

TASMANIAN FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2018

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1 General

- 1.1 The Tasmanian Festival of Bridge (TFOB) comprises four events: the Roger Penny Seniors Swiss Pairs (RPSSP), the TFOB Restricted Pairs (TFRP), the Island Matchpointed Swiss Pairs (IMSP) and the Australian Swiss Pairs (ASP). These events are conducted by the Tasmanian Bridge Association Incorporated (TBA) 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 Country Club Tasmania, Launceston, Tasmania.
- 1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the 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 inside the venue, nor within 3 metres of any external door. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.5 Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing room during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.6 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 5.3)
- 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 In all events, if the number of entrants is fewer than twice the number of rounds to be played, the modified Swiss format may be implemented (see Appendices). Alternatively, or in addition to, the TO may elect to combine fields in concurrently running events to ensure the efficacy of the movement and the validity of the competitions.
- 1.9 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, 2017, 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 Catherine Elliott.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Simon Edler.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Conveners are Simon Hinge (Thu-Fri) & Kim Morrison (Sat-Sun).
- 2.4 The Appeals Consultant is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representative is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.6 The Recorders are Dallas Cooper & Hilton Francis.

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 to play in the RPSSP, both players in the partnership must have been born before 1-1-59.
- 3.3 To be eligible to play in the TFRP, both players in the partnership must have fewer than 300 masterpoints as at 30-9-17.
- 3.4 Overseas players may apply to enter the TFRP only if they are eligible to play in events with similar criteria within their own NBO. Entry to any such event will only be granted after the applicant's eligibility has been verified. The TO's decision in respect to such eligibility is final and not subject to appeal.
- 3.5 A maximum of two substitutions per pair will be permitted. 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.
- 3.6 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. The conditions under which the "house contestant" competes 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 the RPSSP, the IMSP and the ASP. Only GREEN and BLUE systems will be permitted in the TFRP. YELLOW systems will not be allowed.
- 4.2 'Protected Pair' status may be claimed by eligible pairs in accordance with ABF System Regulation 2.9. 'Protected Pair' status may not be exercised by any pair at one of the top five tables in Matches 5 to 9 of the RPSSP or IMSP, or at one of the top 10 tables during Matches 7 to 10 of the ASP. 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.

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 regulations relating to smoking (1.4), consumption of alcohol (1.5) and mobile phones (1.6, 1.7) is 3 VPs.

6 Correction Period and Time of Appeal

- 6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) and time for lodging an Appeal against a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) for all preliminary matches expires 30 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection. The Correction Period and time for Appeal for the final match expires 15 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection.

7 Fouled Boards

- 7.1 In the RPSSP, TFRP and ASP, a fouled board is scored by:
 - (a) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (3-6 results) or four (more than 6 results) 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.
- 7.2 In the IMSP, a fouled board is scored as per ABF TR 11.
- 7.3 Where due to the fouling of multiple boards, direct comparisons are available on less than one-half the boards in the match, the match will be scored in accordance with ABF TR 13.1 (Fouled Boards), treating both units as non-offenders.

8 Ties

- 8.1 At the conclusion of each event, ties will be broken for first place in accordance with ABF TR 15, as detailed in the Appendices. Ties for other places will not be broken.

9 Event formats

9.1 **Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs** - The RPSSP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 9 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions.

9.1.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 9.1.2, 9.1.3 and 9.1.4. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF 9 board VP scale.

9.1.2 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.

9.1.3 If there are fewer than 24 tables entered in an event, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables.

9.1.4 If 24 or more tables enter an event:

- a) for Matches 1-3, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;
- b) for Matches 4-6, 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 7-9, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.

9.1.5 Daily starting times are:

Thursday, March 22, 11.00 am

Friday, March 23, 9.30 am

9.2 **TFOB Restricted Pairs** - The TFRP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 9 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions.

9.2.1 Scoring and session times will be the same as for the RPSSP.

9.3 **The Island Matchpointed Swiss Pairs** - The IMSP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 9 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions. Should there be fewer than 18 entries, a modified Swiss format will be utilised as described in the Appendices.

9.3.1 Each match will be scored using standard duplicate matchpoint scoring. Each pair's average percentage score for the match will be converted to Victory Points, using the VP scale in the Appendices.

9.3.2 Session times will be the same as for the RPSSP

9.4 **Australian Swiss Pairs Championship** - The ASP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 11 x 10 board matches, played over 4 sessions.

9.4.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 9.4.2 and 9.4.3. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF 7 board VP scale.

9.4.2 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.

- 9.4.3 a) For Matches 1-3, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;
 b) For Matches 4-6, 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 7-11, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.

- 9.4.4 Daily starting times are:
 Saturday, March 24, 10.00 am
 Sunday, March 25, 9.30 am

10 Playoff Qualifying Points

10.1 In the RPSSP, Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player as below:

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	24	18	12	6

10.1.1 To be eligible for PQP, each player must play at least 7 matches.

10.2 In the ASP, Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player as below:

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	32	24	16	8

10.2.1 To be eligible for PQP, each player must play at least 8 matches.

10.3 Tied pairs share the available points.

Appendices

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

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 and a slow play warning has previously been issued to a pair, the following penalties may be applied at the director's discretion:

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

