

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2013**

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## **1 General**

- 1.1 The Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) is the regulating authority for the Australian National Championships (ANC) These events are conducted by the South Australian Bridge Federation (SABF) as agent for the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is the Adelaide Event and Exhibition Centre, Goodwood Road, Wayville, South Australia.
- 1.3 The ANC will run from July 7-12, 2013.
- 1.4 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) or Tournament Organiser (TO). Such methods and equipment may include but are not limited to: Vugraph, Bridge Base On Line web-cast, written bidding, bidding boxes, pick up slips, table record sheets and electronic scoring units. Players must record the score for each board after it is played and before the commencement of the next board. It is an offence to leave the table at the conclusion of a match without first confirming the completeness and validity of the data entered into the scoring unit. Every player present at the table is equally responsible for the accuracy of the scores.
- 1.5 Smoking is not permitted in the playing area, the scoreboard area and any other areas designated by the TO. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.6 Mobile telephones, pager and 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 CTD. After one warning, breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3).
- 1.7 Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing room during the session times of the ANC Teams. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.8 Expressions used here that have not been assigned a specific definition will be interpreted by referring first to the ABF Tournament Regulations, thereafter to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2007, and finally to their ordinary English meaning. In the event of doubt or dispute, the decision of the CTD shall be final and conclusive.

## **2 Officials**

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser for the ANC is Deb Wellman.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Sean Mullamphy.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is Neville Francis.
- 2.4 The Appeals Consultants are Barbara Travis and Richard Brightling.
- 2.5 The Tournament Sub-Committee Convener is David Anderson.
- 2.6 The ABF on site representative is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.7 The Recorders are Margaret Bourke and Dianne Marler.
- 2.8 The Convener appoints the Appeal Committee or Tournament Sub-Committee members. In the absence of the Convener of the Appeals Committee, the TO acts as Convener of the Appeals Committee.
- 2.9 The ABF on site representative has absolute discretion to enforce Supplementary Regulation 4 hereof. The decision is final and not subject to appeal.

## **3 Eligibility**

- 3.1 Youth players, as defined in 3.4, may represent a Home State or an Adoptive State (in which they have resided continuously for a period of three months or for the majority of a discontinuous period of four months), provided that they are members of the ABF Youth Club or a club affiliated to that State.
- 3.2 Unless dispensation is granted by the ABF (which may be retrospective), a player is eligible to represent a State in the Open, Women's or Senior category at an ANC only if they have been either:
  - (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.
- 3.3 When 3.1 or 3.2 results 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 he first entered a selection tournament for that event.
- 3.4 To be eligible for events restricted by age:
  - (a) Youth players must be born on or after 1-1-88, except as authorised by the ABF Youth Committee;
  - (b) Senior players must be born before 1-1-55, except as authorised by the ABF Tournament Committee.
- 3.5 No substitutes are permitted, excepting that the CTD is empowered to authorise emergency substitutes under such condition as he decides.

## **4 Systems and Defences**

- 4.1 GREEN, BLUE, RED and YELLOW systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all divisions.
- 4.2 Complete systems (except those in 4.3 and 4.4) must be submitted before 4.00pm, Thursday, 6th June 2013. These systems must be submitted by the State Secretary by e-mail to [webmaster@abf.com.au](mailto:webmaster@abf.com.au). Complete and detailed notes with a bona fide defence must accompany any Yellow system. Each team is permitted a maximum of four systems classified as Yellow and/or including BROWN STICKER conventions. Each player must bring to the table a current ABF standard system card, printed, typed or written legibly in black ink.
- 4.3 For pairs wishing to play a Yellow system that is to be used only against an opposing pair who play a Yellow system, a concise summary must be lodged with the ABF on site Representative before the Captain's meeting. Two copies must be distributed at the captains meeting to each captain whose team includes a pair playing a Yellow system.
- 4.4 Defence or "defence against the defence" notes, printed, typed or written in black ink on one side of an A4 sheet, must be:
  - (a) lodged with and approved by the CTD 15 minutes before the scheduled session time;
  - (b) identical for each player; and
  - (c) available to the opponents during the auction and play.

## **5 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties**

- 5.1 The general provisions of ABF TR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise announced by the CTD, the time allotted is based on 7.5 minutes per board. In the qualifying stage, boards not started before a time specified by the CTD are not played and the contestants concerned score 0 IMPs.
- 5.3 The disciplinary penalty for breach of 1.5 (smoking) or 1.7 (consumption of alcohol) is 9 VPs. The disciplinary penalty for breach of 1.6 (mobile phones, etc), applied after one warning per pair or team, is 9 VPs.

## **6 Correction Period and Time of Appeal**

- 6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for each session expires at the later of 30 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection or at the commencement of the next session, except when the next round/stanza/session is scheduled to commence within 30 minutes. In that case the Correction Period for the later session applies. For the last session of a stage of an event, the Correction Period expires 30 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection.
- 6.2 The Time for lodging an Appeal of a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) expires 30 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the session (or 30 minutes after the parties are advised of the director's ruling when they ruling is made after the session), unless the next round/stanza/session is scheduled to commence within that period. In that case it is extended to the expiration of the Time of Appeal for that next round/stanza/session.

## 7 Spectators

- 7.1 Subject to availability of space, spectators are permitted in the Open Room. Only personnel authorised by the CTD are permitted to watch matches in the Closed Room. Team Captains permitted into the Closed Room are restricted to watching their own team. No spectator may watch play at more than one table during any stanza of any event.
- 7.2 Team members, except “non-playing captains”, are not permitted to watch their own team. Playing captains who are not playing in the match in question are exempt from this rule for that match.

## 8 Dress Requirements

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

## 9 Partnership Alterations

- 9.1 A State may alter partnerships provided that the altered partnership plays a system which has been submitted pursuant to 4.2 or a system which the CTD considers is sufficiently natural as to cause no disadvantage to the opposition through lack of previous disclosure.

## 10 Fouled Boards

- 10.1 The result of a fouled board is cancelled and a substitute board is played at both tables unless the result of the stanza 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 3 IMPs assigned. In the case of a match with multiple stanzas, the CTD may rule that a substitute board is to be played in the next stanza.

## 11 Round Robins – Qualifying Stage

- 11.1 The qualifying stage consists of 20 boards played without a break or change of pairs (except in cases of emergency). Depending on the number of entries there will be either two or three round robins.
- 11.2 Team numbers for Round Robin 1 are allotted by a sub-committee of the ABF Management Committee.

Open							
ACT	NSW	QLD	SA1	TAS	VIC	WA	SA2
7	2	8	3	5	1	4	6
Women's							
ACT	NSW	QLD	SA1	TAS	VIC	WA	SA2
4	7	8	2	3	1	6	5
Seniors'							
ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
8	3	6	1	2	4	5	7
Youth							
ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	VIC	WA		
3	4	6	2	1	5		

11.3 Where two teams are entered from the same state, they will be drawn to play one another in the first match of each round robin. The original draw for team numbers will be managed in order to ensure that this occurs in Round 1. The following procedure will be applied in determining the draw for Round Robin 2:

11.3.1 If at least one of the teams is placed in positions 1 to 4 after Round Robin 1, the lower placed team will be deemed to have finished in such a position as would result in the two teams playing each other in Round 8. The finishing position of all other teams will be varied as necessary to accommodate this, but the other teams maintain their position relative to one another. The draw for Round Robin 2 is then determined as in 11.4.

11.3.2 If neither of the teams is placed in positions 1 to 4 after Round Robin 1, the higher placed team will be deemed to have finished in fourth position, while the lower placed team will be deemed to have finished in seventh position. The finishing position of all other teams will be varied as necessary to accommodate this, but the other teams maintain their position relative to one another. The draw for Round Robin 2 is then determined as in 11.4.

11.4 Teams will retain their team number throughout the qualifying stage. The draw for the final round robin will be based on the draw for Round Robin 1 adjusted to reflect the team's placing after the penultimate round robin. That is, the leading team will have the draw for number 1, second for number 2 etc. Once the draw is set, it will not be altered by subsequent results of outstanding appeals, score corrections or adjustments.

11.5 For 7 or 8 teams, there are two qualifying round robins of 20 board matches.

11.5.1 The Draw for 7 or 8 teams is:

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

11.5.2 Where the field is limited to 7 teams, there will be no team 8. In a round where a team is drawn to play team 8 that team will have a bye.

11.5.3 In Round Robin 1, the second numbered team sits first. In Round Robin 2 match seating rights are reversed.

11.5.4 The first numbered team sits NS in the Open Room, and EW in the Closed Room.

11.6 For 5 or 6 teams, there are three qualifying round robins of 20 board matches.

11.6.1 The Draw for 5 or 6 teams is:

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

11.6.2 Where the field is limited to 5 teams there will be no team 4. In a round where a team is drawn to play team 4 that team will have a bye.

11.6.3 For 5 or 6 teams and three round robins, the draw for Round Robin 2 is randomly determined at the conclusion of Round Robin 1.

11.6.4 In Round Robin 1, the line ups will be blind, ie. each captain will post their line-up without knowing the line-up of their opponents. The second numbered team sits first in Round Robin 2. In Round Robin 3, the team which sat first against its opponent in the Round Robin 2 match sits last against that team.

11.6.5 The first numbered team sits NS in the Open Room, and EW in the Closed Room.

11.6.6 Round 15 is played concurrently with the first session of the Finals subject to 12.2.

11.7 The team captain is responsible for posting the seating positions of the players on the line-up form with the system being played if more than one has been submitted. Posting must be completed at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of play, for the teams sitting first. The team sitting second must complete posting 20 minutes before the start of play. The CTD may alter posting times at his discretion. Blind line-ups must be provided to the TD at least 30 minutes before the scheduled commencement of play in each respective match. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in loss of seating rights and a procedural penalty against the team total (1<sup>st</sup> offence, 3 VPs; 2<sup>nd</sup> offence, 6 VPs; 3rd and subsequent offences, 9 VPs)

11.8 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.

11.9 In the Youth Division, the team captain of any team with a pair playing a YELLOW system must advise the opposing captain the seating positions of the pair playing a YELLOW system prior to the seating posting time in all matches in the qualifying stage.

11.10 Scoring for each 20-board segment in the round robins is net IMPs converted to VPs as follows:

margin of 30 IMPs or less VPs = 35 + net IMPs

margin of 31 IMPs or more VPs = 65 + 1/10\*(net IMPs minus 30)

with a maximum win of 67.5 VPs and a maximum loss of 0 VPs.

11.11 No score is awarded for a bye.

- 11.12 After a forfeit, the non-offenders receive 56.5 VPs, adjusted at the conclusion of each round robin to the highest of 56.5 VPs, the team's average VP score for completed other rounds, and the complement of the offender's average VP score for completed other rounds. The offenders score 0 VPs; IMPs scores are determined from the formula in 11.11.
- 11.13 Team captains must collect their copy of the result sheet from the official scorer as soon as possible after the conclusion of play at both tables. Requests to correct discrepancies must be agreed with the opposing captain and advised to the scorer within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the match.
- 11.14 The time allotted for each set of 20 boards is 150 minutes, or any other such time as determined by the CTD.
- 11.15 Matches may be displayed using Bridge Base Online without prior notice.

## **12 Finals**

- 12.1 The two leading teams at the conclusion of the qualifying stage in each of the Open, Women's and Seniors' divisions play a 60 board final. Where two teams entered from the same state finish in first and second positions after the qualifying stage, the final will be contested by the teams finishing in first and third positions.
- 12.2 The Youth Final is played over 40 boards unless two teams that are scheduled to play each other in the Round 15 are:  
(a) both more than 35 VPs ahead of the team that has a bye, or exactly 35 VPs ahead and would win a relevant tiebreak irrespective of the result of Round 15; or  
(b) both more than 67.5 VPs ahead of all other teams, or exactly 67.5 VPs ahead and would win a relevant tiebreak irrespective of the result of Round 15.

In such a case these two teams do not play the Round 15 match and play a 60-board final with the carryover calculated as in 12.5 using the VP scores at the conclusion of the Round 14.

- 12.3 The Finals are played in 10-board stanzas with screens. The captains draw for seating rights and the winner may elect to sit first or last for the first stanza. Seating rights for subsequent stanzas alternate.
- 12.4 At least 20 boards, drawn from one or more of the Finals, will be displayed on Bridge Base and/or Vu-Graph.
- 12.5 The carry-over 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).
- 12.6 Scoring in the Finals is by VPs with 1 IMP equivalent to 1 VP.
- 12.7 The time allotted for each set of 10 boards is 80 minutes, or any other such time as determined by the CTD.
- 12.8 Opposing captains must agree the result after each 10 board stanza and confirm that it agrees with the result sheet provided by the official scorer.

## 13 Ties

- 13.1 A tie occurs when two or more teams have the exact same number of VPs.
- 13.2 Ties are broken after each Round Robin by the number of wins in VPs, then net IMPs, then lot.
- 13.3 Ties in the final are broken by play of 4 boards, and then 1 board at a time until the tie is broken.

## Appendices

### Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

The penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play under ABF TR 10 are:

0-5 mins	warning for first offence, then 3 VPs (3 IMPs) for each subsequent offence
5-10 mins	3 VPs (3 IMPs)
10-15 mins	6 VPs (6 IMPs)
15-20 mins	9 VPs (9 IMPs)
20-30 mins	15 VPs (15 IMPs)

For late arrival in excess of 30 minutes, the CTD may assess a more severe penalty including forfeiture of the match and/or disqualification from the event.

When boards are cancelled by the director due to a failure to complete them on time, the following penalties may be applied:

One board	3 VPs (3 IMPs)
Subsequent boards	6 VPs (6 IMPs)

When players fail to enter scores into the scoring unit before leaving the table, or where an incorrect score has been entered and agreed, the following penalties may be applied to both pairs:

First offence	warning
Subsequent offences	3 VPs per occasion

### Anticipated Finishing Times

The following times are provided solely as a guide to players and may change without notice depending on event formats and other circumstances:

ANC Teams Round Robin (Open, Women's, Seniors')	Thursday, July 11, 4.00 pm
ANC Teams Round Robin (Youth)	Thursday, July 11, 10.00 pm
ANC Teams Finals	Friday, July 12, 5.00 pm