

# Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival (CIB)

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### ABBREVIATIONS (frequently used)

RBMSP = Royal Bluebell Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

SONRMSP = Spider Orchid Novice & Restricted Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

GWOT = Golden Wattle Open Teams

CBSP = Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs

FRNRSP = Federation Rose Novice & Restricted Swiss Pairs

### 1. General

- 1.1** The Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival (CIB) comprises five 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 Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs (CBSP), and (v) 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** The venue is the Gungahlin Club, 51 Hinder Street, Gungahlin, 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 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 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).
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 The TO may grant permission for still or moving photographs to be taken during the course of the event. Players may only refuse to be photographed for religious or cultural reasons deemed valid by the TO or CTD.
- 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 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 Justine Beaumont.
- 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 Appeals Committee Convener is David Hoffman.
- 2.5 The Appeals Consultant is Ian Thomson.
- 2.6 The ABF on-site representative is Roy Nixon.
- 2.7 The Recorder is John Brockwell.
- 2.8 The Floor Manager is John Hempenstall.
- 2.9 The Transport Officer is John Hempenstall.
- 2.10 The CIB Treasurer is John Yoon.

## **3. Eligibility, Substitution and House Contestants**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 All players must individually meet the eligibility criteria to compete in events. This includes

those events where players must be under the stated masterpoint range or age as of the dates specified. Masterpoints earned in another NCBO, irrespective of whether they have been transferred, shall be included for the purpose of determining a player's eligibility.

- 3.3 Overseas players may apply to enter events restricted by masterpoint status 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.
- 3.4 To be eligible to compete in Novice divisions, a player must hold <100 masterpoints at 30 June 2018. To be eligible to compete in Restricted divisions, a player must hold <300 masterpoints at 30 June 2018.
- 3.5 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 CBSP and the FRNRSP.
- 3.6 In the SONRMSP, 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 2018.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 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 and BLUE systems are permitted in all events.
- 4.2 RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted only in the RBMSB, GWOT and CBSP.
- 4.3 In the GWOT, '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 event
- 4.4 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 and 1.6) is 3 VPs.

## **6. Seating**

**6.1** Should the need arise, seating rights for each match will be determined by toss of a coin.

## **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 and Unplayable Boards**

**8.1** In the IMP-scored 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) proceeding as per 8.2 or 8.5 below.

**8.2** In the IMP-scored Swiss Pairs events, at a table where an artificial adjusted score is awarded on a single board, the assigned IMP score is 2 IMPs for both sides.

**8.3** In the Teams event, 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.

**8.4** 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.

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

**8.6** 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.

**8.7** 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. Timetable**

**9.1** **RBMS/SONRMSP** (six 10-board rounds)

*Friday 28 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 1-10
1.20-2.00	Lunch break	
2.00-3.15	Round 4	Boards 11-20
3.20-4.35	Round 5	Boards 1-10
4.40-5.50	Round 6	Boards 11-20

## 9.2 **GWOT** (nine 10-board rounds)

### Saturday 29 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 1-20
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 1-10

### Sunday 30 September

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 1-10

## 9.3 **CBSP/FRNRSP** (eight 10-board rounds)

### Sunday 30 September

2.15-3.25	Round 1	Boards 1-10
3.30-4.40	Round 2	Boards 11-20
4.45-5.55	Round 3	Boards 1-20

### Monday 1 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 1-20
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**

10.1 Playoff Qualifying Points will not be awarded for any event in the 2018 CIB.

## 11. **Event Formats**

### 11.1 **RBMS**

11.1.1 The RBMS 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 2018) of each pair.

11.1.3 The RBMS will be played over six 10-board rounds.

11.1.4 **Scoring.** The event will be scored by matchpoints. For each pair, 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 the Appendices.

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 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 the Appendices.

**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 CBSP**

**11.4.1** 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.

**11.4.2 *Seeding.*** The field will be ranked according to the combined masterpoints of each pair.

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

**11.4.4 *Scoring.*** Scoring will be scored by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 11.4.4.1 or 11.4.4.2.

**11.4.4.1** 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 the Appendices.

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

**11.4.4.3** If there are  $\geq 24$  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.

**11.4.5** 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.

## **11.5 FRNRSP**

- 11.5.1** 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.
- 11.5.2** Other regulations specific to the FRNRSP are analogous to those for the CBSP — see 11.4.2. through 11.4.4.

## **12. Ties**

- 12.1** For the purpose of making draws, a tie in standings will be broken according to the algorithm of the scoring program.
- 12.2** For prizes only, ties 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;
- 12.3** Ties will not be broken for the purpose of allocation of gold masterpoints.

## APPENDICES

### Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

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

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)

Should the players leave the table, when they have failed to enter one or more scores into the scoring unit or when 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

### Modified Swiss format

In Swiss Pairs or Swiss Teams events where the number of entrants is fewer than twice the number of rounds to be played, a round-robin or modified Swiss format will be implemented.

If the numbers are appropriate, a full round robin movement will be implemented, with the possibility of a round or rounds to determine final placings.

Otherwise, a normal Swiss movement will be used up to and including Round  $n/2 + 1$  (even number of rounds) or Round  $(n+1)/2$  (odd number of rounds). In subsequent rounds, the Swiss movement continues with all scores retained. A unit may play another unit which it previously played in Rounds 1 to  $n/2$  (even number of rounds) or Rounds 1 to  $(n-1)/2$  (odd number of rounds). "n" represents the number of rounds in the event.

Examples:

\* 8 rounds – standard Swiss up to and including the draw for Round 5. In rounds 6, 7 and 8, the Swiss draw continues, but units may play a unit previously played in Rounds 1-4.

\* 9 rounds – standard Swiss up to and including the draw for Round 5. In rounds 6, 7, 8 and 9, the Swiss draw continues, but units may play a unit previously played in Rounds 1-4.

### Conversion scale — Matchpoints to VPs (RBMSP, SONRMSP)

Where x is the pair's average percentage for the round (rounded to 2 decimal places - 0.005 rounded up):

Where x is greater than 70.0:  $VP = 20$

Where x is between 57.5 and 70.0:  $VP = (x-20)*2/5$

Where x is between 42.5 and 57.5:  $VP = (x-35)*2/3$

Where x is between 30.0 and 42.5:  $VP = (x-30)*2/5$

Where x is less than 30.0:  $VP = 0$



**Conversion scale — IMPs to VPs — (Swiss Teams - GWOT)**

<b>IMP difference</b>	<b>Winner's VPs</b>	<b>Loser's VPs</b>	<b>IMP difference</b>	<b>Winner's VPs</b>	<b>Loser's VPs</b>
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			

**Conversion scale — IMPs to VPs — (Swiss Pairs - CBSP, FRNRSP )**

<b>IMP difference</b>	<b>Winner's VPs</b>	<b>Loser's VPs</b>	<b>IMP difference</b>	<b>Winner's VPs</b>	<b>Loser's VPs</b>
0	10.00	10.00	21	16.99	3.01
1	10.47	9.53	22	17.21	2.79
2	10.92	9.08	23	17.42	2.58
3	11.35	8.65	24	17.62	2.38
4	11.77	8.23	25	17.82	2.18
5	12.18	7.82	26	18.01	1.99
6	12.57	7.43	27	18.19	1.81
7	12.94	7.06	28	18.36	1.64
8	13.31	6.69	29	18.53	1.47
9	13.65	6.35	30	18.69	1.31
10	13.99	6.01	31	18.85	1.15
11	14.32	5.68	32	19.00	1.00
12	14.63	5.37	33	19.15	0.85
13	14.93	5.07	34	19.29	0.71
14	15.22	4.78	35	19.43	0.57
15	15.50	5.50	36	19.56	0.44
16	15.78	4.22	37	19.68	0.32
17	16.04	3.96	38	19.80	0.20
18	16.29	3.71	39	19.92	0.08
19	16.53	3.47	40 +	20.00	0.00
20	16.77	3.23			

### 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/percentages 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

### Anticipated Finishing Times

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

RBMSP/SONRMSP            Friday, September 28, 5.50 pm  
GWOT                           Saturday, September 29, 1.20 pm  
CBSP/FRNRSP               Monday, October 1, 4.30 pm