

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Australian Youth Championships (AYC) comprise:
Australian Youth Pairs (AYP) – January 10-11;
Australian Youth Teams (AYT) – January 12-13;
Australian Junior Team Selection (AJTS) – Phase 1, January 13-16, Phase 2, January 17;
Supplementary competitions – January 13-16.
These events are conducted by the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is Bruce Hall, ANU, Canberra, ACT.
- 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 and drinking of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the playing area at any time. The playing area is defined to also include any area set aside for score-up and/or the display of results. Contravention of this regulation may result in disciplinary score penalties and possible exclusion from the Championships.
- 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.
- 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 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 The ABF Youth Committee and those appointed to conduct the AYC reserve the right to regulate player behaviour and attire both in and around the playing rooms during the ABF Youth Week. This regulation applies both to sessions of play and periods between sessions. All participants are expected to treat others with courtesy appropriate to ABF tournaments.
- 1.8 The organisers will have the right to sanction players who abuse alcohol or other intoxicating drugs. This includes:

- players who present to playing sessions in an evident state of intoxication,
- players who present offensive behaviour as a result of being intoxicated in or around the playing area between sessions,
- players under 18 who consume alcohol or other intoxicants,
- any players who consume alcohol or other intoxicants in the playing area,
- players who provide alcohol to players under 18.

Sanctions for breaches of this code can include (but are not restricted to):

- removal from the session of play in question,
- suspension for one or more sessions of play,
- longer term suspension from Youth or other ABF events.

- 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, 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 David Thompson.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Phil Gue.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is David Thompson.
- 2.4 The ABF Youth Committee representative is Phil Gue.
- 2.5 The Recorder is Andy Hung.

3 Eligibility 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 Players in the AYP and AYT must have been born after 31-12-84.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the AJTS, a player must be eligible to represent Australia in international competition and have been born after 31-12-89.
- 3.4 In the AYT, each team must play as a unit for at least 66% of the rounds to be played (fractions rounded down).
- 3.5 In the AJTS Phase 1, each pair must play as a partnership in at least 14 of the 18 rounds.
- 3.6 No substitutes will be permitted in the Final of the AYP or in the AJTS Phase 2.
- 3.7 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 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

- 4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems are permitted without restriction.
- 4.2 BROWN STICKER conventions are only permitted in the AYP and AYT. Eligible pairs may claim “protected pair” status

5 Seating

- 5.1 Seating rights for each match will be determined by toss of a coin.

6 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties

- 6.1 The general provisions of ABF TR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
- 6.2 The disciplinary penalty for breach of regulations relating to smoking (1.4) and mobile phones (1.5, 1.6) is 3 VPs.

7 Correction Period and Time of Appeal

- 7.1 The period for correction of scores under Law 78C shall expire at the start of the first session on the following day of the AYC, with the following exceptions. The period for correction of scores for the current session and all prior sessions of the corresponding event shall expire 30 minutes after the posting of the scores for the session in the following instances:
- a) qualifying session 2 of the AYP;
 - b) the final session of the AYT (for corrections in the AYT affecting qualification to the AJTS);
 - c) the final session of AJTS Phase 1;
 - d) the final session of AJTS Phase 2.
- 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.

8 Fouled Boards

- 8.1 In Teams events, 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.

9 Event formats and Qualification

9.1 Australian Youth Pairs

- 9.1.1 **Qualifying** – 2 sessions of matchpoint pairs in one or two fields, depending on entries.
Final - The Final will consist of either 5 tables playing 6 boards against all other pairs or 6 tables playing 5 boards against all other pairs over two sessions.
Consolation(s) - The Consolation(s) will be conducted over the same number of rounds and boards as the Final. Withdrawals from and additional entrants to the Consolation(s) will be permitted.
- 9.1.2 Should a pair be unavailable to compete in the final for whatever reason, that pair shall be replaced by the next placed pair in the same field.
- 9.1.3 There will be a carryover to the Final only, based on the total matchpoint score obtained in the qualifying, according to the following formula:
$$C = (M * fp * ft) / (2 * qp * qt), - \text{rounded to the nearest 0.1 MPs}$$
where:

C = the pair's carryover score to the final in matchpoints
M = the pairs' total MP score in the qualifying
fp = the number of pairs in the final
ft = the value of a top in matchpoints in the final
qp = the number of pairs in the qualifying
qt = the value of a top in matchpoints in the qualifying

9.2 Australian Youth Teams

9.2.1 A round-robin will be played over 5 sessions.

For 7 or 8 teams, the format will be 8 x 16 board matches, with a bye if necessary.

For 9 or 10 teams, the format will be 9 x 14 board matches, with a bye if necessary.

For 11 or 12 teams, the format will be 11 x 12 board matches, with a bye if necessary.

For 13 or 14 teams, the format will be 13 x 10 board matches, with a bye if necessary.

For 15 or 16 teams, the format will be 15 x 8 board matches, with a bye if necessary.

9.2.2 The IMP result in each match will be converted to Victory Points, using the appropriate 2013 WBF Victory Point scale.

9.2.3 Teams with a bye will receive 10 VPs for that round.

9.2.4 The winner of the round-robin shall be the Australian Youth Teams Champion. Ties shall be broken by (i) number of wins; (ii) net IMPs; (iii) toss of coin.

9.2.5 The draw shall be made so that, as far as possible, teams eligible for the AJTS will be drawn to play against each other in the later rounds of this event.

9.3 Australian Junior Team Selection - Qualification

9.3.1 Prior to session 3 of the AYT, pairs eligible for the AJTS will be required to indicate whether they are contending. Pairs who indicate their intention to be contending are committed to participate in the AJTS should they so qualify. Qualifiers will be determined on the basis of results from the AYT. At the discretion of the CTD, which will be announced prior to the commencement of the AYT, results against teams of more than four players may not be counted in determining qualification if the CTD determines that relative playing strengths and/or excessive partnership variation may compromise the meaningfulness of results against that team or teams. In order to be eligible for qualification, both members of the partnership must have been born on or after 1-1-90, and both must satisfy the ABF residency requirements for international representation.

* Criterion 1: The six pairs from the three highest placed eligible teams shall qualify. Eligible teams shall be teams of four players, all of whom are eligible for qualification. At the conclusion of the AYT, qualifying teams must nominate the partnerships who will contest the AJTS.

* Criterion 2: In order to complete the field of 10 pairs, the four highest placed pairs who have not qualified via Criterion 1 will qualify to the AJTS. Ranking will be determined on the basis of Butler Datum results from the AYT, modified to take into account variations in standards of opponents. The formula to be used to calculate the Modified Datums is described in the appendices. To be eligible, they must satisfy the qualification eligibility requirements and the pair must have played as a partnership in all matches of the AYT, apart from matches in which substitutes were permitted in accordance with these regulations. To be eligible for qualification under this criterion, it is not necessary that the pair's teammates also be eligible for the AJTS.

9.3.2 Tie-breaks in qualifying – Ties for qualifying positions under Criterion 1 will be broken in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations, detailed in the appendices. Ties for qualifying positions under Criterion 2 will be broken by successively deleting the result obtained against each of the tying pairs' lowest-placed opponents.

9.3.3 Replacement of unavailable or withdrawing pairs – In the event of a qualifying pair being unavailable or withdrawing prior to the AJTS, they will be replaced by the next highest placed pair, based on the

modified Butler results. Should no such pair be available, the ABF Youth Committee or its representative can choose to fill the vacancy as they see fit.

- 9.3.4 **ABF Declaration of Availability** – Players in the AJTS Phase 1 must sign an ABF Declaration of Availability prior to the commencement of Phase 1. This will declare the player’s availability and agreement to play in the designated event(s) should he or she qualify to the Australian Junior Team. Should there be more than one designated event, the player must advise on the declaration of availability the events for which he/she will be available. Note that both partners must indicate availability for an event or the pair will be ineligible for that event. Any player failing to complete the Declaration of Availability prior to the commencement of AJTS Phase 1 will be deemed to have withdrawn from the event and that pair will be replaced by the next eligible pair.

9.4 **Australian Junior Team Selection Phase 1**

- 9.4.1 **Format** – If sufficient eligible entrants are available, then the format will be a 5-Table IMP-scored Pairs, with a double round-robin of 10-board matches. If fewer pairs are available, then they will be formed into a similar movement as determined by the CTD.
The draw will be balanced so that each pair has every other pair as teammates on the same number of boards. Teammates from the AYT will be drawn to play each other in the first match of each round-robin.
- 9.4.2 **Scoring** – Each pair’s score on a board is IMP’ed against the results at each of the other four tables. If the event has at least five tables, then each pair’s highest and lowest IMP scores are then discarded with the remaining sum being the pair’s score on that board. Otherwise, the sum of all of the pair’s IMP scores will be their score on the board.
- 9.4.3 **The WBF VP scale for 8-board matches** will be used after halving the IMP score determined under 9.4.2. As half-IMPs may be involved a modified scale which gives VP scores for half IMPs will be used.
- 9.4.4 **Fouled boards and artificial adjusted scores** will be scored using the method detailed in the appendices.
- 9.4.5 **Tie-breaks** – At the conclusion of Phase 1, ties shall be broken according to (in order):
i) number of wins (tie = half-win);
ii) total net IMPs;
iii) total score (in IMPs) of head-to-head matches;
iv) recalculating totals by successively deleting each tying pair’s worst result(s);
v) lot.

9.5 **Australian Junior Team Selection Phase 2**

9.5.1 **Format and Session Times**

Phase 2 will be played as an IMP-scored pairs event compared against a pre-determined datum on each board.

Phase 2

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| Session 1 | January 17 | 12.15 pm | 16 boards |
| Session 2 | January 17 | 3.20 pm | 16 boards |
| Session 3 | January 17 | 5.30 pm | 16 boards |

Pairs will be numbered 1 to 4 based on their standing after Phase 1. Seating will be as follows (the first numbered pair will sit NS):

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| Session 1 | Table 1 | 4 v 1 | Table 2 | 3 v 2 |
| Session 2 | Table 1 | 1 v 3 | Table 2 | 2 v 4 |
| Session 3 | Table 1 | 1 v 2 | Table 2 | 4 v 3 |

- 9.5.2 Phase 2 Qualification – At the conclusion of Phase 1, the pairs finishing in first and second place will qualify to the National Junior Team. The pairs finishing in third, fourth, fifth and sixth will proceed to Phase 2.
- 9.5.3 Phase 2 Carry-forward – Each pair in Phase 2 will carry forward a total of 75% of the respective VP differences from Phase 1, subject to the following restriction. Should the difference in carry-forward between the pair finishing third in Phase 1 and the pair finishing sixth in Phase 1 be greater than 20, then all pairs' carry-overs shall be multiplied by a factor of $20/(C_3-C_6)$, where C_3 is the original carry-forward of the third placed pair and C_6 is the original carry-forward of the sixth placed pair.
- 9.5.4 Scoring will be by IMPs, converted to WBF VPs on the 10-board scale.
- 9.5.5 At the conclusion of Phase 2, the highest ranked pair will qualify to the National Junior Team.
- 9.5.6 Tie-breaks in Phase 2 – At the conclusion of either Phase 2 ties shall be broken according to (in order):
 i) removal of carry-forward;
 ii) total score (in IMPs) of head-to-head matches in Phase 2;
 iii) total net IMPs in Phase 2;
 iv) lot.

Appendices

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

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

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| 0-5 mins | warning for first offence, then 1 VP for each subsequent offence |
| 5-10 mins | 1 VP |
| 10-15 mins | 2 VPs |
| 15-20 mins | 3 VPs |
| 20-30 mins | 5 VPs |

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 to both pairs:

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| One board | 1 VP |
| Subsequent boards | 2 VPs |

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:

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| First offence | warning |
| Subsequent offences | 1 VP per occasion |

Tie-breaking

Unless otherwise noted, significant ties in IMP scored events are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot.

Forfeits in IMP-scored events

In the case of a forfeit in the AYT, the offenders will be given a score of 0 VP.

The non-offending team's score will be adjusted, at the end of the event, to the highest of:

- 13 VPs,
- the mean VP score of the non-offending team for its completed matches, and
- the mean VP score of the opponents of the offending team in completed matches (not including forfeited matches of the offending team).

In the case of a forfeit in the AJTS Phase 1, the offenders will be given a score of 0 VP. The non-offending pair's score will be adjusted, at the end of the event, to the highest of:

- 13 VPs,
- the score of the non-offending pair in its other match against the offending pair,
- the mean VP score of the non-offending pair for its completed matches, and
- the mean VP score of the opponents of the offending pair in completed matches (not including forfeited matches of the offending pair).

Australian Junior Team Selection Qualifying: Modified Datums

For the AYT, the datum score on each board will be calculated by averaging the scores obtained after deleting the two extremes. Each pair's score will be compared to this score to obtain their net IMPs on the board. At the end of the match, the net IMPs for each pair will be totalled. The "Match Datum" will be calculated as the positive net IMPs to a maximum of +50, plus one-tenth of any IMPs in excess of 50, or, in the case of the "losing" pair, the negative net IMPs to a minimum of -50, minus one tenth of any IMPs in excess of 50.

In determining the Modified Datums, the following will be calculated for each pair:

CD_n = the Modified Datum of Pair n

MD_n = the total of all Match Datums of Pair n

AD_n = the average Match Datum of Pair n (equal to MD_n divided by the number of matches played by Pair n)

$$CD_n = MD_n + (AD_a/2 + AD_b/2 + \dots + AD_z/2)$$

where AD_a, AD_b, \dots are the average Match Datums of Pair n's opponents

Fouled boards and artificial adjusted scores in AJTS Phase 1

Where the Director awards an artificial adjusted score under Law 12C1:

- a pair awarded average plus shall score + 6 IMPs on the board;
- a pair awarded average shall score 0 IMPs on the board;
- a pair awarded average minus shall score - 6 IMPs on the board.

If a complete set of North-South or East-West scores are available, they will be scored normally, otherwise the following provisions will be applied to either or both of those sets accordingly.

For tables at which actual results were achieved:

Where an artificial score has been awarded at one table: Let the four tables under comparison be designated A, B, C and D and the table scores for those table be indicated by w_A, w_B, w_C and w_D . The (signed) IMP score for a pair at table A with respect to the result from table D (for example), will be designated $IMP(w_A, w_D)$. An artificial IMP score for each pair with hypothetical "average" teammates will be found from an arithmetic mean of the IMP scores for that pair with respect to the results from all four tables. Let the cross-IMP scores for the pairs at tables A through D be designated by x_A, x_B, x_C and x_D . The cross-IMP score for (for example) a pair at table A will be given by the sum of the middle two of the three normal and one artificial IMP score for that pair. Thus, x_A is the sum of the middle two of $IMP(w_A, w_B), IMP(w_A, w_C), IMP(w_A, w_D)$ and $(IMP(w_A, w_B) + IMP(w_A, w_C) + IMP(w_A, w_D)) / 4$.

Let the absolute average deviation of cross-IMP scores for (for example) the pair at table A be designated y_A and be the absolute value (magnitude) of the arithmetic mean of the differences between this cross-IMP score and the other three cross-IMP scores. Thus $y_A = ABS((x_A - x_B) + (x_A - x_C) + (x_A - x_D)) / 3$.

The final score to be applied at each table (z_n) is given by the formula, $z_n = x_n * s_n$, where s_n is the ratio of the minimum of the absolute average deviation for that pair and 24, and the minimum of 24 and the maximum of

the magnitudes of the average deviations for all four pairs. That is, $s_n = \text{MIN}(24, y_n) / \text{MIN}(24, \text{MAX}(y_A, y_B, y_C, y_D))$ which may take any value from 0 to 1 inclusive.

Where an artificial adjusted score has been awarded at two tables: the score achieved at each table will be IMP'ed against the score of the other two tables' at which a result was achieved. These two scores will be totalled and then multiplied by a factor of 0.75 to determine the IMP score to be applied for that table.

Where an artificial adjusted score has been awarded at three tables: the scores achieved at the two tables which played the board will be IMP'ed against each other. This score will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5 to determine the IMP score to be applied for those tables.

For each board on which the director awards an artificial adjusted score, the final adjusted IMPs for each pair at every table will be rounded to the nearest integer (0.5 rounded up, -0.5 rounded down).

Anticipated Finishing Times

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

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| AYP | Sunday, January 11, 5.30 pm |
| AYT | Tuesday, January 13, 5.30 pm |
| AJTS Phase 1 | Friday, January 16, 5.00pm |
| AJTS Phase 2 | Saturday, January 17, 7.00pm |