

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND
AUSTRALIAN BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2000

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Introduction:

1.1 The Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) in cooperation with the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) conducts the Australian National Championships (ANC) and Australian Butler Pairs Championships (ABPC) in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulations and Appeals Rules as applicable and as modified by these Supplementary Regulations.

1.2 The Tournament Convener is Jim Millar.
The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) is Richard Grenside.
The Appeals Committee Chairman is Ivy Dahler.
The Tournament Committee Chairman is Eric Ramshaw.
The ABF Tournament Organiser is Eric Ramshaw.
The ABF Recorders are

1.3 The ABF Tournament Organiser has absolute discretion to enforce Regulations #3, 4 & #10.6 hereof and his/her decision is final and not subject to appeal.

1.4 In the absence of the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, the Tournament Convener acts in her place as convener of the Appeals Committee.

1.5 Smoking is prohibited in the playing area but the Convener may designate other areas where smoking is permitted.

2. Eligibility:

2.1 A Youth player, as defined on #2.4, who has been an active member of a club during the 12 months preceding the ANC or is an active member of a club may represent the State to which that club is affiliated.

2.2 Unless dispensation is granted by the ABF (which may be retrospective), no Open, Womens or Senior player shall represent a State at an ANC who has not been:

(a) an active playing member of a club affiliated with or within the jurisdiction of that State during the previous year

OR

(b) a *bona fide* resident of that State for a period of at least six months immediately prior to the commencement of the ANC in question

2.3 When #2.1 or 2.2 result in a player being eligible to represent more than one State in any particular event at the ANC, that player is entitled to represent only that State in which s/he first entered a selection tournament for that event.

2.4 To be eligible for the ANC restricted events:

Youth players must be born after 31-12-74, except as authorised by the ABF Youth Committee

Senior players must be born before 1-1-45

2.5 No substitutes are permitted in the ANC events, provided that the CTD is empowered to authorise emergency substitutions under such condition as s/he decides. Substitutes (for cause) are allowed in the ABPC subject to ABF regulations and #18.

2.6 At the time of commencement of Stage II of the ABPC, each entrant who is an Australian resident must be an eligible player as defined in the Playoff Regulations.

3. Systems and Defences:

3.1 Pairs must classify their system(s) as GREEN, BLUE, RED or YELLOW using the ABF System Regulations as modified at May 1st, 1998. Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the ANC Convener.

3.2 In the event of a dispute during the Tournament concerning the classification of a convention or system the decision of the ABF Tournament Organiser is final.

3.3 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems are permitted in all events. YELLOW systems are permitted in the ANC Teams and ABPC Stages II, III, & B.

3.4 During the auction, pairs may use notes of their defence or "defence against the defence" for YELLOW systems or the convention(s) that make a system RED provided that they comply with regulation #4.5 & 4.6. During the play a player's notes may be used only to answer a question from the opponents. (No player may refer to the written bidding after the conclusion of the first trick).

4. Notification and Disclosure of Systems and Defences.

4.1 Pairs must lodge an adequate current ABF Standard system card with a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets, typed or written in black ink on one side, before the deadlines provided in Regulations #4.2, 4.3 & 4.4. Pairs who fail to meet these deadlines may not be permitted to play a RED or YELLOW system for some or all of the event.

4.2 For the ANC Teams each State shall submit to each other State Secretary, and to the Chairman of the ABF Tournament Unit, a concise system for each pair representing that State in the Open, Women's, Youth and Senior Teams Championships and the date of receipt shall be no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 19th June 2000. The penalty for non-compliance with this Regulation is a fine of \$100.00 payable before play commences and any offending pair may be barred from using a RED convention or YELLOW system.

4.3 For the ABPC, YELLOW systems, including those that are to be played only as a defence against pairs playing a YELLOW system, must be lodged with the ANC Convener or CTD **AT THE LATEST** by 5.30pm on Sunday, 16th July 2000.

4.4 For a YELLOW system, that is to be used only against an opposing pair who play a YELLOW system in the ANC Teams, a concise system summary must be lodged with the Chairman of the ABF Tournament Unit before the Captains meeting. Two copies must be distributed to each captain whose team includes a pair playing a YELLOW system at the captains meeting.

4.5 Defence or "defence against the defence" notes, typed or written in black ink on one side of an A4 sheet, must be: lodged with and approved by the CTD 15 minutes before the scheduled session time; identical for each player; available to the opponents during the auction and play.

4.6 For defence against a YELLOW system, pairs using GREEN, BLUE or RED systems may change any facet of their system but pairs using a YELLOW system may not change their opening calls. For "defence against the defence" pairs are not permitted to change any of the highly artificial aspects of their YELLOW system.

5. Procedural Penalties:

5.1 Procedural penalties for late arrival, slow play or submission of incorrect scores are imposed by the Director upon a basis to be announced by him at the commencement of each event in the ANC.

6. Appeals:

6.1 To be competent an appeal in respect of any matter arising during any but the last session of a multi-session event or match must be lodged prior to the commencement of the next session. For a single session event or the last session of a multi-session event or match, any appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the actual time of conclusion of play of the appellant unit in that session.

6.2 All appeals or protests concerning the ANC events shall be lodged in person and in writing. A suggested form of Notice of Appeal is available from the Tournament Director.

7. Spectators:

7.1 Subject to availability of space, spectators are permitted in Open, but not Closed, Rooms at the ANC and ABPC. Regulation #10.1 of the ABF Tournament Regulations and Law 76 of the 1997 Code applies to all spectators at the ANC and ABPC. When replicated boards are used, no spectator may watch play at more than one table during any session of any event.

8. Dress Requirements:

8.1 Players and kibitzers are expected to maintain a minimum standard of dress, described as "neat casual".

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (ANC) TEAMS

9. Partnership Alterations:

9.1 A State is permitted to alter partnerships provided that the altered partnership plays a system which has been submitted pursuant to Regulation #4.2 above or some other system which the CTD in his absolute discretion considers is sufficiently natural as to cause no disadvantage to the opposition through lack of previous disclosure.

10. Round Robins:

10.1 The qualifying round robin matches are 24-boards played without a break or change of pairs (except in cases of emergency).

10.2.1 Team numbers for the first Round Robin are allotted at the Opening Function.

10.2.2 For 5 or 6 teams and three Round Robins, the team numbers for the second Round Robin are drawn by the CTD at the conclusion of the first Round Robin.

10.2.3 For 4 teams and four round robins, the team numbers for the third Round Robin are drawn by the CTD at the conclusion of the second Round Robin

10.2.4 The team numbers for the second of four and the last Round Robin are equivalent to the team's placing, determined by its VP score irrespective of any outstanding appeals but including all penalties, posted after the last round of the previous Round Robin. Subsequent adjustments do not alter the team numbers or the draw.

10.3.1 For 7 or 8 teams there are two qualifying Round Robins of 24-board matches.

10.3.2 The draw is:

Rounds				
1 & 8	1 v 8	2 v 5	3 v 6	4 v 7
2 & 9	7 v 1	8 v 2	5 v 3	6 v 4
3 & 10	1 v 6	2 v 7	3 v 8	4 v 5
4 & 11	5 v 1	6 v 2	7 v 3	8 v 4
5 & 12	1 v 4	2 v 3	5 v 8	6 v 7
6 & 13	3 v 1	4 v 2	7 v 5	8 v 6
7 & 14	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6	7 v 8

10.3.3 The first-numbered team places its pairs NS in the Open Room, EW in the Closed Room.

The first-numbered team sits first in the first Round Robin; in the second Round Robin the team that sat first against any team in the first Round Robin match sits last against that team.

10.4.1 For 5 or 6 teams there are two or three qualifying Round Robins of 24-board matches.

10.4.2 The draw is:

Rounds			
1, 6 & 11	1 v 6	2 v 4	3 v 5
2, 7 & 12	4 v 1	5 v 2	3 v 6
3, 8 & 13	1 v 3	2 v 6	4 v 5
4, 9 & 14	5 v 1	2 v 3	4 v 6
5,10 & 15	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6

10.4.3 The first-numbered team places its pairs NS in the Open Room, EW in the Closed Room. The first-numbered team sits first in the first of two Round Robins or first and second of three Round Robins; in the last Round Robin the team which sat first against any team in the previous Round Robin match sits last against that team.

10.5.1 For 4 teams there are four qualifying Round Robins of 24-board matches.

10.5.2 The draw for four teams is:

Rounds		
1, 4, 7 & 10	1 v 4	2 v 3
2, 5, 8 & 11	3 v 1	4 v 2
3, 6, 9 & 12	1 v 2	3 v 4

10.5.3 The first-numbered team places its pairs NS in the Open Room, EW in the Closed Room. The first-numbered team sits first in the first and third of four Round Robins; in the second and the last Round Robins the team which sat first against any team in the previous Round Robin match sits last against that team.

10.6 1 The team captain is responsible for posting the seating positions of the players on the Line-up Form. Posting must be completed at least 30 minutes and 20 minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of play, for the teams sitting first and last respectively. The posting times may be altered at the discretion of the CTD.

For non-compliance with this Regulation, the penalties are:

1st offence	warning
2nd offence	1 VP fine
3rd & subsequent offences	2 VP fine per offence

AND Team sitting last loss of seating rights.

10.6.2 A YELLOW system may be played only if the pairs are posted correctly within the posting period or, in any other circumstances, with the agreement of the opposing captain and the CTD.

10.7.1 Scoring for each 24-board segment in the Round Robins is IMP converted to VP as follows:

Margin of 35 IMP or less	VP = IMP
Margin of 36 IMP or more	VP = 35 + 1/10 [IMP margin minus 35] maximum win of 37.5 VP; maximum loss of 40 VP.

10.7.2 No score is awarded for a bye and 23 VP is awarded for a forfeit.

10.8 Opposing captains shall agree to and sign a result sheet at the end of each match or 20-board segment. The captain of the winning team shall hand this result sheet to the Scorer as soon as the result is known.

10.9 The time allowed for each set of 24 boards is 160 minutes.

11. Final:

11.1 The two leading teams in each of the ANC Teams competitions play a 60-board Final (Youth reduced to 40 boards when there are 15 rounds) with a total of 20-boards, drawn from one or more of the Finals, displayed on Vu-Graph.

11.2 The Finals are played in 10-board sessions with screens. The captains draw for seating rights and the winner of the draw may elect to sit first or last for the first session. For subsequent sessions, seating rights alternate.

11.3 The carryover into the Final is 10% of the VP margin between the teams at the conclusion of the Round Robin, rounded to the nearest IMP (0.5 is reduced).

11.4 Scoring in the Finals is by VP with 1 IMP equivalent to 1 VP

11.5 Opposing captains shall agree to and sign a result sheet after each 10-board session. The captain of the team winning the session shall hand this result sheet to the Director as soon as the result is known.

11.6 The time allowed for each set of 10 boards is 80 minutes.

12. Ties:

12.1 A tie occurs when two or more teams have the exact number of VP.

12.2 Ties are broken after each Round Robin by: removal of procedural penalties; net IMP; total VP result of the match(es) between the tied teams; lot.

12.3 Ties in the Final are broken by successive 10-board playoffs.

ANC PAIRS EVENTS

13.1 The ANC Open, Womens, Senior & Mixed Pairs Championship is a two session event, each category comprising 22 pairs, in which each pair plays all other pairs over 21 x 3-board rounds.

13.2 The ANC Youth Pairs Championship is a two-session event with a format dependent on the size of the field.

13.4 The ABF reserves the absolute right to alter the number of entries permitted and/or the format for any of these events without prior notice.

13.5 Ties in pairs events are split in accordance with Law 81 of the 1975 Code.

AUSTRALIAN BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS (ABPC)

14. Tournament Structure:

14.1 The ABF reserves the absolute right to alter the format of any stage of the ABPC, without prior notice.

14.2 The Open & Women's ABPC is conducted in three Stages:

Stage I Three or more sessions, to qualify sufficient pairs to increase the State and ABF nominations to 28 pairs in each event.

Stage II 14 x 10-board "matches", to qualify 14 pairs in each event.

Stage III 13 x 14-board "matches".

14.3 The format of the Senior ABPC is dependent on entries. With sufficient entries it is conducted in two Stages:

Stage A Concurrent with *Stage II* to qualify 14 pairs

Stage B 13 x 14-board "matches" concurrent with *Stage III*.

14.4 The seeding, scoring and movement for Stage I/A of the ABPC will be determined by the ABF without prior notice.

14.3 Stages II, III, & B of the ABPC are Butler-type movements. Scoring is by IMP against a datum calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores remaining after eliminating the four (Stage II)

or two (Stage III/B) extreme scores. IMP will be converted to VP in accordance with the WBF 8-board (Stage II) or 12-board (Stage III/B) scale. Pick up slips, table record cards and/or electronic scoring units are used but each pair must keep a score card, calculate the result of their match and confirm their result with that posted by the Director/Scorer.

15. Ties and Carryover:

15.1 Ties are broken by: removal of procedural penalties; removal of carryover; net IMP; lot.

15.2 There is no carryover from Stage I. The carryover from Stage II/A is 25 VPs for the leading NS & EW qualifiers and for other qualifiers 25 VPs MINUS [25% of the margin between their VP total and that of the leading qualifier in their direction. Procedural penalties and slow play warnings are disregarded in the carryover then deducted at full value from the Stage III/B score.

16. Withdrawal and Reserves:

16.1 Pairs are ordered by expressing their scores as a percentage of the score of the "n"th pair in their group where "n" is the minimum number of pairs that the CTD announces will qualify from all groups. If the CTD announces that some "n+1"th pairs will qualify the reserve list is the remaining "n+1"th pairs ranked in this order followed by pairs with lower placing ranked in this order. In all other circumstances the reserve list is all pairs ranked in this order.

16.2 Vacancies (non-contenders/withdrawals) in the field for Stage II are filled by pairs from the reserve list in rank order.

16.3 At the conclusion of Stage II/A withdrawals are for emergency only. The first withdrawal in each group is replaced by the pair ranked next in the same group; other withdrawals are replaced from the reserve list.

17. Fouled Boards:

17.1 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".

17.2 A "fouled" board is scored by: including one or more of its results in the calculation of the datum (described in #14.3) when the Director rules that the fouling was of no consequence; treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (3-6 results) or four (results>6) extreme scores, respectively; cancelling one or more of its results and awarding a score of 0 IMP to those contestants whose score was cancelled.

18. Substitutes:

18.1 For Stage I of the ABPC, the partnership must be intact for approximately two thirds of the rounds and one member of the partnership must play approximately nine tenths of the rounds, exact numbers are decided after the movement has been determined.

18.2 For Stage II/A the partnership must be intact for 11 of the 14 "matches" and one member of the partnership must play 12 of the 14 "matches".

18.2 For Stage III/B the partnership must be intact for 10 of the 13 "matches" and one member of the partnership must play 11 of the 13 "matches".

19. Playoff Points:

19.1 Players must declare the basis upon which they are eligible to represent Australia

19.2 Eligible players in the first six pairs in each event receive 55, 50, 45, 30, 25 & 20 playoff qualifying points, respectively.

19.3 Tied players share the available points.