

Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival (CIB)

SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS 2017

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ABBREVIATIONS (frequently used)

1. RBMSP = Royal Bluebell Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
2. SONRMSP = Spider Orchid Novice & Restricted Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
3. GWOT = Golden Wattle Open Teams
4. SWNRTP = Silver Wattle Novice & Restricted Triathlon Pairs
5. CBSP = Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs
6. FRNRSP = Federation Rose Novice & Restricted Swiss Pairs

1. GENERAL

The Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival (CIB) comprises six events, viz. (i) the Royal Bluebell Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (RBMSP), (ii) the Spider Orchid Novice & Restricted Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (SONRMSP), (iii) the Golden Wattle Open Teams, (iv) the Silver Wattle Novice & Restricted Triathlon Pairs (SWNRTP), (v) the Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs (CBSP), and (vi) the Federation Rose Novice & Restricted Swiss Pairs (FRNRSP). The tournament is conducted by the Bridge Federation of the Australian Capital Territory (BFACT) under the auspices of the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABFTR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.

- 1.2 **Venue.** The venue is the convention area of Thoroughbred Park, 1 Randwick Road, Lyneham, 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 has been 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.** Smoking is not permitted inside the venue, nor within any area defined by the TO as a non-smoking area, nor in any area defined as “no smoking” by ACT law. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (clause 5.3). The use of electronic cigarettes is not permitted.

1.5 **Electronic communication equipment**

1.5.1 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty after one warning (clause 5.3).

1.5.2 Mobile telephones, iPads and other electronic communication equipment may not be consulted or used during the session, unless a specific exception is granted by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD). Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (clause 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.

1.6 Expressions used in these Supplementary Regulations and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017). 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 ABFTR shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Regulations.

2. OFFICIALS

2.1 The Tournament Organiser is John Brockwell.

2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is John McIlrath. The Deputy Director is Bruce Crossman.

2.3 The Chief Scorer is John McIlrath.

2.4 The Tournament Sub-Committee Chairman (and Convenor) is John Brockwell.

2.5 The Appeals Committee Chairman (and Convenor) is Ian Robinson.

2.6 The Appeals Advisor is Richard Brightling.

2.7 The ABF on-site representative is Roy Nixon.

2.8 The Recorder is John Brockwell.

2.9 The Tournament Technical Advisor is Jane Rasmussen.

2.10 The Floor Manager is John Hemenstall.

2.11 The Transport Officer is John Hemenstall.

2.12 The CIB Treasurer is John Yoon.

3. ELIGIBILITY, SUBSTITUTION AND HOUSE CONTESTANTS

3.1 **Eligibility.**

3.1.1 At the time of commencement of the tournament, 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. Entrants from overseas will be or will become honorary members of the ABF Foreign Players Club.

3.1.2 *Novice & Restricted.* To be eligible to compete in Novice divisions, a player must hold <100 masterpoints at 30 June 2017. To be eligible to compete in Restricted divisions, a player must hold <300 masterpoints at 30 June 2017.

3.2 *Substitution.*

3.2.1 A substitute or substitutes may be allowed, for cause not convenience, with the prior approval of the CTD for a maximum of 24 boards in the RBMSP and the SONRMSP, and for a maximum of 30 boards in the GWOT, the SWNRTP, the CBSP and the FRNRSP.

3.2.2 In the SONRMSP, the SWNRTP and the FRNRSP, a substitute should be a player with <100 masterpoints for Novice Divisions or with <300 masterpoints for Restricted divisions at 30 June 2017.

3.2.3 Notwithstanding clauses 3.2.1 and 3.2.2, the CTD may allow emergency substitutions for substantial cause and may impose any conditions in doing so. In extreme emergency, the CTD may take whatever other action is considered necessary to keep the tournament in motion.

3.3 *House contestants.*

3.3.1 The TO may nominate a “house contestant” pair or team to compete in any CIB 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 ABFTR 1.9, be at the discretion of the TO.

3.3.2 With two exceptions, house contestants are regarded as genuine competitors. Their scores are counted for the purposes of making draws and allocating rankings and they are eligible for the award of masterpoints. The exceptions are (i) that house contestants pay no entry fee and (ii) that they are not eligible to win trophies or medallions.

4. SYSTEMS

4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted throughout the tournament.

4.2 YELLOW systems are not permitted in any CIB event.

5. DISCIPLINARY AND PROCEDURAL PENALTIES

5.1 In all CIB events, disciplinary and/or procedural penalties are included in the overall ranking, but the draw is determined by the scores excluding penalties.

5.2 The general provisions of ABFTR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play shall apply. The table of penalties is listed in Appendix 1.

5.3 Where applicable, the disciplinary penalty for breach of regulations relating to smoking (1.4) and electronic communication equipment (1.5) is 3 VPs.

6. SEATING

- 6.1 **RBMSP, SONRMSP, CBSP, SWNRTP, FRNRSP.** The seating for pairs events is determined by the draw.
- 6.2 **GWOT.** Team captains toss for seating rights. The captain winning the toss may elect to sit first or second.

7. CORRECTION PERIOD AND TIME OF APPEAL

- 7.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for all matches expires 30 minutes after the scores have been made available for inspection or at the start of the next round, whichever is later. The CTD has the discretion to alter the correction period after giving notice to the players of his intention.
- 7.2 The time for lodging an Appeal against a director's ruling (Law 92B) for all matches expires 30 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the match in which the ruling was made or at the start of the next round, whichever is later.
- 7.3 Errors in scoring made by CIB officials may be corrected up until a time deemed appropriate by the TO.

8. FOULED BOARDS

- 8.1 **RBMSP, SONRMSP.** A fouled board will be scored as two entities.
- 8.2 **CBSP, FRNRSP.** A fouled board will be scored as two entities, and two datums will be assigned by removing the top 10% and the bottom 10% of scores from each entity. Where, in the sole judgement of the Chief Scorer (CS), such procedure produces an inequitable result, either or both entities of the board shall be cancelled and each affected pair shall be awarded 2 IMPs. The judgement of the CS in such circumstances is not subject to appeal.
- 8.3 **GWOT.** If a fouling is detected before any of the four pairs has left the table at the conclusion of the match and if time permits, a substitute board will be played. Otherwise, the board will be cancelled and each team will be awarded 3 IMPs.
- 8.4 **SWNRTP.** The SWNRTP will be played in 3 segments (see 11.4). A fouled board in segment 1 (matchpoints) will be dealt with as in 8.1. A fouled board in segment 2 (Swiss pairs) will be dealt with as in 8.2. A fouled board in segment 3 (total points) will be cancelled at all tables and there will be no substitute board.

9. TIMETABLE

- 9.1 **RBMSP/SONRMSP** (seven 8-board rounds)

Friday 29 September

10.00-11.00	Round 1	Boards 1-8
11.05-12.05	Round 2	Boards 9-16
12.10-1.10	Round 3	Boards 17-24
1.10-1.55	Lunch break	
1.55-2.55	Round 4	Boards 1-8
3.00-4.00	Round 5	Boards 9-16
4.05-5.05	Round 6	Boards 17-24

5.10-6.05 Round 7 Boards 25-32

9.2 GWOT (nine 10-board rounds)

Saturday 30 September

9.30-10.45 Round 1 Boards 1-10
10.50-12.05 Round 2 Boards 11-20
12.10-1.20 Round 3 Boards 21-30
1.20-2.00 Lunch break
2.00-3.15 Round 4 Boards 1-10
3.20-4.35 Round 5 Boards 11-20
4.40-5.50 Round 6 Boards 21-30

Sunday 1 October 2017

9.30-10.45 Round 7 Boards 1-10
10.50-12.05 Round 8 Boards 11-20
12.10-1.20 Round 9 Boards 21-30

9.3 SWNRTP* (nine 10-board rounds)

Saturday 30 September

**Segment A (matchpoints)*

9.30-10.45 Round 1 Boards 1-10
10.50-12.05 Round 2 Boards 11-20
12.10-1.20 Round 3 Boards 21-30
1.20-2.00 Lunch break

**Segment B (Swiss pairs)*

2.00-3.15 Round 4 Boards 1-10
3.20-4.35 Round 5 Boards 11-20
4.40-5.50 Round 6 Boards 21-30

Sunday 1 October 2017

**Segment C (total points)*

9.30-10.45 Round 7 Boards 1-10
10.50-12.05 Round 8 Boards 11-20
12.10-1.20 Round 9 Boards 21-30

9.4 C BSP/FRNRSP (eight 10-board rounds)

Sunday 1 October 2017

2.45-4.00 Round 1 Boards 1-10
4.05-5.20 Round 2 Boards 11-20
5.25-6.35 Round 3 Boards 21-30

Monday 2 October

9.30-10.45 Round 4 Boards 1-10
10.50-12.05 Round 5 Boards 11-20
12.10-1.20 Round 6 Boards 21-30
1.20-2.00 Lunch break Lunch break
2.00-3.15 Round 7 Boards 1-10
3.20-4.30 Round 8 Boards 11-20
4.40-5.30 Presentations & hospitality

10. PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS

Playoff Qualifying Points will not be awarded for any event in the 2017 CIB.

11. EVENT FORMATS

11.1 RBMSP

11.1.1 The RBMSP is an open event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Open, Country. The entry fee is \$100 per pair. A cash prize will be awarded to the outright winner. Medallions will be awarded to the winners of the Open and Country divisions.

11.1.2 Seeding. The field will be ranked according to the combined masterpoints (at 30 June 2017) of each pair.

11.1.3 The RBMSP will be played over seven 8-board rounds.

11.1.4 Scoring. The event will be scored by matchpoints. For each pair, total matchpoints won during each 8-board round will be expressed as a percentage and then converted to VPs according to the scale shown in Appendix 2.

11.1.5 Draw. The draw for round 1 will be (pair) 1 *vs* (pair) $n/2+1$, (pair) 2 *vs* (pair) $n/2+2$, and so on (where n = the number of pairs in the field). The draws for subsequent rounds will be according to standard Swiss principles. Where there is a tie in standings, it will be broken according to 12.1.

11.2 SONRMSP

11.2.1 The SONRMSP is a restricted event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Novice, Restricted. The entry fee is \$100 per pair. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Novice and Restricted divisions. Medallions will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of the Restricted and Novice divisions.

11.2.2 Other regulations specific to the SONRMSP are analogous to those for the RBMSP (see 11.1.2. through 11.1.5).

11.3 GWOT

11.3.1 The GWOT is an open event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Open, Country. The entry fee is \$320 per team. A cash prize will be awarded to the outright winner. Medallions will be awarded to the winners of the Open and Country divisions.

11.3.2 Seeding. The field will be ranked according to the combined masterpoints (at 30 June 2017) of each team.

11.3.3 The GWOT will be played over nine 10-board rounds.

11.3.4 Scoring. Net IMPs in each match will be converted to VPs according to the scale shown in Appendix 3.

11.3.5 Draw. The draw for round 1 will be (team) 1 *vs* (team) $n/2+1$, (team) 2 *vs* (team) $n/2+2$, and so on (where n = the number of teams in the field). The draws for subsequent rounds will be according to standard Swiss principles. Where there is a tie in standings, it will be broken according to clause 12.1.

11.4 SWNRTP

11.4.1 The SWNRTP is a restricted event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Novice, Restricted. The event will comprise 3 segments, *viz.* matchpoints — rounds 1-3, Swiss pairs — rounds 4-6, total points — rounds 7-9. The entry fee is \$160 per pair. Players may

choose to play in fewer than 3 segments; the entry fee for those that do so is \$80 per pair per segment. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Novice and Restricted divisions. Modest cash prizes will be awarded to the outright winner of each segment. Medallions will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of the Novice and Restricted divisions.

11.4.2 Seeding. The field will be ranked according to the combined masterpoints (at 30 June 2017) of each pair.

11.4.3 The SWNRTP will be played over nine 10-board rounds; i.e. 3 rounds per segment.

11.4.4 Scoring. (i) Segment 1 will be scored by IMPs. Net IMPs in each match will be converted to VPs according to the scale shown in Appendix 4. (ii) Segment 2 will be scored by matchpoints. Total matchpoints won during each 10-board round will be expressed as a percentage and then converted to VPs according to the scale shown in Appendix 2. (iii) Segment 3 will be scored by total points.

Placing points will be allocated for each segment as follows: 1st 12, 2nd 10, 3rd 9, 4th 8, 5th 7, 6th 6, 7th 5, 8th 4, 9th 3, 10th 2, 11th through 15th 1. The sum of placing points for the 3 segments will determine progressive and final placings.

11.4.5 Draw. The draw for round 1 will be (pair) 1 vs (pair) $n/2+1$, (pair) 2 vs (pair) $n/2+2$, and so on (where n = the number of pairs in the field).

The top half of the draw for round 2 will be (pair) 1 vs (pair) $n/2+1$, (pair) 2 vs (pair) $n/2+2$, and so on (where n = the number of pairs in the top half of the field). A similar principle will be used to make the bottom half of the draw for round 2.

The draws for subsequent rounds will be made on Swiss principles delayed for one round and will be based on placing points. Thus, the draw for round 3 will be based on placing points won in round 1, the draw for round 4 will be based on the sum of placing points won in rounds 1 and 2, and so on.

Where there is a tie in standings, it will be broken according to 12.1.

11.5 CBSP

11.5.1 The CBSP is an open event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Open, Country. The entry fee is \$120 per pair. A cash prize will be awarded to the outright winner. Medallions will be awarded to the winners of the Open and Country divisions.

11.5.2 Seeding. The field will be ranked according to the combined masterpoints (at 30 June 2017) of each pair.

11.5.3 The CBSP will be played over eight 10-board rounds.

11.5.4 Scoring. Scoring will be scored by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 11.5.4.1 or 11.5.4.2. The datum will be the arithmetic mean (rounded to the closest 10) of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest and lowest $x/10$ scores (0.5 rounded up), where x = the total number of scores. Net IMPs in a match will be converted to VPs according to the scale shown in Appendix 4.

11.5.4.1 If there are <24 tables, the datum will be calculated from the scores at all tables.

11.5.4.2 If there are ≥ 24 tables: (i) for matches 1-3, the datum will be calculated from the scores at all tables; (ii) for matches 4-6, the datum will be calculated from the scores from the top $n/2$ tables (0.5 rounded up), where n = the number of tables in play; (iii) for matches 7-8, the datum will be calculated from the scores at the top 12 tables.

11.5.5 Draw. The draw for round 1 will be (pair) 1 vs (pair) $n/2+1$, (pair) 2 vs (pair) $n/2+2$, and so on (where n = the number of pairs in the field). The draws for subsequent rounds will be according to standard Swiss principles. Where there is a tie in standings, it will be broken according to clause 12.1.

11.6. FRNRSP

11.6.1 The FRNRSP is a restricted event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Restricted, Novice. The entry fee is \$120 per pair. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Novice and Restricted divisions. Medallions will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of the Novice and Restricted divisions.

11.6.2 Other regulations specific to the FRNRSP are analogous to those for the CBSP — see 11.5.2. through 11.5.5.

12. TIES

12.1 For the purpose of making draws, a tie in standings will be broken by deeming the higher-ranked pair to be of higher standing. Otherwise, ties will not be broken.

12.2 Ties for final placings will be broken as follows: (i) in the RBMSP and the SONRMSP — by mean matchpoint scores for the 8 rounds, if still tied by head-to-head result, if still tied by lot; (ii) in the GWOT, CBSP and FRNRSP — by the mean of opponents' VP scores, if still tied by lot; in the SWNRTP — by the number of first placings in the 9 rounds, if still tied by the number of second placings in the 9 rounds, if still tied by the number of third placings in the 9 rounds, if still tied by lot.

12.3 Ties will not be broken for the purpose of allocation of gold masterpoints.

13. APPENDIX 1

Penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play

0-5 min. Warning for first offence, then 1 VP for each subsequent offence

5-10 min. 1 VP

10-15 min. 2 VPs

15-20 min. 3 VPs

20-30 min. 5 VPs

For late arrival exceeding 30 min., the CTD may assess a more severe penalty including forfeiture of the match and/or disqualification from the event.

If 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

Subsequent boards 2 VPs

14. APPENDIX 2 Conversion scale — matchpoints to VPs (7-10 boards)

%	VPs	%	VPs	%	VPs	%	VPs
30.0	0.00	40.0	4.00	50.0	10.00	60.0	16.00
30.5	0.20	40.5	4.20	50.5	10.33	60.5	16.20
31.0	0.40	41.0	4.40	51.0	10.67	61.0	16.40
31.5	0.60	41.5	4.60	51.5	11.00	61.5	16.60
32.0	0.80	42.0	4.80	52.0	11.33	62.0	16.80
32.5	1.00	42.5	5.00	52.5	11.67	62.5	17.00
33.0	1.20	43.0	5.33	53.0	12.00	63.0	17.20
33.5	1.40	43.5	5.67	53.5	12.33	63.5	17.40
34.0	1.60	44.0	6.00	54.0	12.67	64.0	17.60
34.5	1.80	44.5	6.33	54.5	13.00	64.5	17.80
35.0	2.00	45.0	6.67	55.0	13.33	65.0	18.00
35.5	2.20	45.5	7.00	55.5	13.67	65.5	18.20
36.0	2.40	46.0	7.33	56.0	14.00	66.0	18.40
36.5	2.60	46.5	7.67	56.5	14.33	66.5	18.60
37.0	2.80	47.0	8.00	57.0	14.67	67.0	18.80
37.5	3.00	47.5	8.33	57.5	15.00	67.5	19.00
38.0	3.20	48.0	8.67	58.0	15.20	68.0	19.20
38.5	3.40	48.5	9.00	58.5	15.40	68.5	19.40
39.0	3.60	49.0	9.33	59.0	15.60	69.0	19.60
39.5	3.80	49.5	9.67	59.5	15.80	69.5	19.80
						70.0	20.00

15. APPENDIX 3 Conversion scale — IMPs to VPs — Swiss teams (10 boards)

IMP difference	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs	IMP difference	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs
0	10.00	10.00	25	16.97	3.03
1	10.39	9.61	26	17.16	2.84
2	10.77	9.23	27	17.34	2.66
3	11.14	8.86	28	17.51	2.49
4	11.50	8.50	29	17.68	2.32
5	11.85	8.15	30	17.84	2.16
6	12.18	7.82	31	18.00	2.00
7	12.51	7.49	32	18.15	1.85
8	12.83	7.17	33	18.30	1.70
9	13.14	6.86	34	18.44	1.56
10	13.43	6.57	35	18.58	1.42
11	13.72	6.28	36	18.71	1.29

12	14.00	6.00	37	18.84	1.16
13	14.28	5.72	38	18.97	1.03
14	14.54	5.46	39	19.10	0.90
15	14.80	5.20	40	19.22	0.78
16	15.05	4.95	41	19.33	0.67
17	15.29	4.71	42	19.44	0.56
18	15.52	4.48	43	19.55	0.45
19	15.75	4.25	44	19.66	0.34
20	15.97	4.03	45	19.76	0.24
21	16.18	3.82	46	19.86	0.14
22	16.39	3.61	47	19.96	0.04
23	16.59	3.41	48+	20.00	0.00
24	16.78	3.22			

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