

# 2003 AUSTRALIAN OPEN & WOMENS TEAM PLAYOFF

## SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

### A. VENUE, DATES, OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

- 1.1 The Playoff is held at the NSWBA from Thursday to Sunday 6-9<sup>th</sup> March 2003
- 1.2 The schedule is shown in the Appendix G
- 1.3 The schedule may be varied by unanimous agreement between the captains and the Chief Tournament Director, or by the Tournament Sub-Committee to protect the integrity of the Playoff in an emergency.
  
- 2.1 The Tournament Convener is E.Ramshaw.  
The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) is S.Mullamphy.  
The Tournament Sub-Committee is chaired by E.Ramshaw.  
The Appeals Sub-Committee is chaired by D.Stern.  
The Recorder is N.Moses.
- 2.2 Sub-Committee members are appointed by the respective Chairman.
- 2.3 A Sub-Committee is constituted with at least three members except in an emergency when a Sub-Committee may be constituted with only two members.
  
- 3.1 In accordance with ABF policy smoking is not permitted in the playing area but the Convener may designate other areas where smoking is permitted.
- 3.2 Mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic equipment must be switched off during session time unless a specific exception is permitted by the CTD. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty of 3 VP or 9 IMP.
- 3.3 The Time of Appeal (Law 92B) and Correction Period (Law 79C) expire 30 minutes after the score of a match is agreed unless the next round/stanza is scheduled to commence within that period when they are extended to the expiration of the Time of Appeal and Correction Period for that round/stanza.
- 3.4 Monitors may attend each table during the Playoff to carry out duties assigned by the Tournament Sub-Committee and the CTD.

### B. SCREENS, DEALING, HAND RECORDS AND SYSTEMS

- 4.1 Screens and bidding boxes are used throughout the Playoff.
  
- 5.1 Boards are pre-dealt by an ABF-approved computer program and hand records are provided.
  
- 6.1 All systems (including specialised defences to particular systems) are allowed, provided they are circulated in accordance with the directions of the ABF Tournament Committee.
- 6.2 Players may not refer to their own system cards or notes, but may refer to notes of their defences to an opponent's YELLOW system during the bidding or play of the hand.
- 6.3 Players may alter part or all of their system only with the consent of the CTD. The CTD may, at his discretion, disallow the change or permit it, or part only of it, or permit it only after a period of time has elapsed sufficient to allow the opposing team to prepare fresh defences.

## FORMAT, SEATING RIGHTS, LINE-UP, BOARD RULE AND SUBSTITUTES

- 7.1 *Format.* The format for the Open and Womens Playoff consists of 4 stages.  
 Stage I: 5 x 16 = 80-board round robin to rank the teams 1 through 6  
 Stage II: 4 x 12 = 48-board quarterfinal of 1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 4 to determine semifinalists. The three winners and the loser ranked highest in the round robin proceed to the semifinals. The two quarterfinal losers ranked lowest in the round robin play for fifth place (with PQPs at stake).  
 Stage III: 4 x 12 = 48-board semifinals and match for 5<sup>th</sup> place. The semifinal draw is highest-ranked winner v highest-ranked loser, second-ranked winner v third-ranked winner. The winners proceed to the final. The losing semifinalists play off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with reserve team status and PQPs at stake.  
 Stage IV: 4 x 16 = 64-board final and match for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 7.2 *Carry-forward.* Whenever teams meet in the Playoff, there is a carry-forward from the IMP margin of the occasion **immediately previous** on which they met in the Playoffs. The carryover (WBF formula) from the round robin to the quarterfinal is one-half the IMP difference if the team ranked higher in the round robin won the match and one-third if the higher-ranked team lost the match.
- 7.3 The maximum carryover to the quarterfinal and semifinal is 16 IMP and to the final is 24 IMP. For the 2003 Playoffs, the field is ranked after the first stage and again after the second stage and, therefore, the WBF one-half/one-third formula applies each second and/or third time two teams meet.
- 8.1 In the round robin the team named first sits first; NS at the table numbered lower.
- 8.2 In head-to-head matches, captains toss for seating rights; the winner sits NS at the table numbered lower and chooses to sit first in stanzas 1 & 3 or 2 & 4.
- 8.3 Each tie-break has a new toss for seating rights.
- 9.1 For a head-to-head match the captains sitting first and last post their line-up not later than 10 and 5 minutes respectively before the scheduled starting time of each round.
- 9.2 The CTD may allow later posting if, in his discretion, he believes that it is reasonable in all the circumstances to do so.
- 9.3 For non-compliance with this Regulation, the penalties are:
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| loss of seating rights    | <u>AND</u>                                      |
| 1st offence               | warning   |
| 2nd offence               | of 1VP or 3 IMP                                 |
| 3rd & subsequent offences | procedural penalty of 2 VP or 3 IMP per offence |
- 10.1 Any player who fails to play at least 2 stanzas in each stage, but excluding boards played to break a tie, ceases to be "eligible" but does not affect the eligibility of the other members of the team. A player who fails this board rule is not eligible to play in any subsequent stanzas.
- 11.1 A substitute, approved in advance by the CTD or his nominee, may be permitted for cause, not convenience, when a team does not have four members available.
- 11.2 Notwithstanding clause #11.1, ABF Tournament Regulation #4.1 authorises emergency substitutions and, in the last resort, the CTD may approve any substitution to continue an event.

## D. SCORING, TIES, PROCEDURAL PENALTIES AND FORFEITS

- 12.1 All matches are scored by IMP.

- 12.2 In the round robin (Stage I) IMP margins are converted to VP using the WBF scale for 16 boards; the teams rank in order of their VP totals.
- 12.3 In the finals (Stages II, III & IV) any portion of an IMP constitutes a win.
- 13.1 Ties are broken by cancellation of procedural penalties then in the round robin (Stage I) by ranking on total IMP margins then lot.  
head-to-head matches of the finals (Stages II, III & IV) by removal of carry-forward then successive matches of 2 boards, each played in one session without substitution of pairs or players, until broken.
- 14.1 The time allotted for each round is calculated on the basis of 8 minutes per board plus any grace period(s) that the director in his discretion may allow.
- 14.2 In cases of slow play the director considers any monitor's reports and his own observations then assesses the time by which each team is deemed responsible for failing to maintain the required rate of play. Each offending team receives a procedural penalty for each minute or part thereof that the director has assessed as that team's responsibility. It is possible for a team, considered responsible for excessive slow play, to lose its grace period (or be warned) and be penalised, in a session that finished within the allotted period.
- 14.3 Procedural penalties for slow play in a head-to-head match scored by IMP, for the time that the director assesses as that team's responsibility, are:-  
First offence (<10 min) warning or loss of grace period  
First offence (>10 min) 0.5 IMP per minute or part thereof beyond 10 min  
Subsequent offences 1 IMP per minute or part thereof.
- 14.4 Procedural penalties for slow play in a match scored by a WBF VP scale are
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| First offence           | (<10 min) | warning/loss of grace period | (>10 min) | 0.5 VP |
| Second or third offence | (<10 min) | 1 VP                         | (>10 min) | 2 VP   |
| Subsequent offences     | (<10 min) | 2 VP.                        | (>10 min) | 4 VP   |
- 15.1 Procedural penalties for late arrival in a match scored by IMP or a WBF VP scale, are:-  
from 5 to 10 minutes late 3 IMP or 1 VP  
from 11 to 15 minutes late 6 IMP or 2 VP  
from 16 to 20 minutes late 9 IMP or 3 VP  
from 21 to 30 minutes late 15 IMP or 5 VP  
over 30 minutes late a more severe penalty including disqualification.
- 16.1 In the case of a forfeit of a match scored by a WBF VP scale, the score, for purposes of making the draw or calculating current placings, is:  
Non-offenders 18 VP and the mean IMP of the 18-12 VP range  
Offenders 0 VP and 0 IMP.
- 16.2 After the last round the score of the non-offending unit is adjusted to the highest of:  
18 VP, or  
its mean VP score for completed rounds, or  
30 VP minus the mean VP score for completed rounds of the offending team (maximum 25-5 VP).
- 16.3 The non-offender's IMP score is the mean of the range of the VP allocated.  
The offender's score is 0 VP and 0 IMP.

## **E. APPEALS AND FOULED BOARDS**

- 17.1 To be competent an appeal for in respect of any matter arising during any but the last round of the qualifying matches must be lodged within the time specified in #3.3

- 18.1 One set of boards only is in use in any one match.
- 18.2 A board which does not tally with the hand record is not regarded *ipso facto* as a fouled board.
- 18.3 When a fouled board is suspected the director must be advised immediately.
- 18.4 A ruling that a board was fouled must be sought within the Correction Period specified in #3.3. The CTD rules using ABF Tournament Regulations #9.1 and #9.2(c).
- 18.5 When any other irregularity occurs such that no rectification permits normal play of the board the CTD rules using ABF Tournament Regulation #9.4.
- 18.6 The CTD may penalise teams responsible for fouled boards or other irregularities.

## F. MISCELLANEOUS

- 19.1 A playing member or playing captain of a team may not kibitz his/her team-mates.
- 19.2 The privileges and duties of a non-playing captain are delineated in ABF Tournament Regulations #10.2 and #10.4.
- 19.3 The CTD determines which, if any, of the tables in play are designated as a Closed Room.
- 19.4 Access to a Closed Room is limited to players, non-playing captains, officials, directors and other persons invited by the express request of the CTD.
- 20.1 The ABF Playoff Regulations and ABF Tournament Regulations apply to the Playoff except in respect of matters dealt with explicitly in these Supplementary Regulations.

## G. APPENDIX ROUND ROBIN DRAW, SCHEDULE AND WBF CONVERSION SCALE

### DRAW

No.	Open	Women	Tables 1,4	Tables 2,5	Tables 3,6	Round
1	Konig	Bourke	6v1	4v2	5v3	1
2	Fordham	Travis	5v1	2v3	4v6	2
3	Rothfield	Bird	1v4	2v5	6v3	3
4	Chadwick	Moses	3v1	6v2	4v5	4
5	Noble	Evans	1v2	3v4	5v6	5
6	Klinger	Clark				

### SCHEDULE

Day	1				2					3					4		
Session	1				2	3	4		5		6		7		8	9	10
Stanza	RR1	RR2	RR3	RR4	RR5	QF1	QF2	QF3	QF4	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	F1	F2	F3	F4
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Start	1100	1400	1620	2030	1000	1320	1520	1900	2050	1000	1150	1430	1620	2000	1000	1220	1530
Finish	1308	1608	1828	2238	1208	1456	1656	2036	2226	1136	1326	1606	1756	2208	1208	1428	1738
Boards	16					12								16			
Time	2-08					1-36								2-08			

### WBF SCALE

### CONVERSION OF IMP TO VP FOR 16 BOARDS

IMP	VP	IMP	VP
0 - 2	15 - 15	32 - 36	23 - 7
3 - 7	16 - 14	37 - 41	24 - 6

8 - 11	17 - 13	42 - 46	25 - 5
12 - 15	18 - 12	47 - 52	25 - 4
16 - 19	19 - 11	53 - 58	25 - 3
20 - 23	20 - 10	59 - 64	25 - 2
24 - 27	21 - 9	65 - 79	25 - 1
28 - 31	22 - 8	72 +	25 - 0