

HANS G ROSENDORFF MEMORIAL CONGRESS 2024

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Hans G Rosendorff Memorial Congress (HGRMC) comprises two events:
 - i) Mixed Swiss Pairs (MSP);
 - ii) Restricted Swiss Pairs (RSP).
- 1.2 The events will be conducted on September 14-15. These events are conducted by the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BWA) in conjunction with the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.3 The venue is the Melville Bridge Club, 431 Canning Highway, Melville, Western Australia.
- 1.4 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 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.
- 1.5 Smoking will be permitted only in the designated smoking areas. 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 pair, 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 Depending on the number of entries, event formats may be varied by the TO. This may include combining events, changing the number or length of matches, or other actions to ensure the viability of the event. If the number of entrants is fewer than twice the number of rounds to be played, the modified Swiss format may be implemented (see Appendices).
- 1.10 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.
- 1.11 Western Australian State Covid regulations will apply to this event.
(www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-what-you-can-and-cant-do). All players must also adhere to any additions or modifications announced by the TO at any time.

2 Officials

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser is Sandra Hardie.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Neville Walker.
- 2.3 The Reviewer is Richard Grenside .
- 2.4 The Review Consultant is Jonathon Free.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representative is Allison Stralow.
- 2.6 The Recorder is Cathy Hood.

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 All players must individually meet the eligibility criteria to compete in events. This includes those events where players must be under the stated masterpoint range or age as of the dates specified. Masterpoints earned in another NCBO, irrespective of whether they have been transferred, shall be included for the purpose of determining a player's eligibility.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 To be eligible to play in the MSP, the pair must comprise one female and one male player.
- 3.5 To be eligible to play in the RSP:
 - i) both players in the partnership must have fewer than 300 masterpoints as at 31-3-24;

- ii) New Zealand players must have a ranking of less than NZ Provincial Master as at 1-6-24;
- iii) at the time of entering, Grand Slam players must have a rating of 56% or below;
- iv) a player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction as the RSP or higher. Notwithstanding, a player who has already entered the RSP at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible.

- 3.6 A maximum of four substitutions will be permitted. 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 only are permitted in the RSP. BROWN STICKER conventions are not allowed. In addition, the CTD may also further restrict a pair from playing any method which the director judges may not be readily understood by a significant proportion of players in the field.
- 4.2 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in the MSP. YELLOW systems will not be allowed.

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 10 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) and mobile phones (1.5, 1.6) is 3 VPs.

6 Correction Period and Time for Requesting a Review of a Director’s Ruling

- 6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for Matches 1-7 expires at the start of the session following the match in which the correction is sought. For Matches 8 and 9, the Correction Period expires 20 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection following Match 9.
- 6.2 The time for requesting a review of a director’s ruling (Law 92B) expires 30 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the match (or 30 minutes after the parties are advised of the director’s ruling when they ruling is made after the match), unless the next match is scheduled to commence within that period. In that case it is extended to the expiration of the Time for requesting a review for that next match

7 Fouled and Unplayable Boards

- 7.1 A fouled board is scored by:
- (a) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after

eliminating the two (3-7 results) or four (results >7) extreme scores, respectively; or (b) proceeding as per 7.2 to 7.5 below.

- 7.2 At a table where an artificial adjusted score is awarded on a single board, the assigned IMP score is 2 IMPs for both sides.
- 7.3 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.
- 7.4 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 to 7.5 will apply.
- 7.5 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 pairs as non-offenders.

8 Ties

- 8.1 At the conclusion of the event, ties will be broken for first place in accordance with ABF TR 15, as detailed in the Appendices. Ties for other places will not be broken.

9 Event formats

- 9.1 The MSP will be played as separate single field Swiss events consisting of 9 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions.

The RSP will be played as separate single field Swiss events consisting of 11 x 8 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 Swiss Pairs VP scale for 12 board matches.
- 9.1.2 The datum will be the arithmetic mean (rounded to the closest 10) of all scores after eliminating the highest and lowest $x/10$ scores (0.5 rounded up) where x is the number of tables in play. Separate datums will be calculated for each event.

If the number of entrants for the MSP is 48 or more pairs

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 10.00 am and 1.45 pm.

10 Playoff Qualifying Points

10.1 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player in the MSP as below

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
PQP	20	14	10	6	4	2

10.2 To be eligible for PQP, each player must play at least 4 matches.

10.3 Tied pairs share the available points.

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 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.

Modified Swiss format

In Swiss Pairs or Swiss Teams events where the number of entrants is fewer than twice the number of rounds to be played, a round-robin or modified Swiss format will be implemented.

If the numbers are appropriate, a full round robin movement will be implemented, with the possibility of a round or rounds to determine final placings.

Otherwise, a normal Swiss movement will be used up to and including Round $n/2 + 1$ (even number of rounds) or Round $(n+1)/2$ (odd number of rounds). In subsequent rounds, the Swiss movement continues with all scores retained. A pair may play another pair which it previously played in Rounds 1 to $n/2$ (even number of rounds) or Rounds 1 to $(n-1)/2$ (odd number of rounds). "n" represents the number of rounds in the event.

Examples:

* 8 rounds – standard Swiss up to and including the draw for Round 5. In rounds 6, 7 and 8, the Swiss draw continues, but pairs may play a pair previously played in Rounds 1-4.

* 9 rounds – standard Swiss up to and including the draw for Round 5. In rounds 6, 7, 8 and 9, the Swiss draw continues, but pairs may play a pair previously played in Rounds 1-4.

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).

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 boards	Net IMPs assigned (Pairs)
1	2
2	1
3	0
4	1
5	0
6	1

Anticipated Start/Finishing Times

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

Saturday 10:00 am to 6.30 pm

Sunday 10.00 am to 4.45 pm