	125	Sally Murray-White	Helen Snashall	109 13
12	13	<i>Matt Mullamphy</i>	<i>Ron Klinger</i>	114	Karen Creet	Sheila Bird	108 7
2	14	Bruce Neill	Richard Jedrychowski	100.5	Kim Neale	Linda King	78 14
9	LT	A Wilsmore	M Courtney	LT	N Giura	C Mill	15
16	LT	T Hutton	H Hutton	LT	A Booth	L Shiels	16
	R1	Phil Markey	Andrew Mill	84	Inez Glanger	<i>Marcia Scudder</i>	48
	R2				Wendy Driscoll	Dadie Greenfeld	48

Players in italics need to submit the declaration since they did not sign their nomination form