

# SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE 2013 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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## 1 General

1.1 The Summer Festival of Bridge (SFOB) comprises the following events:

- National Women's Teams (NWT) – Jan 16-18; Finals series – Jan 19-20;
- National Seniors' Teams (NST) – Jan 16-18; Finals series – Jan 19-20;
- National Life Masters Teams (NLMT) – Jan 16-18;
- National Non-Life Masters Teams (NNLMT) – Jan 16-18;
- National Novice Teams (NNT) – Jan 16-18;
- 0-20 Super Novice Pairs (SNP) – Jan 16;
- 0-20 Super Novice Teams (SNT) – Jan 17-18;
- Chris Diment Pairs (CDP) – Jan 17-18;
- Grand National Pairs (GNP) – Jan 19-20;
- TBIB National Open Swiss Pairs (NOSP) – Jan 19-20;
- National Restricted Swiss Pairs (NRSP) – Jan 19-20;
- South West Pacific Teams (SWPT) – Jan 21-24;
- National Open Teams (NOT) – Jan 25-27;
- Friday Festival Teams (FFT) – Jan 25;
- Blue Ribbon Matchpoint Pairs (BRMP) – Jan 26-27;
- Australian Mixed Teams (AMT) – Jan 26-27;
- National Flighted Swiss Pairs (NFSP) – Jan 26-27

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. The subsidiary document, 2013 SFOB Event Details, forms part of these Supplementary Regulations.

1.2 The venue is Rydges Lakeside Hotel, London Circuit, Canberra.

1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) or 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 is not permitted in the playing areas or in any other area designated by the TO as a non-smoking area. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 6.3)
- 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 (see 6.3)
- 1.6 Mobile telephones, iPads and other electronic communication equipment may not be used during the session, unless a specific exception is permitted by the CTD. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 6.3) 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 Players in the semi-final and finals of teams events must lodge any mobile phone or other electronic communication device in their possession with the TO during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 6.3) 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 Expressions used in these Regulations and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2007). 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 ABF TR shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Regulations.

## **2 Officials**

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser is Sean Mullamphy.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Sean Mullamphy.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is Bruce Neill.
- 2.4 The Appeals Consultants are Peter Buchen and David Beauchamp.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representatives are Matthew McManus and Simon Hinge.
- 2.6 The Recorders are Peter Grant, John Brockwell and Phil Gallasch.

## **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 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.
- 3.3 Other eligibility conditions are set out in the document, 2013 SFOB Event Details.

- 3.4 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment to a maximum of 6 players up until the end of the Augmentation Time. The Augmentation Time for an event expires at the commencement of Match  $n/2 + 1$  (rounded down), where  $n$  is the number of matches to be played. Any player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event. No augmentation is permitted in the NOT.
- 3.5 The CTD may approve substitutions in any event. The maximum number of substitutions will be equal to one-half the number of matches, stanzas or sessions (fractions rounded down) in the stage of the event in which the substitution is requested. 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.
- 3.6 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. The conditions under which the “house contestant” competes will, subject to ABF TR 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD.

#### **4 Systems and Defences**

- 4.1 GREEN and BLUE systems are permitted without restriction.
- 4.2 RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all events except for the SNP and SNT.
- 4.3 Eligible pairs may claim Protected Pair status in the NNLMT, NNT, CDP, NRSP, NFSP and the qualifying rounds of the BRMP.
- 4.4 Provided 4.5 has been complied with, YELLOW systems will be allowed in the NWT and SWPT from Round 2 onwards, but may not be played against a contestant with a current position in the lower two-thirds of the field (decimals rounded up). In addition, YELLOW systems may be played in all matches of the NOT.
- 4.5 Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the TO with an adequately completed ABF system card and a bona fide defence before January 9, 2013.

#### **5 Seating**

- 5.1 In all matches and stanzas where YELLOW systems are permitted, teams registering one or more YELLOW systems for that event lose all seating rights in that match or stanza against teams not employing a YELLOW system. Exception: Teams registering one or more YELLOW systems do not lose seating rights in the NOT or in the final of the NWT.
- 5.2 Apart from in Knockout matches where 5.3 applies and subject to 5.1, YELLOW systems may be played only if the seating is posted within 10 minutes of the publication of the draw.
- 5.3 In Knockout matches, team captains toss for seating rights with the winner of the toss choosing to sit either first or last in the first stanza. Seating rights alternate in subsequent stanzas. The team sitting first must post their line-up on the designated line-up sheet at least 10 minutes before the scheduled commencement of play. Provided the team sitting first has satisfied the requirement of this provision, their opponents must post their line-up at least 5 minutes before the scheduled commencement of play.

5.4 In other cases, seating rights for each match will be determined by toss of a coin.

## **6 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties**

- 6.1 In a Swiss movement penalties are included in the overall ranking, but the draw is determined by the scores excluding penalties.
- 6.2 The general provisions of ABF TR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
- 6.3 The disciplinary penalty for breach of regulations relating to smoking (1.4) and mobile phones (1.5, 1.6, 1.7) is 3 VPs or 9 IMPs.

## **7 Correction Period and Time of Appeal**

- 7.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for swiss pairs and teams events expires at the finishing time of the next match or stanza with the exception of the final match or stanza in a stage in which it expires 30 minutes after the scores for that match or stanza are made available for inspection. In pairs events, the Correction Period for all sessions expires 30 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 each match or stanza (teams or swiss pairs) or session (pairs) expires 30 minutes after the score is made available for inspection, unless the next match, stanza or session 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, stanza or session.

## **8 Fouled Boards**

- 8.1 In Teams events with matches of greater than 10 boards, 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.
- 8.2 In IMP scored Swiss Pairs events and Teams events with matches of 10 boards or less, the assigned IMP score is 2 IMPs for both sides.

## **9 Tie-breaking and carry-overs**

- 9.1 Ties for qualification to the finals series of teams events will be broken by the play of additional boards. In the case of two way ties, the tie will be broken by play of a match of 4 boards, then successive play of 1 board matches, until a result is obtained. In the case of ties between more than 2 teams, the tie-break playoff format will be determined by the CTD.
- 9.2 In each quarter-final, semi-final, final or category playoff match, the team placed higher in the Swiss qualifying will have a carry-over of 0.5 IMPs. For the determination of carry-overs, ties on VPs at the conclusion of the Swiss will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 15.4.1.
- 9.3 Ties for first place will only be broken in the NOSP, NRSP and NFSP in accordance with ABF TR 15.4.1.

## 10 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP)

10.1 To be eligible for PQP, a player must play in at least one-half of the matches in the Swiss qualifying (fractions rounded down) and at least 2 stanzas in each match in a finals series (quarter-final, semi-final, final).

10.2 Tied teams share the available points.

## Appendices

### Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

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 and 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 (3 IMPs)
Subsequent boards	2 VPs (6 IMPs)

### Tie-breaking in Swiss

Unless otherwise noted, significant ties in Swiss events are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot. (ABF TR 15.4.1)

## 2013 SFOB EVENT DETAILS

### **National Women's Teams (NWT) – Jan 16-18; Finals series – Jan 19-20**

Eligibility: all players must be female

Format: single field Swiss, 9 x 20 board matches

Session start time: 10:00am each day

Anticipated finishing time: 7.00pm, Jan 18

Qualification to final series:

\* leading four teams qualify to semi-finals (Leading team chooses opponents from Teams 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, with the proviso that 2<sup>nd</sup> may elect not to be chosen) – 4 x 16 board stanzas

\* final – 4 x 16 board stanzas

Semi-Final start time: Jan 19, 10.00am

Final start time: Jan 20, 9.00am

Anticipated final finishing time: 6.30pm, Jan 20

PQP: Swiss – 1<sup>st</sup>: 24, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 12, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 6

Finalists – 1<sup>st</sup>: 48; 2<sup>nd</sup>: 24, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 12; 4<sup>th</sup>: 6

### **National Seniors' Teams (NST) – Jan 16-18; Finals series – Jan 19-20**

Eligibility: all players must be born before January 1, 1955

Format: single field Swiss, 9 x 20 board matches

Session start time: 10:00am each day

Anticipated finishing time: 7.00pm, Jan 18

Qualification to final series:

\* leading four teams qualify to semi-finals (Leading team chooses opponents from Teams 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, with the proviso that 2<sup>nd</sup> may elect not to be chosen) – 4 x 16 board stanzas

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### **National Life Masters Teams (NLMT) – Jan 16-18**

Eligibility: each player must be below the rank of Grand Master as at September 30, 2012

Format: single field Swiss, 9 x 20 board matches

Session start time: 10:00am each day

Anticipated finishing time: 7.00pm, Jan 18

### **National Non-Life Masters Teams (NNLMT) – Jan 16-18**

Eligibility: each player must be below the rank of Life Master as at September 30, 2012

Format: single field Swiss, 8 x 20 board matches

Session start time: 10:00am each day

Anticipated finishing time: 4.00pm, Jan 18

### **National Novice Teams (NNT) – Jan 16-18**

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 150 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2012

Grand Slam players must have a rating under 58%

Format: single field Swiss, 8 x 20 board matches

Winners will be declared in categories, 0-49, 0-99 and 0-149. (All players must fall within the category to be eligible.) Matches may pair teams from different categories.

Session start time: 10:00am each day

Anticipated finishing time: 4.00pm, Jan 18

**0-20 Super Novice Pairs (SNP) – Jan 16**

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 20 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2012;

Format: determined when entries are known

Session start time: 10:00am

Anticipated finishing time: 5.00pm, Jan 16

**0-20 Super Novice Teams (SNT) – Jan 17-18**

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 20 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2012

Format: determined when entries are known

Session start time: 10:00am, Jan 17, subsequent session times determined when entries are known

Anticipated finishing time: 7.00pm, Jan 18

**Chris Diment Pairs (CDP) – Jan 17-18**

Eligibility: open

Format: 4 session match-point pairs, 2 qualifying sessions, 2 finals sessions with carry fwd

Session start time: 10:00am, Jan 17, subsequent session times determined when entries are known

Anticipated finishing time: 7.00pm, Jan 18

**Grand National Pairs (GNP) – Jan 19-20**

Eligibility: pairs qualified through regional finals

Format: matchpoint pairs, 4 sessions of 26 or 27 boards, cumulative scoring over four sessions

Session start times: 9:30am and 2.30pm, both days

Anticipated finishing time: 6.30pm, Jan 20

**TBIB National Open Swiss Pairs (NOSP) – Jan 19-20**

Eligibility: open

Format: single field Swiss Pairs, 11 x 9 board matches

Score on each board compared with a datum calculated as the average of the middle (n-8)???

scores. Net IMPs are converted to VPs using the WBF 8 board scale.

Losing semi-finalists from the NWT and NST may join the event after Match 6. The drop-in score for these pairs will be 120 VPs and 96 IMPs, with the proviso that the drop-in score may be no more than the leader's score, or no more than 10 VPs less than the score of the second-placed pair after Round 6. If the drop-in VP score is varied due to these provisions, the drop-in IMP score will be varied proportionally. In the event of a tie for first, the drop-in score for these pairs will be reduced by 0.1 VPs before applying the tie-break procedures.

Session start times: 10:00am and 2.45pm, both days

Anticipated finishing time: 5.30pm, Jan 20

**National Restricted Swiss Pairs (NRSP) – Jan 19-20**

Eligibility: both players must have fewer than 500 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2012

Format: single field Swiss Pairs, 11 x 9 board matches

Score on each board compared with a datum calculated as the average of the middle (n-4) scores. Net IMPs are converted to VPs using the WBF 8 board scale.

Session start times: 10:00am and 2.30pm, both days

Anticipated finishing time: 6.15pm, Jan 20

**South West Pacific Teams (SWPT) – Jan 21-24**

Eligibility: open

Format: single field Swiss, 12 x 20 board matches

Session start times: Jan 21-23: 10:00am, 1.30pm and 4.30pm

Jan 24: 9:30am, 1.00pm and 4.00pm

Anticipated finishing time: 6.30pm, Jan 24

PQP: 1<sup>st</sup>: 36, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 18, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9

Categories: Women's – all member of the team must be female

Mixed – the team must contain at least one player of each gender in every match

Seniors – all members of the team must be born before January 1, 1955

Veterans – all members of the team must be born before January 1, 1949

Country – all members of the team must be Australian residents who do not reside in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth or Sydney

Youth – all members of the team must be born after January 1, 1987

Novice – all members of the team must have fewer than 150 MPs at September 30, 2012

\*\*\* Team category finals between the two highest-placed eligible teams (excluding qualifiers to the NOT) in each category will be held over 32 boards (played in 2 x 16 board stanzas) on Friday, January 25, at 10.00am

\*\*\* Teams must nominate a single category they wish to contend for prior to the nomination closing time as advised by the TO at the start of the event.

### **National Open Teams (NOT) – Jan 25-27**

Eligibility: The 8 highest ranked teams from the SWPT that warrant their availability for all sessions of the NOT.

Format: quarter-finals, semi-finals and final of 64 board matches, played in 4 stanzas of 16 boards

\*\* Draw for quarter-finals (determined by choice at captains' meeting. 7.30pm, Jan 24):

- Qualifiers are ranked by placing in SWPT (ties broken in accordance with ABF TR 15.4.1)

- Teams choose in order from the remaining teams, with the proviso that teams ranked 2 to 4 may elect not to be chosen at any time during the choosing process

\*\* Draw for semi-finals (determined immediately the result of all quarter-finals are finalised):

- Qualifiers are ranked by placing in SWPT (ties broken in accordance with ABF TR 15.4.1)

- Team 1 chooses opponent, with the proviso that team 2 may elect not to be chosen

Session start times: 10:00am, all days

Anticipated finishing time: 7.30pm, Jan 27

PQP: 1<sup>st</sup>: 72, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 36, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 22, 4<sup>th</sup>: 14, 5<sup>th</sup>: 12, 6<sup>th</sup>: 10, 7<sup>th</sup>: 8, 8<sup>th</sup>: 6.

### **Friday Festival Teams (FFT) – Jan 25**

Eligibility: open

Format: single field Swiss, 6 x 9 board matches

Session start time: 10:00am, Jan 25, subsequent session times determined when entries are known

Anticipated finishing time: 6.00pm, Jan 25

### **Blue Ribbon Matchpoint Pairs (BRMP) – Jan 26-27**

Eligibility: open

Format: determined when entries are known

Session start time: 10:00am, Jan 26, subsequent session times determined when entries are known

Anticipated finishing time: 5.00pm, Jan 27

### **Australian Mixed Teams (AMT) – Jan 26-27**

Eligibility: at least one player of each gender must play in each team in every match

Format: single field Swiss, 10 x 10 board matches

Session start time: 10:00am, both days

Anticipated finishing time: 5.00pm, Jan 27

### **National Flighted Swiss Pairs (NFSP) – Jan 26-27**

Eligibility: open

Format: single field Matchpoint Swiss Pairs, 9 x 10 board matches

Session start time: 10:00am, 1.30pm, both days; 4.30pm Jan 26

Anticipated finishing time: 4.00pm, Jan 27