

SPRING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Spring National Championships (SNC) comprise six events:
 - Spring National Open Teams (SNOT) – October 23-25, Finals series – October 26-27;
 - Two Men & A Truck Restricted Teams (TMAART) – October 23-24;
 - Dick Cummings Open Pairs (DCOP) – October 26-27;
 - Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs (TCRP) – October 26-27;
 - Linda Stern Women’s Teams (LSWT) – October 28-30, Finals – October 31;
 - Bobby Evans Seniors’ Teams (BEST) – October 28-30, Finals – October 31.

These events are conducted by the New South Wales Bridge Association (NSWBA) in conjunction with the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is the Sky High Room, Canterbury Park Racecourse, 96 King St, Ashbury.
- 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 only permitted in areas specifically designated by the TO as smoking areas. 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 consulted or 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.
- 1.8 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, 2007, 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 Organiser is Marcia Scudder.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Matthew McManus.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is John Scudder.
- 2.4 The Appeals Consultant is Kim Morrison.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representative is Kim Morrison.
- 2.6 The Recorder is George Finikiotis.

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 To be eligible for the TMAATRT and TCRP, all members of the team or pair must have fewer than 300 masterpoints at 30-6-13. Overseas players may apply to enter the TMAATRT and/or TCRP but only if they are eligible to play in events with similar criteria within their own National Bridge Organisation. The TO's decision in respect to such eligibility is final.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the LSWT, all members of the team must be female.
- 3.4 To be eligible for the BEST, all members of the team must have been born before 1-1-55.
- 3.5 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment until the conclusion of Match 5 up to a maximum of 6 players. Any player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event.
- 3.6 In the teams events, the CTD may approve a maximum of three substitutions per team in any one event. In the DCOP and TCRP, the CTD may approve substitutes for any pair in a maximum of five rounds. 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.
- 3.7 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, 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 TMAATRT and TCRP.
- 4.3 YELLOW systems will be allowed in the SNOT and LSWT 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). Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the TO with an adequately completed ABF system card and a bona fide defence before October 18, 2013.

5 Seating

- 5.1 Teams registering one or more YELLOW systems lose all seating rights in all stanzas against teams not employing a YELLOW system.
- 5.2 YELLOW systems may be played only if the seating is posted within 10 minutes of the publication of the draw.
- 5.3 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) is 3 VPs.

7 Correction Period and Time of Appeal

- 7.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for the matches in the qualifying rounds of the teams events and for the DCOP and TCRP expires at the start of the first match on the following day, or, in cases of matches on the last day, 30 minutes after the scores for the last match have been made available for inspection. In teams semi-finals and finals, the Correction Period expires at the start of the following stanza, or, in the case of the final stanza, 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 expires 30 minutes after the score is made available for inspection, unless the next match or stanza 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 or stanza.
- 7.3 Where tie-break boards are to be played in accordance with 9.2, the Correction Period and Time of Appeal for all previous stanzas, if not already expired, will expire at the start of play

of the tie-break boards.

8 Fouled 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 the board is cancelled and a score of 3 IMPs is assigned for both sides.

9 Ties and Carry-overs

- 9.1 Ties for qualification to (semi-)finals of teams events will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 15.
- 9.2 Ties in the semi-finals of the SNOT will be broken by play of matches of 4 boards, then successive play of 1 board matches, until a result is obtained.
- 9.3 Ties for first place only in the TMAATRT will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 15.
- 9.4 Ties for first place only in the DCOP and TCRP will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 15, unless drop-in pairs have been accepted as described in 10.5.2 in which case the tie will not be broken.
- 9.5 For all semi-final and final matches in the SNOT, LSWT and BEST, there will be a carry-over based upon the total Victory Point score of the teams at the conclusion of the Swiss qualifying. The carry-over will be one IMP for every difference of one VP, to a maximum of 14. Fractional VPs will be rounded to the nearest whole number, with 0.5 rounded up.

10 Event formats

- 10.1 Note: Session times may be varied by the Tournament Organiser subject to reasonable notice being given to the participants.
- 10.2 The time allowed per match or stanza will be announced by the CTD.
- 10.3 **Spring National Open Teams** – The SNOT will be played as a single field Swiss qualifying consisting of 9 x 20 board matches, followed by semi-finals and final, each of 56 boards.
- 10.3.1 Each qualifying match will be scored using the 2012 WBF 20 board scale.
- 10.3.2 At the conclusion of the Swiss, the four highest placed teams will qualify to the semi-finals. The first placed team has the choice of opponents from amongst the other three teams, with the proviso that the second placed team may elect not to be chosen.
- 10.3.3 The semi-finals and finals will be played over 4 stanzas of 14 boards. Team captains will toss for seating rights prior to the first stanza. The winner of the toss may elect to sit first in either the odd- or even-numbered stanzas.
- 10.3.4 Session times: Qualifying rounds: 10.30am (1 match), 1.30pm (2 matches)
 Semi-finals and Final: 9.30am, 11.30am, 2.00pm, 4.00pm
- 10.4 **Two Men & A Truck Restricted Teams** – The TMAATRT will be played as a single field Swiss event consisting of 6 x 20 board matches.

10.7 Teams Datum Prize: In each of the teams event, the highest placed pair on modified datums at the end of the Swiss will be awarded the Datum Prize. ABF Medallions will be awarded to both players in the partnership. The procedure for determining the modified datum is described in the Appendices. To be eligible for the Datum Prize, the pair must satisfy the following conditions:

- i) each member of the partnership must play at least two-thirds of the matches;
- ii) the pair must play as a partnership for at least one half of the matches (fractions rounded up) including at least two of the last three matches.

11 Playoff Qualifying Points

11.1 Eligible teams (or pairs in the DCOP) are ranked for the award of Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP). Each eligible player in those teams (or pairs) receives an award as follows:

11.1.1 SNOT

Place	1	2	=3	=3
PQP	48	24	9	9

11.1.2 BEST

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	48	24	12	6

11.1.3 LSWT

Place	1	2	3
PQP	36	18	9

11.1.4 DCOP

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	32	24	16	8

11.2 To be eligible for PQP in the teams events, a player must have played in at least four matches in the qualifying and at least two sessions in the (semi)-final.

11.3 Ties are not broken for PQP purposes. Any tied pairs or teams share the available points for the places involved in the ties.

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, the following penalties may be applied to both pairs:

One board 1 VP
 Subsequent boards 2 VPs

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

Tie-breaking

Significant ties are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot.

Victory Point Scale for DCOP and TCRP

Percentage	VPs	Percentage	VPs	Percentage	VPs	Percentage	VPs
0.00 – 26.50	0	37.46 – 39.77	7	48.28 – 49.43	14	56.83 – 58.39	21
26.51 – 28.00	1	39.78 – 41.60	8	49.44 – 50.56	15	58.40 – 60.22	22
28.01 – 29.50	2	41.61 – 43.17	9	50.57 – 51.72	16	60.23 – 62.54	23
29.51 – 31.00	3	43.18 – 44.57	10	51.73 – 52.89	17	62.55 – 65.99	24
31.01 – 32.50	4	44.58 – 45.87	11	52.90 – 54.12	18	66.00 – 100.00	25
32.51 – 34.00	5	45.88 – 47.10	12	54.13 – 55.42	19		
34.01 – 37.45	6	47.11 – 48.27	13	55.43 – 56.82	20		

All percentages will be rounded to 2 decimal places (0.005 rounded up).

Calculation of Modified Datums

For each pair x,

$$D_m = tRD + 0.5 * (\text{sum}(\text{opDa}))$$

where

- D_m is the modified datum of Pair x
- tRD is the total raw datum score for all matches played by Pair x
- $\text{sum}(\text{opDa})$ is the sum of the average datum per match for all the opponents of Pair x

For each match, if a pair's raw datum score is greater than 64, it will be limited to 64 plus one-tenth of any score greater than 64.

Anticipated Finishing Times

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

TMAATRT Thursday, October 24, 6.30 pm
 SNOT qualifying Friday, October 25, 6.30 pm
 SNOT Final Sunday, October 27, 6.00pm
 DCOP and TCRP Sunday, October 27, 6.15pm
 LSWT and BEST qualifying Wednesday, October 30, 6.30pm
 LSWT and BEST Finals Thursday, October 31, 6.00pm