

2015 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

incorporating INTERSTATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS AUSTRALIAN BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS ANC CONGRESS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) is the regulating authority for the Australian National Championships (ANC), incorporating the Interstate Teams Championships (ITC), the Australian Butler Pairs Championships (ABPC) and the ANC Congress (ANCC). These events are conducted in cooperation with the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BWA) in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR), Systems Regulations and Appeals Regulations as applicable, as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, 46-54 Marine Terrace, Fremantle, Western Australia.
- 1.3 The ANC will run from July 11-23, 2015:
 - ITC: July 12-17

- ABPC: July 18-23
- ANCC: July 11-23

- 1.4 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) or Tournament Organiser (TO). 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 unless a specific exception is permitted by the CTD. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty, after one warning (see 5.3). In the ITC, players may not bring mobile phones, etc. into the playing area during session time.
- 1.7 Mobile telephones, iPads and other electronic communication equipment may not be consulted or used during the session, unless a specific exception is permitted by the CTD. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 5.3) in the first instance. In the case of further breaches by the same unit, the CTD will assess a more severe penalty, which may include forfeiture or disqualification.
- 1.8 Players in the Finals of the ITC must lodge any mobile phone or other electronic communication device in their possession with the TO during session time.
- 1.9 Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing room during the session times of the ITC and the Final stages of the ABPC. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.10 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 is Sheenagh Young.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director for the ITC and ABPC is Matthew McManus.
- 2.3 The Chief Tournament Director for the ANCC is Dave Parham.
- 2.4 The Appeals Committee Convener for the ITC is Kim Morrison.
- 2.5 The Appeals Committee Convener for the ABPC is Marcia Scudder.
- 2.6 The Appeals Consultants are Neville Francis, Jonathan Free, Laura Ginnan and Richard Grenside.
- 2.7 The ABF on-site representative and Tournament Committee Convener for the ITC is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.8 The ABF on-site representative and Tournament Committee Convener for the ABPC is Bruce Neill.
- 2.9 The Recorders are Phil Gallasch, Gerry Daly and Allison Stralow.
- 2.10 The respective Conveners appoint their committee members. In the absence of the Convener of the Appeals Committee, the TO acts as Convener of the Appeals Committee.

2.11 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 Seniors' category in the ITC 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 the ITC, 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 or masterpoint ranking:
(a) Youth players must be born on or after 1-1-90, except as authorised by the ABF Youth Committee;
(b) Senior players must be born before 1-1-57, except as authorised by the ABF Tournament Committee;
(c) both members of the partnership in the ANC Restricted Butler Pairs must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 1-1-15;
(d) in ANCC events, to be eligible for Restricted category prizes, all members of the pair or team must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at 1-4-15. For Intermediate category prizes, all members of the pair or team must have fewer than 750 Masterpoints as at 1-4-15.
- 3.5 No substitutes are permitted in the ITC, excepting that the CTD is empowered to authorise emergency substitutes under such condition as he decides. Section 21 hereunder specifies the number of substitutes permitted in the ABPC subject to the General Conditions of ABF TR 4.
- 3.6 For the ABPC, 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.
- 3.7 To ensure the smooth running of the tournament, the TO may nominate a "house contestant" to compete in any event. The TO will make every effort to nominate eligible players, but is at liberty to nominate others in case of necessity. The conditions under which the "house contestant/s" compete will, subject to ABF TR 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD.

4 Systems and Defences

- 4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all ITC and ABPC events, with the exception of the Restricted Butler Pairs, in which only GREEN and BLUE systems are allowed. YELLOW systems are permitted only in the ITC and in the Final stage of the ABPC.
- 4.2 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 TO by 3rd July 2015. Pairs must lodge an adequate current ABF Standard system card with a maximum of four supplementary A4 sheets,

printed, typed or written in black ink on one side. Pairs who fail to meet these deadlines may not be permitted to play a YELLOW system for some or all the event.

- 4.3 For the ITC, complete systems (except those in 4.4) must be submitted before 4.00pm, Friday 5th June 2015. These systems must be submitted as an electronic file uploaded to the ABF website (www.abfevents.com.au/events/ANC/2015). A maximum of four A4 pages of supplementary sheets may be included for any one system. 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. Any pair playing a YELLOW system must lodge four copies of detailed system notes with the CTD before the Captains' Meeting.
- 4.4 For the ITC, a concise summary of a YELLOW system that is to be used only against an opposing pair who play a YELLOW system must be lodged with the ABF on site Representative before the Captains' Meeting. Two copies must be distributed at the Captains' Meeting to each captain whose team includes a pair playing a YELLOW system.
- 4.5 Notes incorporating a pair's defence to BROWN STICKER conventions, defence to a YELLOW system or a YELLOW system pair's "defence against the defence" must be:
 - (a) printed, typed or written in black ink on a maximum of two sides of an A4 sheet;
 - (b) lodged with and approved by the CTD 15 minutes before the scheduled session time in which they are first to be used;
 - (c) identical for each player; and
 - (d) available to the opponents during the auction and play.
- 4.6 In matches in the ITC, each player must bring to the table a ABF standard system card, identical to the one submitted in 4.3, unless any changes have been approved by the CTD and copies provided to other captains at the Captains' Meeting.
- 4.7 The Captains' Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11, commencing at 6.30pm.

5 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties

- 5.1 In a Swiss movement penalties are included in the overall ranking, but the draw is determined by the scores excluding penalties.
- 5.2 The general provisions of ABF TR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
- 5.3 The disciplinary penalty for breach of 1.5 (smoking), 1.7 and 1.8 (mobile phones, etc), or 1.9 (consumption of alcohol) is as detailed below. The disciplinary penalty for breach of 1.6 (mobile phones, etc), is applied after one warning per pair or team.
 - a) ITC Qualifying – 9 VPs;
 - b) ITC Teams Final – 9 IMPs;
 - c) ABPC – 3 VPs.
 - d) CGC – 3 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 to request or 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 the 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 Dress Requirements

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

INTERSTATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS (ITC)

8 Partnership Alterations

8.1 A State may alter partnerships provided that the altered partnership plays a system which has been submitted pursuant to 4.3 or a system which the CTD considers is sufficiently natural as to cause no disadvantage to the opposition through lack of previous disclosure.

9 Fouled Boards

9.1 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.

10 Qualifying Stage

10.1 The Qualifying Stage consists of two or more round robins of 20 boards matches played without a break or change of pairs (except in cases of emergency).

10.2 Team numbers for the first Round Robin will be allotted by a sub-committee of the Management Committee.

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

10.3 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 team numbers are set, they will not be altered by subsequent results of outstanding appeals, score corrections or adjustments.

10.4 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. In subsequent round robins, the round in which the two teams are drawn to play one another will be shifted to become the first round in that round robin. The order of all other rounds will remain unchanged.

10.5 For 8 teams, there are two qualifying round robins of 20 board matches.

10.5.1 The Draw for 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

10.5.2 In the first Round Robin the second numbered team sits first. In the second Round Robin the team that sat first against its opponent in the first Round Robin match sits last against that team.

10.6 For 6 teams, there are three qualifying round robins of 20 board matches.

10.6.1 The Draw for 6 teams is:

Round	Round			
1	11	6 v 2	4 v 1	5 v 3
2	12	5 v 2	1 v 3	4 v 6
3	13	2 v 4	1 v 5	6 v 3
4	14	3 v 2	6 v 1	4 v 5
5	15	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6

10.6.2 For 6 teams with three round robins, the draw for the second Round Robin will be randomly determined by the CTD at the conclusion of the first Round Robin.

10.6.3 In the first Round Robin, 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 the second Round Robin. In the third Round Robin the team which sat first against its opponent in the second Round Robin match sits last against that team.

10.6.4 Round 15 is played concurrently with the first session of the Finals subject to 11.2.

10.7 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. The first numbered team in the draw will sit NS in the Open Room and EW in the Closed Room. 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 CTD may alter posting times at his discretion. Blind line-ups must be provided to the CTD at least 30 minutes before the scheduled commencement of play in each respective match.

For non-compliance with this regulation, the penalties are loss of seating rights and a procedural

penalty of:

i) first offence, 3 VPs;

ii) second offence, 6 VPs;

iii) third and subsequent offences, 9 VPs

10.8 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.

10.9 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.

10.10 35 VPs and 0 IMPs are awarded for a bye.

10.11 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 10.9.

10.12 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.

10.13 The time allotted for each set of 20 boards is 150 minutes, or any other such time as determined by the CTD.

10.14 Matches may be displayed using Bridge Base On-Line without prior notice.

10.15 Teams Datum Prize: In each of the divisions, the highest placed pair on modified datums at the end of the Qualifying Stage will be awarded the Datum Prize. ABF Medallions will be awarded to both players in the partnership. The procedure for determining the modified datum is described in the Appendices. To be eligible for the Datum Prize, the pair must play as a partnership for at least eight matches.

11 Finals

11.1 The two leading teams 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.

11.2 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 11.6 using the VP scores at the conclusion of the Round 14.

11.3 To be eligible to play in the Final, a player must have played in at least four matches in the Qualifying Stage.

- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 At least 20 boards, drawn from one or more of the Finals, will be displayed on Bridge Base and/or Vu-Graph.
- 11.6 The carry-over into the Final is 10% of the VP margin between the teams at the conclusion of the Qualifying Stage. The carry-over is not rounded off.
- 11.7 Scoring in the Finals is by VPs with 1 IMP equivalent to 1 VP.
- 11.8 The time allotted for each set of 10 boards is 80 minutes, or any other such time as determined by the CTD.
- 11.9 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.

12 Ties

- 12.1 A tie occurs when two or more teams have the exact same number of VPs.
- 12.2 Ties are broken after each round robin by the number of wins in VPs, then net IMPs, then lot.
- 12.3 Ties in the Final are broken by play of 4 boards, and then 1 board at a time until the tie is broken.

13 Spectators

- 13.1 Subject to availability of space, spectators are permitted in the Open Room. Only Team Captains (watching their own team), and other personnel as authorised by the CTD are permitted to watch matches in the Closed Room. No spectator may watch play at more than one table during any stanza of any event.
- 13.2 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.

14 Playoff Qualifying Points

- 14.1 Provided the provisions of 14.3 are satisfied, eligible members in the Open, Women's and Seniors' Teams receive 6 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP).
- 14.2 In addition, provided the provisions of 14.3 are satisfied, eligible members of the winning team in the Open, Women's and Seniors' Teams receive 30 PQP, and runners-up in each division receive 12 PQP.
- 14.3 To qualify to receive PQP, a player must play at least 7 matches in the Qualifying Stage, and, where applicable, play at least one-half of the boards in the Final.

AUSTRALIAN BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS (ABPC)

15 Tournament Structure

- 15.1 Dependent on entries, the ABF reserves the absolute right to alter the formats described in 15.2-15.11, without prior notice.
- 15.2 The Open and Women's ABPC will be conducted in two stages – a Preliminary Stage and a Final Stage.
- 15.3 The Seniors' ABPC is conducted as one Final Stage, with the format dependent on entries.
- 15.4 The Open Women's Preliminary Stage will consist of 10 x 12 board matches to qualify 20 pairs. The Open Final Stage will be played as a round robin of 19 x 12 board rounds. The Women's Final Stage will be played as a round robin of 19 x 12 board rounds, unless fewer than 20 pairs declare themselves contending for the Final Stage in which case the number of rounds will be reduced accordingly.
- 15.5 The ABF will determine the seeding, scoring and movement for the Preliminary Stage
- 15.6 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 15.7, 15.8 or 15.9. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF continuous 9 board VP scale. Separate datums will be calculated for each event.
- 15.7 When fewer than 15 tables are in play in any stage, the datum is calculated as the arithmetic mean (rounded to the closest 10) of the (n-2) middle scores.
- 15.8 When there are 15 to 24 tables in play in any stage, the datum is calculated as the arithmetic mean (rounded to the closest 10) of the (n-4) middle scores.
- 15.9 When there are more than 24 tables in the Preliminary Stage of an event, the datum will be the arithmetic mean of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest and lowest x/10 scores (0.5 rounded up) where x is the number of scores under consideration.
- a) for Matches 1-4, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;
 - b) for Matches 5-7, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top n/2 tables (0.5 rounded up), where n is the number of tables in play;
 - c) for Matches 8-10, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.
- 15.10 The John Hughes ANC Swiss Pairs is a 15 round event scored in a manner similar to that described above. The exact details of the format, movement and scoring are determined after entries close.
- 15.11 The ANC Restricted Butler Pairs Championship is a 9 round event scored in a manner similar to that described above. The exact details of the format, movement and scoring are determined after entries close.
- 15.12 The time allowed per match will be announced by the CTD.

16 Ties

- 16.1 A tie occurs when two or more pairs have the exact same number of VPs.
- 16.2 To determine a Swiss draw, ties are broken by net IMPs, then lot.
- 16.3 At the conclusion of an event or stage, ties are broken by the sum of VPs of opponents, then number of wins in VPs, then net IMPs, then lot.

17 Carry-over

- 17.1 In the Open ABPC, each qualifying pair will carry-over 25% of their VP score to the Final Stage.

17.2 Where a separate Preliminary Stage is held in the Women's ABPC, each qualifying pair will carry-over 25% of their VP score to the Final Stage.

17.3 Warnings carry over from stage to stage.

18 Withdrawal and Replacements

18.1 Pairs who withdraw at the end of the Preliminary Stage or are non-contending are replaced in a manner such that the number of pairs qualifying from each of the original fields do not differ by more than two.

18.2 Withdrawals within a stage are treated according to ABF TR 14.

19 Fouled Boards

19.1 A fouled board is scored by:

(a) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (3-7 results) or four (results >7) extreme scores, respectively; or

(b) cancelling one or more of its results and awarding a score of 2 IMPs to those contestants whose score was cancelled.

20 Substitutes

20.1 A substitute may be permitted for cause, but not for convenience.

20.2 For each event, the number of rounds one player must play and for which the partnership must be intact is as follows:

	Preliminary Stage	Final Stage
Each player	10/12	16/19
Partnership	9/12	15/19

20.3 When an event format results in the number of rounds being other than 12 (Preliminary Stage) or 19 (Final Stage), each player must play at least 85% of the rounds and the partnership must be intact for at least 75% of the rounds (fractions rounded up).

20.4 In the John Hughes ANC Swiss Pairs, each player must play at least 10 matches and the partnership must be intact for at least 10 matches.

21 Playoff Qualifying Points

21.1 The first nine eligible pairs in the Open and Women's ABPC receive Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP).

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PQP	65	60	55	35	30	25	15	10	5

21.2 The first six eligible pairs in the Seniors' ABPC receive PQP.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
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PQP	50	45	40	20	15	10
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21.3 Tied pairs share the available points.

ANC CONGRESS (ANCC)

22 ANCC Events

The ANCC comprises the following events (Note: event finishing times are estimates only):

- Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am - 5.30 pm – Makanyane Safari Lodge/Webb & Brown-Neaves Flighted Pairs
- Sunday, July 12, 10:00 am - 5.30 pm – Vantage Wealth Management Teams
- Monday, July 13, 10.00 am - 1.15 pm – South Perth Bridge Club Pairs
- Monday, July 13, 2.00 pm - 5.15 pm – Nedlands Bridge Club Pairs
- Tuesday, July 14, 10.00 am - 1.15 pm – West Australian Bridge Club George Wealth Eclectic Pairs 1
- Tuesday, July 14, 2.00 pm - 5.15 pm – West Australian Bridge Club George Wealth Eclectic Pairs 2
- Wednesday, July 15, 10.00 am - 1.15 pm – West Australian Bridge Club George Wealth Eclectic Pairs 3
- Wednesday, July 15, 2.00 pm - 5.15 pm – West Australian Bridge Club George Wealth Eclectic Pairs 4
- Thursday, July 16, 10.00 am - 1.15 pm – Nedlands Bridge Club Pairs
- Thursday, July 16, 2.00 pm - 5.15 pm – Undercroft Bridge Club Pairs
- Friday, July 17, 10.00 am - 1.15 pm – City of Melville Bridge Club Pairs
- Friday, July 17, 2.00 pm - 5.15 pm – Busselton and Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Pairs

23 ANCC Systems

- 23.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all Open and Intermediate events.
- 23.2 Only GREEN and BLUE systems are permitted in Restricted and Novice events. BROWN STICKER conventions are not permitted.
- 23.3 In events where there is only one field, or in events where the fields have been combined due to insufficient entries, eligible pairs may claim 'Protected Pair' status in accordance with ABF System Regulation 2.9. The opponents of pairs claiming Protected Pair status may not play a RED system, or use BROWN STICKER conventions, during that round.

24 ANCC Event Details

Makanyane Safari Lodge/Webb & Brown-Neaves IMP Pairs

- Two session IMP-scored pairs event
- The entries will be seeded into NS and EW fields to play a web Mitchell movement of 26 boards.
- For the qualifying session and major Final and Plate sessions at least, separate sections will be held for Restricted entrants and other entrants.
- Each score will be IMP'ed against a datum calculated as determined by the CTD.
- The top 6 pairs in each direction, plus the 7th placed pair closest to 6th in the same direction will qualify to the Final. The remaining 7th placed pair plus the pairs ranked 8th to 13th will qualify to the Plate. The remainder of the field will qualify to Consolation section(s) as determined by the CTD.
- Ties for qualifying positions will be broken in accordance with BAWA Tournament Regulations.
- The 13 finalists will be seated NS and play against the 13 qualifiers to the Plate (seated EW) in a 26 board Mitchell movement.
- The Consolation(s) will be conducted in formats as determined by the CTD.
- Each score will be IMP'ed against a datum calculated as determined by the CTD. Separate datums will be calculated for each movement.

- Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each final division as determined by the TO.

Vantage Wealth Management Teams

- 7 x 8 board matches
- The exact format will be determined by the CTD when entries are known.

West Australian Bridge Club Eclectic Pairs

- This event is held over 4 separate sessions, using standard matchpoint scoring.
- The movement will be determined by the CTD when entries are known.
- Each session will have prizes for the winners.
- The overall winners will be the pair with the highest aggregate percentage from their best three sessions.

Other Club Sponsored Events

- Each event is a single session matchpoint pairs events.
- The movement will be determined by the CTD when entries are known.
- As well as overall prizes, there will be a prize for the highest scoring pair from the sponsoring club. If no sponsoring club pair competes, this prize will revert to the best Restricted pair or, in the case of country clubs, the best country pair. To qualify as a country pair, the pair's Home Club must be outside the Metropolitan area as defined in the BAWA Constitution.

Appendices

Penalties for Late Arrival, Slow Play, Failure to enter or check scores

ITC

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)

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

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

ABPC and ANCC

0-5 mins	warning for first offence, then 1 VP (3 IMPs) for each subsequent offence
5-10 mins	1 VP (3 IMPs)
10-15 mins	2 VPs (6 IMPs)
15-20 mins	3 VPs (9 IMPs)
20-30 mins	5 VPs (15 IMPs)

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

One board	1 VP (3 IMPs)
Subsequent boards	2 VPs (6 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.

In Matchpoint Pairs events, late arrival or slow play may be penalised at the discretion of the CTD.

Should the players leave the table, when they have failed to enter one or more scores into the scoring unit or when an incorrect score has been entered and agreed, the following penalties may be applied to both pairs:

First offence warning
Subsequent offences 3 VPs (ITC), 1 VP (ABPC, ANCC) per occasion

Calculation of Modified Datums in the Interstate Teams

For each pair x,

$$D_m = tRD + 0.5 * (\text{sum}(\text{opDa}))$$

where

- D_m is the modified datum of Pair x
- tRD is the total raw datum score for all matches played by Pair x
- $\text{sum}(\text{opDa})$ is the sum of the average datum per match for all the opponents of Pair x

For each match, if a pair's raw datum score is greater than 64, it will be limited to 64 plus one-tenth of any score greater than 64.

Anticipated Finishing Times – ITC and ABPC

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

Interstate Teams Qualifying Stage (Open, Women's, Seniors')	Thursday, July 16, 4.00 pm
Interstate Teams Qualifying Stage (Youth)	Thursday, July 16, 7.30 pm
Interstate Teams Finals	Friday, July 17, 5.00 pm
Butler Pairs Preliminary Stage (Open, Women's)	Sunday, July 19, 7.00 pm
ANC Restricted Butler Pairs	Sunday, July 19, 5.30 pm
Butler Pairs Final Stage (Open, Women's, Seniors')	Thursday, July 23, 5.30 pm
	Presentation at 6.00 pm
John Hughes ANC Swiss Pairs	Wednesday, July 22, 7.00 pm