

General Information for the 2010 Open & Womens' Playoff

- Dates** Commence 9.45 am Saturday 20th March. Finish Wednesday 24th March.
Anticipated finish time 4.30pm with results confirmed by 5.00pm Wednesday 24th March.
- Venue** Bowlers Club, York Street, Sydney
- Target events** Pairs ranked 1st – 3rd have the first option on all target events, pairs ranked 4th-6th are reserves.
Open PABF Championship, Hamilton, NZ, 21st-29th May.
Commonwealth Games, New Delhi, 25th-31st October.
- Women** PABF Championship, Hamilton, NZ, 21st-29th May.
(If two invitations) Commonwealth Games, New Delhi, 25th-31st October.
- Entry** 14 pairs from the PQP list (minimum PQP Open, 24; Women, 15) who have at least 1 PQP each in the partnership plus
2 pairs from the “Last Train to the Playoff” at the Summer Festival.
Pairs who believe they may not have sufficient PQP are encouraged to nominate and reminded that reserves have been promoted into the field in several recent Playoffs.
- Format** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to vary the format if fewer than 16 pairs enter. There are two stages.
Stage I Round Robin of 16 pairs playing 15 rounds of 10 boards over 2½ days with IMP converted to VP. The 10 pairs ranked highest by VP progress to Stage 2.
Stage 2 Round Robin of 10 pairs playing 9 rounds of 16 boards over 2½ days. The head to head IMP score from Stage 1 is added to the IMP score for the corresponding match in Stage 2 to give a composite match of 26 boards. The total IMP are converted to VP according to the WBF scale for 20 boards.
- Nominations** Web Entry *via* interactive form.
Close 7pm AEST Friday 18th December 2009.
Changes Discretion to amend minor errors is available for 7 days.
- Acceptance** The ranked list of nominations to be posted on the web before 31st December 2009.
- Entry Fee** To be determined by the finance committee.
- Subsidies** To be determined by the finance committee.
- Declaration** Commencement of play by a pair signifies acceptance by both players of the conditions of contest for the Playoff.
Declaration of availability forms (downloaded from the web) must be signed and returned to the ABF Secretariat before January 30th 2010.
- Systems** No Yellow systems.
Failure to post an Edwards standard system card on the web before 1st March risks a VP penalty.