

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Australian Youth Championships (AYC) comprise:
Australian Youth Pairs (AYP) – January 4-5;
Australian Youth Teams (AYT) – January 6-7;
Australian Junior Team Selection (AJTS) – January 8-10;
Supplementary competitions – January 8-10.
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 Ibis Styles Canberra Eaglehawk Hotel, 1222 Federal Highway, Sutton, NSW.
- 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. 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, 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 Organisers are Edmond Lee, John Newman and Will Jenner-O'Shea.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Matthew McManus.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is Edmond Lee.
- 2.4 The ABF on-site representative is Edmond Lee.
- 2.5 The Recorder is Edmond Lee.

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 Final, AYT and AJTS Qualifying Stage must have been born on or after 1-1-85.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the AJTS Final, a player must be eligible to represent Australia in international competition, have been born on or after 1-1-95 and have declared themselves contending - see 9.3.1.
- 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 No substitutes will be permitted in the Finals of the AYP or AJTS.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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 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) session 2 of the AYP Qualifying and Final;
- b) the final session of the AYT;
- c) the final session of AJTS Qualifying and Final.

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 and Unplayable 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 where a single board is cancelled, a score of 3 IMPs is assigned for both sides.

8.2 In IMP scored Pairs events, where a single board is fouled, the assigned IMP score is 2 IMPs for both sides, with the exception of the AJTS Final when it is 3 IMPs.

8.3 In matchpoint events, where a single board is fouled, the assigned matchpoint score is 60% of the available matchpoints on the board awarded to both sides.

8.4 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.

8.5 For boards on which a result is unable to be obtained and the Director awards an artificial adjusted score of average plus, the provisions of 8.1 to 8.4 will apply.

8.6 In Swiss Pairs and Teams events, 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 15.1 (Forfeits), treating both units as non-offenders.

9 Event Formats

9.1 Australian Youth Pairs

- 9.1.1 Qualifying – 2 sessions of matchpoint pairs in a format decided by the CTD depending on entries.
- 9.1.2 Final - The Final over two sessions will consist of 5 tables playing 6 boards against all other pairs.
- 9.1.3 Consolation - The Consolation will be played in parallel with the Final in a format decided by the CTD.
- 9.1.4 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.
- 9.1.5 There will be a carryover to the Final only, based on the total matchpoint score obtained in the qualifying, according to the following formula:
$$C = (M * fp * ft) / (2 * qp * qt),$$
 – 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 For 9 or 10 teams, the format will be a round-robin of 9 x 10 board matches, with a bye if necessary. The IMP result in each match will be converted to Victory Points, using the appropriate WBF Victory Point scale.
- 9.2.2 Teams with a bye will receive 10 VPs for that round.

9.3 Australian Junior Team Selection (AJTS) - Qualifying

- 9.3.1 Prior to the commencement of the Qualifying Stage, 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. In addition, such pairs are committed to playing as a member of the Australian Under 26 Team in the World Youth Team Championships (Designated Target Event (ii) - see 10.2) should they qualify. Except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the ABF Management Committee, any player who, after qualifying to the Australian Under 26 Team, subsequently withdraws is not eligible to play on any other Australian Representative team at the World Youth Team Championships and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 9.3.2 The Qualifying Stage will consist of a two session IMP scored pairs event. Entrants will be seeded into NS and EW fields with a similar number of contending pairs in each. The format will be 10 x 5 board rounds with each board scored against a datum, calculated as the average of all scores eliminating the highest and lowest NS scores. Scoring will be by net IMPs. The top four contending pairs in each direction will qualify to the AJTS Final. There will be a carry-over to the Final. The highest placed contending pair will carry-over 9 VPs (IMPs), second highest placed contending pair 6 VPs, third 3 VPs and fourth 0 VPs. The remaining pairs will qualify to the Consolation.
- 9.3.3 Tie-breaks in qualifying – Ties for qualifying positions will be broken in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations, detailed in the appendices.

9.3.4 Replacement of unavailable or withdrawing pairs – In the event of a qualifying pair being unavailable or withdrawing prior to the AJTS Final, they will be replaced by the next highest placed pair in their field.

9.4 Australian Junior Team Selection (AJTS) - Final

9.4.1 Format – A complete round-robin of 16 board matches. Multiple arrow-switches will be used, so as to provide perfect balance each round as well as overall.

9.4.2 Scoring – Scoring will be by standard cross-IMPs. Each pair's score on a board will be compared with the score at every table and the sum of the IMPs generated will be divided by 4. The total IMPs for each match will be converted to VPs with VPs equal to IMPs to a maximum 32 and a minimum of -40.

9.4.3 Tie-breaks – At the conclusion of the AJTS, ties shall be broken according to (in order):
i) number of wins (0 VPs = half-win);
ii) total IMPs;
iii) score of the head-to-head match;
iv) recalculating totals by successively deleting each tying pair's worst result(s);
v) lot.

10 Qualification

10.1 The six highest placed pairs in the AJTS Final will qualify to the Australian Youth Squad.

10.2 The Designated Target Events are:

- i) the APBF Under 26 Youth Teams to be held in Perth from April 17-22, 2020;
- ii) the Jaime Ortiz-Patino Trophy at the World Youth Bridge Teams Championships to be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, from July 31- August 9, 2020.

10.3 Subject to completion of requirements set by the ABF Youth Co-ordinator and ratification by the ABF Management Committee, the three highest placed pairs in the AJTS will be offered places in the Australian Junior Team. In order to accept a place in the team, both members of the partnership must declare their availability to play in the Designated Target Event and acceptance of the various regulations as listed in 10.4.

10.4 ABF International Representative Players' Charter

http://www.abf.com.au/about/docs/Representative_Bridge_Players_Charter.pdf

WBF Eligibility Regulations

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/eligibility-regulations/>

WBF Anti-Doping Regulations

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/anti-doping-regulations/>

WBF Dress Code

<http://db.worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/official-documents/Policies/WBFDressCode.pdf>

WBF Disciplinary Code

<http://db.worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/official-documents/Policies/WBFDisciplinaryCode.pdf>

WBF Anti-Betting Regulations

<http://db.worldbridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/official-documents/Policies/WBFAntiBettingRegulations.pdf>

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:

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

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:

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 Final, the offenders will be given a score of -40 VP.

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

- 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).

Calculation of multiple Average Plus awards during a session or match

Where the Laws require the Director to award an artificial adjusted score of average plus on more than one board in a session or match (as in the case of fouled or otherwise unplayable boards), the score awarded per board shall be:

IMP scored Teams events: an IMP score of $3\sqrt{N}/N$

IMP scored Pairs events: an IMP score of $2\sqrt{N}/N$

Matchpoint scored events: a percentage score equal to $50 + 10\sqrt{N}/N$

where N is the number of unplayable boards.

In IMP scored events, the net IMPs in a match assigned due to these formulas will be rounded to the nearest IMP (0.5 IMPs rounded up).

In matches with multiple fouled boards resulting in the number of direct comparisons available being fewer than one half the number of boards, the match will be scored as a forfeit treating both units as non-offending. Forfeited matches are scored as 13 VPs for each side (assuming a 20 point VP scale is being used). Further adjustments at the end of the event may be appropriate in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulation 15. (<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFTournamentRegs2017.pdf>)

The following table lists the IMPs/percentage to be assigned for each successive board in the case of multiple average plus boards:

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	IMPs assigned (Teams)	IMPs assigned (Pairs)	Percentage assigned (matchpoints)
1	3	2	60.00
2	1	1	54.14
3	1	0	53.18
4	1	1	52.68
5	1	0	52.36
6	0	1	52.13
7	1	0	51.97
8	0	1	51.82
9	1	0	51.72
10	0	0	51.62