

# AUTUMN NATIONALS 2013 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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## 1 General

1.1 The Autumn Nationals (AN) comprises seven events:

- AN Open Swiss Pairs (ANOSP),
- AN Seniors Swiss Pairs (ANSSP),
- AN Women's Swiss Pairs (ANWSP),
- AN Restricted Swiss Pairs (ANRSP),
- AN Open Teams (ANOT),
- AN Restricted Teams (ANRT),
- AN Consolation Teams (ANCT).

The Swiss Pairs events will be held on May 2-3, the ANOT and ANRT on May 4-5, with the ANCT and Final of the ANOT on May 6.

These events are conducted by the South Australian Bridge Federation Inc (SABF) in conjunction with the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.

1.2 The venue is the Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showgrounds, Wayville.

1.3 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.

1.4 Smoking is not permitted in areas defined by the Tournament Organiser as the playing area and the scoreboard area, or any other designated area. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 6.3)

1.5 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty, after one warning (see 6.3)

1.6 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 6.3) 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.

- 1.7 Expressions used in these Regulations and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2007). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the CTD shall be final and conclusive. Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the ABF TR shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Regulations.

## **2 Officials**

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser is Di Marler.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is David Anderson.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is Bruce Neill.
- 2.4 The Appeals Consultants are David Beauchamp and David Lusk.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representative is Simon Hinge.
- 2.6 The Recorders are Linda Alexander and David Cherry.

## **3 Eligibility, Augmentation and Substitutions**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 To be eligible for the ANSSP, both players must have been born before 1-1-55.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the ANWSP, both members of the pair must be female
- 3.4 To be eligible for the ANRSP, neither member of the pair can have attained the rank of Life Master as at 1-1-13.
- 3.5 To be eligible for the ANRT, no more than one member of the team can have attained the rank of Life Master as at 1-1-13. The remaining members of the team must be below the rank of Life Master as at 1-1-13. Players who have attained the rank of Grand Masters as at 1-1-13 are ineligible.
- 3.6 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment until the conclusion of Round 5 up to a maximum of 6 players. Any player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event.
- 3.7 The CTD may approve a maximum of four substitutions per pair or team in any one event. In addition, the CTD may allow emergency substitutions for substantial cause and may impose any conditions in doing so and may take whatever other action is considered necessary to keep the tournament in motion.

- 3.8 The TO may nominate a “house contestant” to compete in any event in order to ensure the smooth running of the tournament. The TO will make every effort to nominate eligible players from a small group. The procedures under which the “house contestant” competes will be at the discretion of the CTD having regard to ABF TR 1.9.

#### **4 Systems and Defences**

- 4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems only are permitted in the ANRSP.
- 4.2 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in the ANOSP, ANSSP, ANWSP, ANOT, ANRT and ANCT.
- 4.3 In the ANSSP, ANWSP and ANRT, ‘Protected Pair’ status may be claimed by eligible pairs in accordance with ABF System Regulation 2.9. Opponents of a ‘Protected Pair’ may not employ BROWN STICKER conventions during that round. Pairs seeking ‘Protected Pair’ status must advise the CTD at least 30 minutes before the start of the relevant event.
- 4.4 In addition, YELLOW systems will be allowed in the ANOT from Round 3 onwards, but may not be played against a contestant with a current position in the lower two-thirds of the field (decimals rounded up). Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the TO with an adequately completed ABF system card and a bona fide defence before April 27, 2013.

#### **5 Seating**

- 5.1 Except in the Final of the ANOT, teams registering one or more YELLOW systems lose all seating rights in all stanzas against teams not employing a YELLOW system.
- 5.2 YELLOW systems may be played only if the seating is posted within 10 minutes of the publication of the draw.
- 5.3 In other cases, seating rights for each match will be determined by toss of a coin.

#### **6 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties**

- 6.1 In a Swiss movement penalties are included in the overall ranking, but the draw is determined by the scores excluding penalties.
- 6.2 The general provisions of ABF TR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
- 6.3 The disciplinary penalty for breach of regulations relating to smoking (1.4) and mobile phones, etc (1.5, 1.6) is 3 VPs.

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

- 7.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for each preliminary match expires 15 minutes after the scheduled conclusion of the following match. The Correction Period for the final match expires 30 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection.
- 7.2 The Time for lodging an Appeal against a Director’s Ruling (Law 92B) for each match expires 30 minutes after the score is made available for inspection, unless the next round or session is scheduled to commence within that period. In that case it is extended to the

expiration of the Time of Appeal for the next match.

## 8 Fouled Boards

- 8.1 In the Swiss Pairs events, 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 IMP to those contestants whose score was cancelled.
- 8.2 In the ANOT and ANRT, the result of a fouled board is cancelled and a substitute board is played at both tables unless the result of the match is known or any of the players has left the table at the conclusion of that round. In these cases the board is cancelled and a score of 3 IMPs is assigned for both sides. In the ANCT, the assigned score for both sides is 2 IMPs.

## 9 Ties

- 9.1 Ties will be broken for qualification to and carry-over in the Final of the ANOT and in other circumstances for first place, in accordance with ABF TR 15, as detailed in the Appendices. Other ties will not be broken.

## 10 Event formats

- 10.1 **Swiss Pairs** – The ANOSP, ANSSP, ANWSP and ANRSP will be played as distinct single field Swiss events consisting of 8 x 14 board matches, played over 4 sessions.
- 10.1.1 Scoring for Rounds 1-4, and at the TO's discretion, will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as the arithmetic mean of the (n-4) middle scores. Separate datums will be calculated for each event.
- 10.1.2 At the discretion of the TO, scoring for Rounds 5-8 may be by IMPs against a "Leader's Butler" datum. The datum is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the (n-2) middle scores of the top half of tables in the field (rounded up). Separate datums will be calculated for each event.
- 10.1.3 IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF 12 board VP scale.
- 10.2 **Open and Restricted Teams** – The ANOT and ANRT will be played as a 9 round single field Swiss consisting of 12 board matches in Rounds 1-5 and 14 board matches in Rounds 6-9.
- 10.2.1 In each match, IMPs are converted to VPs using the appropriate WBF scale.
- 10.2.2 At the conclusion of Match 9, the two highest placed teams in the ANOT will qualify to the ANOT Final. The Final will be played over 4 x 14 board stanzas. The team finishing higher in the ANOT will carry-forward 0.1 IMPs to the Final.
- 10.3 **Consolation Teams** – The ANCT will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 6 x 8 board matches. Entry to the ANCT will be free to players who competed in the ANOT or ANRT, or at a cost of \$20 per player for others.
- 10.4 The time allowed per round will be announced by the CTD.

- 10.5 The match/session starting times are:  
Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3: 10.00am, 12.00noon, 2.30pm and 4.30pm;  
Saturday, May 4: 9.30am, 11.15am, 1.30pm, 3.15pm and 5.00pm;  
Sunday, May 5: 9.00am, 11.00am, 1.15pm and 3.15pm;  
Monday, May 6: ANOT Final – 9.00am, ANCT – 9.30am.

## 11 Playoff Qualifying Points

- 11.1 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player in the ANSSP or ANWSP as below:

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	24	18	12	6

- 11.2 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player in the ANOT as below:

Place	1	2	3
PQP	36	18	9

- 11.3 To be eligible for PQP, a player must have played in at least one-half of the matches in the relevant event.
- 11.4 Tied pairs and teams share the available points.

## Appendices

### Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

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)

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 at the director's discretion:

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

### Tie-breaking

Significant ties are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot.

### Anticipated Finishing Times

The following times are provided solely as a guide to players and may change depending on event formats and other circumstances:

Swiss Pairs	Friday, May 3, 6.15 pm
ANOT and ANRT	Sunday, May 5, 5.00 pm
ANCT	Monday, May 6, 4.30pm
ANOT Final	Monday, May 6, 5.30pm