

Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival (CIB)

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2019

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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. CBSP = Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs
5. FRNRSP = Federation Rose Novice & Restricted Swiss Pairs
6. V&JBMT = Val & John Brockwell Mixed Teams

1 General

- 1.1 The Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival (CIB) comprises six events:
 - (i) Royal Bluebell Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (RBMSP),
 - (ii) Spider Orchid Novice & Restricted Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (SONRMSP),
 - (iii) Golden Wattle Open Teams (GWOT),
 - (iv) Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs (CBSP),
 - (v) Federation Rose Novice & Restricted Swiss Pairs (FRNRSP),
 - (vi) Val & John Brockwell Mixed Teams (V&JBMT).
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The venue is the function area of Gungahlin Club, 51 Hinder Street, Gungahlin, ACT.
- 1.4 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.

- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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).
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 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
- 1.9 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 Andrew Spooner.
- 2.3 The Chief Scorer is John McIlrath.
- 2.4 The Tournament Sub-Committee Chairman (and Convenor) is Ian Thomson.
- 2.5 The Appeals Committee Chairman (and Convenor) is David Hoffman.
- 2.6 The Appeals Advisor is Ian Thomson.
- 2.7 The ABF on-site representative is Roy Nixon.
- 2.8 The Recorder is John Brockwell.
- 2.9 The Floor Manager is John Hemenstall.
- 2.10 The Transport Officer is John Hemenstall.
- 2.11 The CIB Treasurer is Julia Leung.

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 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 for the SONRMSP or FRNRSP,
 - i) each member of the pair or team must have fewer than 300 masterpoints as at 30-6-19;
 - ii) a player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction as the SONRMSP or FRNRSP or higher. Notwithstanding, a player who has already entered either event at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible.
- 3.5 To be eligible for the Novice category prize in the SONRMSP or FRNRSP, each member of the pair or team must have fewer than 100 masterpoints as at 30-6-19.
- 3.6 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment until the conclusion of Round 5 to bring the number of team members up to a maximum of 6. A player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event.
- 3.7 A substitute or substitutes may be allowed, for cause not convenience, with the prior approval of the CTD for a maximum of 27 boards in the RBMSP and the SONRMSP, and for a maximum of 30 boards in the GWOT, the CBSP and the FRNRSP. 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.
- 3.8 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, but is at liberty to nominate others in case of necessity. The conditions under which the "house contestant" competes will, subject to ABF TR 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD. The scores of "house contestants" are counted for the purposes of making draws and allocating rankings and they are eligible for the award of masterpoints. "House contestants" pay no entry fee and are not eligible to win trophies or medallions.

4 Systems

- 4.1 GREEN and BLUE systems only are permitted in the SONRMSP and FRNRSP. BROWN STICKER conventions are not allowed. In addition, the CTD may also further restrict a pair from playing any method which the director judges may not be readily understood by a significant proportion of players in the field.
- 4.2 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted throughout the tournament.
- 4.3 Written defences to BROWN STICKER conventions, approved by the CTD, may be consulted during the auction.
- 4.4 YELLOW systems are not permitted in any CIB 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) and mobile phones (1.5, 1.6) is 3 VPs.

6 Seating

- 6.1 Seating rights for each match in the teams events will be determined by toss of a coin.

7 Correction Period and Time of Appeal

- 7.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for all but the final match in an event expires 15 minutes after the scheduled conclusion of the following match. The Correction Period for the final match in an event expires 15 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection.
- 7.2 The Time for lodging an Appeal against a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) for all but the final match in an event expires 30 minutes after the score is made available for inspection, unless the next match is scheduled to commence within that period. In that case it is extended to the expiration of the Time of Appeal for the next match. The Time of Appeal for the final match in an event expires 15 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection.
- 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 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 Swiss Pairs events, where a single board is fouled, the board is scored by:
 - (a) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (4-6 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.
- 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 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 Ties and prizes

- 9.1 No team or pair may win more than one prize per event. In the Restricted or Novice events, if a pair or team qualifies for more than one prize, it will be awarded the prize of greater monetary value. If the monetary value of the prizes are equal, the pair or team will win the prize appropriate for its category.
- 9.2 Ties for finals placings, but not masterpoint awards, are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs or percentage, lot.

10 Timetable

10.1 RBMSP/SONRMSP (six 9-board rounds)

Friday 4 October

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|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 10.00-11.05 | Round 1 | Boards 1-9 |
| 11.10-12.15 | Round 2 | Boards 10-18 |
| 12.20-1.25 | Round 3 | Boards 1-9 |
| 1.25-2.00 | Lunch break | |
| 2.00-3.05 | Round 4 | Boards 10-18 |
| 3.10-4.15 | Round 5 | Boards 1-9 |
| 4.20-5.25 | Round 6 | Boards 10-18 |

10.2 GWOT + V&JBMT (nine 10-board rounds)

Saturday 5 October

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|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 10.00-11.10 | Round 1 | Boards 1-10 |
| 11.15-12.25 | Round 2 | Boards 11-20 |
| 12.30-1.40 | Round 3 | Boards 1-10 |
| 1.40-2.20 | Lunch break | |
| 2.20-3.30 | Round 4 | Boards 11-20 |
| 3.35-4.55 | Round 5 | Boards 1-10 |
| 5.00-6.10 | Round 6 | Boards 11-20 |

Sunday 6 October

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|-------------|---------|--------------|
| 10.00-11.10 | Round 7 | Boards 1-10 |
| 11.15-12.25 | Round 8 | Boards 11-20 |
| 12.30-1.40 | Round 9 | Boards 1-10 |

10.3 CBSP/FRNRSP (eight 10-board rounds)

Sunday 6 October

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|-----------|---------|--------------|
| 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 1-10 |

Monday 7 October

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|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 10.00-11.10 | Round 4 | Boards 11-20 |
| 11.15-12.25 | Round 5 | Boards 1-10 |
| 12.30-1.40 | Round 6 | Boards 11-20 |
| 1.40-2.10 | Lunch break | Lunch break |
| 2.15-3.25 | Round 7 | Boards 1-10 |
| 3.30-4.40 | Round 8 | Boards 11-20 |
| 4.40-5.30 | Presentations & hospitality | |

11 Playoff Qualifying Points

11.1 Playoff Qualifying Points will not be awarded for any event in the 2019 CIB.

12 Event Formats

12.1 RBMSP

12.1.1 The RBMSP is an open event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Open, Country. The entry fee is \$110 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.

12.1.2 Seeding. The field will be ranked according to the combined masterpoints (at 30 June 2019) of each pair.

12.1.3 The RBMSP will be played over six 9-board rounds.

12.1.4 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.

12.2 SONRMSP

12.2.1 The SONRMSP is a restricted event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Novice, Restricted. The entry fee is \$110 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.

12.2.2 Other regulations specific to the SONRMSP are the same as for the RBMSP.

12.3 GWOT + V&JBMT

12.3.1 The GWOT is an open event stratified in two divisions, *viz.* Open, Country. The entry fee is \$340 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.

12.3.2 The V&JBMT format will depend on entries. It is envisaged that it will be conducted as a round robin. Medallions and entry to the Australian Mixed Teams Playoff will be awarded to the winning team.

12.3.3 Seeding. The field will be ranked according to the combined masterpoints (at 30 June 2019) of each team.

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

12.3.5 Scoring. Net IMPs in each match will be converted to VPs according to the scale shown in the Appendices.

12.4 **CBSP**

- 12.4.1 The CBSP is an open event stratified in two divisions, viz. Open, Country. The entry fee is \$130 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.
- 12.4.2 Seeding. The field will be ranked according to the combined masterpoints (at 30 June 2019) of each pair.
- 12.4.3 The CBSP will be played over eight 10-board rounds.
- 12.4.4 Scoring. Scoring will be scored by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 12.4.5 or 12.4.6. 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.
- 12.4.5 If there are fewer than 24 tables, the datum will be calculated from the scores at all tables.
- 12.4.6 If there are 24 tables or more:
- (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

12.5 **FRNRSP**

- 12.5.1 The FRNRSP is a restricted event stratified in two divisions, viz. Restricted, Novice. The entry fee is \$130 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.
- 12.5.2 Other regulations specific to the FRNRSP are the same as for the CBSP

Appendices

Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

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 (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:

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 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:

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

Calculation of Multiple average plus awards during a session or match

When 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), where N is the number of 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 $50 + 10\sqrt{N}/N$

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).

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 |

Victory Point Scale for RBMSP and SONRMSP

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

When x is greater than 70.0: VP = 20

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

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

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

When x is less than 30.0: VP = 0

Victory Point Scale for GWOT

| IMP diff | Winner's VPs | Loser's VPs |
|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 0 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 1 | 10.39 | 9.61 |
| 2 | 10.77 | 9.23 |
| 3 | 11.14 | 8.86 |
| 4 | 11.50 | 8.50 |
| 5 | 11.85 | 8.15 |
| 6 | 12.18 | 7.82 |
| 7 | 12.51 | 7.49 |
| 8 | 12.83 | 7.17 |
| 9 | 13.14 | 6.86 |
| 10 | 13.43 | 6.57 |
| 11 | 13.72 | 6.28 |
| 12 | 14.00 | 6.00 |
| 13 | 14.28 | 5.72 |
| 14 | 14.54 | 5.46 |
| 15 | 14.80 | 5.20 |
| 16 | 15.05 | 4.95 |
| 17 | 15.29 | 4.71 |
| 18 | 15.52 | 4.48 |
| 19 | 15.75 | 4.25 |
| 20 | 15.97 | 4.03 |
| 21 | 16.18 | 3.82 |
| 22 | 16.39 | 3.61 |
| 23 | 16.59 | 3.41 |
| 24 | 16.78 | 3.22 |

| IMP diff | Winner's VPs | Loser's VPs |
|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 25 | 16.97 | 3.03 |
| 26 | 17.16 | 2.84 |
| 27 | 17.34 | 2.66 |
| 28 | 17.51 | 2.49 |
| 29 | 17.68 | 2.32 |
| 30 | 17.84 | 2.16 |
| 31 | 18.00 | 2.00 |
| 32 | 18.15 | 1.85 |
| 33 | 18.30 | 1.70 |
| 34 | 18.44 | 1.56 |
| 35 | 18.58 | 1.42 |
| 36 | 18.71 | 1.29 |
| 37 | 18.84 | 1.16 |
| 38 | 18.97 | 1.03 |
| 39 | 19.10 | 0.90 |
| 40 | 19.22 | 0.78 |
| 41 | 19.33 | 0.67 |
| 42 | 19.44 | 0.56 |
| 43 | 19.55 | 0.45 |
| 44 | 19.66 | 0.34 |
| 45 | 19.76 | 0.24 |
| 46 | 19.86 | 0.14 |
| 47 | 19.96 | 0.04 |
| 48 + | 20.00 | 0.00 |

Victory Point Scale for CBSP and FRNRSP

| IMP diff | Winner's VPs | Loser's VPs |
|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 0 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 1 | 10.35 | 9.65 |
| 2 | 10.70 | 9.30 |
| 3 | 11.05 | 8.95 |
| 4 | 11.40 | 8.60 |
| 5 | 11.75 | 8.25 |
| 6 | 12.10 | 7.90 |
| 7 | 12.45 | 7.55 |
| 8 | 12.80 | 7.20 |
| 9 | 13.15 | 6.85 |
| 10 | 13.50 | 6.50 |
| 11 | 13.85 | 6.15 |
| 12 | 14.20 | 5.80 |
| 13 | 14.45 | 5.55 |
| 14 | 14.70 | 5.30 |
| 15 | 14.95 | 5.05 |
| 16 | 15.20 | 4.80 |
| 17 | 15.44 | 4.56 |
| 18 | 15.68 | 4.32 |

| IMP diff | Winner's VPs | Loser's VPs |
|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 19 | 15.92 | 4.08 |
| 20 | 16.16 | 3.84 |
| 21 | 16.40 | 3.60 |
| 22 | 16.64 | 3.36 |
| 23 | 16.88 | 3.12 |
| 24 | 17.12 | 2.88 |
| 25 | 17.36 | 2.64 |
| 26 | 17.60 | 2.40 |
| 27 | 17.84 | 2.16 |
| 28 | 18.08 | 1.92 |
| 29 | 18.32 | 1.68 |
| 30 | 18.56 | 1.44 |
| 31 | 18.80 | 1.20 |
| 32 | 19.04 | 0.96 |
| 33 | 19.28 | 0.72 |
| 34 | 19.52 | 0.48 |
| 35 | 19.76 | 0.24 |
| 36 + | 20.00 | 0.00 |