GOLDEN WEST SWISS PAIRS
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2026

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General

1.1 The Golden West Swiss Pairs (GWSP) is conducted by the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BAWA) 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 Mandurah Bridge Club, corner of Murdoch and Bortolo Drives, Mandurah, Western Australia.

1.3 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 is played and before the commencement of the next board. It is an offence to leave the table at the end 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 inside the venue, nor within any area defined by the TO as a non-smoking area. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)

1.5 Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing room during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)

1.6 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 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 permitted by the CTD. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 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 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, 2017, 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 Sandra Hardie.

2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Neville Walker

2.3 The Reviewer is TBA

2.4 The Review Consultant is TBA.

2.5 The ABF on site representative is TBA

2.6 The Recorder is TBA

3. Eligibility 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 A substitute may be allowed with prior approval of the CTD for up to 4 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.

3.3 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 3.5, be at the discretion of the CTD.

4. Systems and Defences

4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted. YELLOW systems will not be allowed.

4.2 'Protected Pair' status may be claimed by eligible pairs in accordance with ABF System Regulation 2.9. Opponents of a 'Protected Pair' may not employ BROWN STICKER conventions during that round. Pairs seeking 'Protected Pair' status must advise the CTD at least 30 minutes before the start of the relevant 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 12 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), consumption of alcohol (1.5) and mobile phones (1.6, 1.7) is 3 VPs.

6. Correction Period and Time of Appeal

6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79 (c) for each match expires 30 minutes after the conclusion of the match for which the change is sought, except that for the last match, the Correction Period expires 10 minutes after the results have been posted for that match.

6.2 The time for requesting a Ruling or a Review of a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) expires 30 minutes after the end of the match for which the ruling was made. except that for the last match, it expires 10 minutes after the results have been posted for that match.

7. Fouled and Unplayable Boards

7.1 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

7.2 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.

7.3 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 7.1 and 7.2 will apply.

7.4 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.

8. Ties

8.1 At the conclusion, ties will be broken for first place in accordance with ABF TR 17, as detailed in the Appendices. Ties for other places will not be broken.

9. Event format

9.1 The GWSP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 9 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions.

9.1.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 9.1.2. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the ABF VP scales for Swiss Pairs.

9.1.2 The datum will be the arithmetic mean of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest and lowest x/10 scores (0.5 rounded up) where x is the number of scores under consideration:

a) for Matches 1-3, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;

b) for Matches 4-6, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top n/2 tables (0.5 rounded up), where n is the number of tables in play

c) for Matches 7-9, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.

9.2 The time allowed per round will be announced by the CTD.

9.3 The session starting times are:

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am (2 matches)

Saturday, November 14, 1.45 pm (3 matches)

Sunday, November 15, 9.30 am (2 matches)

Sunday, November 15, 1.15 pm (2 matches)

Appendices

Penalties for Late Arrival, Slow Play, Failure to enter or check scores

The penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play under ABF TR 12 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 at the director's discretion:

One board	1 VP
Subsequent boards	2 VPs

When players fail to enter scores into the scoring unit before leaving the table, or where 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.

Calculation of multiple Average Plus awards during a session or match

Where 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), the score awarded per board shall be:
IMP scored Pairs events: an IMP score of $2\sqrt{N}/N$, where N is the number of unplayable boards.

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).

In matches with multiple fouled boards resulting in the number of direct comparisons available being fewer than one half the number of boards, the match will be scored as a forfeit treating both units as non-offending. Forfeited matches are scored as 13 VPs for each side. Further adjustments at the end of the event may be appropriate in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulation 15. (http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFTournamentRegs2026.pdf)

The following table lists the IMPs to be assigned for each successive board in the case of multiple average plus boards:

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	IMPs assigned (Pairs)
1	2
2	1
3	0
4	1
5	0
6	1

Anticipated Finishing Time

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

Sunday, November 16, 4.15 pm
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