

# Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival (CIB)

## SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2024

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### 1 General

The Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival (**CIB**) comprises eight events:

- (i) Royal Bluebell Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (**RBMSP**),
- (ii) Spider Orchid Novice & Restricted Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (**SONRMSP**),
- (iii) Butterfly Orchid Beginner Pairs (**BOBP**),
- (iv) Golden Wattle Open Teams (**GWOT**),
- (v) Grevillea Gem Novice & Restricted Teams (**GGNRT**),
- (vi) Val & John Brockwell Mixed Teams (**V&JBMT**),
- (vii) Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs (**CBSP**),
- (viii) Federation Rose Novice & Restricted Swiss Pairs (**FRNRSP**).

- 1.1 The tournament is conducted by the Bridge Federation of the Australian Capital Territory (BFACT) under the auspices of the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABFTR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is Canberra Bridge Club, 4 Duff Place, Deakin, ACT.
- 1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by Chief Tournament Director (CTD) and/or the Tournament Organiser (TO). Players must record the score for each board after it has been 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 not permitted inside the venue, nor within any area defined by the TO as a non-smoking area, nor in any area defined as “no smoking” by ACT law. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (clause 5.3). The use of electronic cigarettes is not permitted.

- 1.5 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty after one warning (clause 5.3).
- 1.6 Mobile telephones, iPads and other electronic communication equipment may not be consulted or used during the session, unless a specific exception is granted by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD). Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (clause 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.
- 1.7 In all events except **BOBP**, 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). Alternatively, or in addition to, the TO may elect to combine fields in concurrently running events to ensure the efficacy of the movement and the validity of the competitions.
- 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 in these Supplementary Regulations and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in contract bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017). In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning, the decision of the CTD shall be final and conclusive. Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the ABFTR shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Regulations.

## **2 Officials**

- 2.1 The Tournament Organisers are Rob Hurst and Roger Brake.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Ronnie Ng.
- 2.3 The Reviewer is Nick Hughes.
- 2.4 The Review Consultants are Jodi Tutty and Sebastian Yuen.
- 2.5 The ABF on-site representative is Ian Thomson.
- 2.6 The Recorders are Justine Beaumont and Peter Grant.

## **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 for the **SONRMSP, GGNRT** or **FRNRSP**,  
i) each member of the pair or team must have fewer than 300 masterpoints as at 30-6-24;  
ii) a player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction as the **SONRMSP, GGNRT** or **FRNRSP** or higher. Notwithstanding, a player who has already entered either event at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible.
- 3.5 To be eligible for the Novice category prize in the **SONRMSP, GGNRT** or **FRNRSP**, each member of the pair or team must have fewer than 100 masterpoints as at 30-6-24.
- 3.6 To be eligible for the **BOBP**, each member of the pair must have fewer than 5 masterpoints as at 30-6-24.
- 3.7 To be eligible for the **V&JBMT**, pairs must consist of one male and one female player in every match or stanza.
- 3.8 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment until the commencement of Round 5 to bring the number of team members up to a maximum of 6. A player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event.
- 3.9 A substitute or substitutes may be allowed, for cause not convenience, with the prior approval of the CTD for a maximum number of boards: 24 in the **GGNRT**, 27 in the **RBMS**, **SONRMSP**, **CBSP** and **FRNRSP** and 36 in the **GWOT** and **V&JBMT**. 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.
- 3.10 The TO may nominate a "house contestant" to compete in any event in order to ensure the smooth running of the tournament. 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" competes will, subject to ABF TR 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD. The scores of "house contestants" are counted for the purposes of making draws and allocating rankings and they are eligible for the award of masterpoints. "House contestants" pay no entry fee and are not eligible to win trophies or medallions.

#### 4 Systems

- 4.1 GREEN and BLUE systems only are permitted in the **SONRMSP, GGNRT** and **FRNRSP** while GREEN systems only are permitted in the **BOBP**. 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 Other than as in 4.1, GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted throughout the tournament.
- 4.3 Provided 4.4 has been complied with, YELLOW systems will be allowed in the **GWOT** and **V&JBMT** from Round 3 onwards, but may not be played against a contestant with a current position in the lower two-thirds of the field (decimals rounded up).
- 4.4 Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the TO with an adequately completed ABF Standard system card and a bona fide defence before 10.00am on September 27, 2024.

## **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 (1.5) and mobile phones (1.6, 1.7) is 3 VPs or 9 IMPs in matches in the teams final series.

## **6 Seating**

- 6.1 Subject to 6.2 and 6.3, seating rights for each match in the teams events will be determined by toss of a coin.
- 6.2 In the Semi-Finals of the **V&JBMT**, the higher placed team in the Qualifying shall have the right to choose to sit first in either the first or second stanza.
- 6.3 In the Final of the **V&JBMT**, the higher placed team in the Qualifying shall have the right to:
  - i) select the stanza in which to have choice of opponents, leaving the opponents the right to choose for the remaining stanzas; **or**
  - ii) require the opponents to select the stanza in which they wish to have choice of opponents and retaining the right to choose for the remaining stanzas.

## **7 Correction Period and Time for Requesting a Review**

- 7.1 The Correction Period for each match expires 30 minutes after the conclusion of the following match, except that for the last two matches, the Correction Period expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the last match.
- 7.2 Subject to 7.3, 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 stanza or 30 minutes after the parties are advised of the director's ruling whichever is later. If the next match or stanza is scheduled to commence within that period, the time is extended to the expiration of the Time for Requesting a Review for that next match or stanza.
- 7.3 In the case of the last match, the Time for Requesting a Review of a Director's Ruling expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the last match.

## **8 Fouled and Unplayable 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 where a single board is cancelled, a score of 3 IMPs is assigned for both sides.
- 8.2 In IMP scored Swiss Pairs events, 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 two (4-6 results) or four (more than 6 results) extreme scores, respectively; or
  - (b) cancelling one or more of its results and awarding a score of 2 IMP to those contestants whose score was cancelled.

- 8.3 In matchpoint events, where a single board is fouled at one table, the assigned matchpoint score is 60% of the available matchpoints on the board awarded to both sides.
- 8.4 In the case of multiple fouled boards on which artificial adjusted scores are awarded, the scores are calculated as detailed in the Appendices.
- 8.5 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 8.1 to 8.4 will apply.
- 8.6 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.

## 9 Ties and prizes

- 9.1 No team or pair may win more than one prize per event. In the Restricted or Novice events, if a pair or team qualifies for more than one prize, it will be awarded the prize of greater monetary value. If the monetary value of the prizes are equal, the pair or team will win the prize appropriate for its category.
- 9.2 Ties for finals placings, but not masterpoint awards, are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs or percentage, lot.

## 10 Playoff Qualifying Points

- 10.1 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player in the V&JBMT as below:

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	24	16	8	4

- 10.2 To be eligible for PQP, a player must have played in at least three matches in the qualifying stage, one stanza in the Semi-Finals, and one stanza in the Final, where applicable.
- 10.3 Tied teams share the available points.

## 11 Event Formats

- 11.1 The **RBMS**P and **SONRMS**P will be played as distinct single field Swiss events consisting of 6 x 9 board matches, played over 2 sessions. In the **SONRMS**P, there will be separate events for the Restricted and Novice divisions, should there be sufficient entries to make this viable.
  - 11.1.1 Scoring will be by matchpoints. For each pair, total matchpoints won during each 9-board round will be expressed as a percentage and then converted to VPs according to the scale shown in the Appendices.
- 11.2 The **BOBP** will be played as a single session event scored using standard matchpointing with scores tabulated as percentages. The movement will be dependent on entries.
- 11.3 The **GWOT** will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 7 x 12 board matches, played over 3 sessions.
  - 11.3.1 Each match will be scored using the WBF VP scale for 12 board matches.

- 11.4 The **GGNRT** will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 5 x 12 board matches, played over 2 sessions. There will be separate events for the Restricted and Novice divisions, should there be sufficient entries to make this viable.
- 11.4.1 Each match will be scored using the WBF VP scale for 12 board matches.
- 11.5 The **V&JBMT** Qualifying will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 7 x 12 board matches, played over 3 sessions.
- 11.5.1 Each match will be scored using the WBF VP scale for 12 board matches.
- 11.5.2 The four highest placed teams will qualify to the Semi-Finals. Should any of the teams be unavailable, they will be replaced by the highest placed available team.
- 11.5.3 The Semi-Finals will be played over two 14 board stanzas. The highest placed team from the Qualifying will select their Semi-Final opponents from among the third and fourth placed teams.
- 11.5.4 The two Semi-Final winners will play off in the final over three 14 board stanzas.
- 11.5.5 In all Semi-Final and Final matches, the higher placed team from the Qualifying shall carry forward 0.1 IMPs.
- 11.6 The **CBSP** and **FRNRSP** will be played as distinct single field Swiss events consisting of 7 x 9 board matches, played over 2 sessions. In the **FRNRSP**, there will be separate events for the Restricted and Novice divisions, should there be sufficient entries to make this viable.
- 11.6.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 11.5.2, 11.5.3 and 11.5.4. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the ABF 9 board Swiss Pairs VP scale. Separate datums will be calculated for each event.
- 11.6.2 The datum will be the arithmetic mean of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest x/10 scores and lowest x/10 scores (0.5 rounded up) where x is the number of scores under consideration.
- 11.6.3 If there are fewer than 24 tables entered in an event, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables.
- 11.6.4 If 24 or more tables enter an event:
- for Matches 1-3, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;
  - for Matches 4-5, 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;
  - for Matches 6-7, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.
- 11.6.5 Drop-in Pairs: Pairs of players defeated in the semi-finals of the **V&JBMT** will be permitted to enter the **CBSP** commencing in Round 4 subject to the following conditions:
- only players who were in teams defeated will be allowed to enter, but partnerships may be from different teams
  - only an even number of entries will be accepted (ie, 2 pairs, 4 pairs, etc)
  - full entry fee will be payable
  - drop-in pairs will be randomly drawn against each other in Round 4
  - drop-in scores will be assigned according to the formula described in the Appendices
- 11.6.6 The time allowed per round will be announced by the CTD.
- 11.6.7 The morning session starting times on all days will be 10.00 am, except on Monday October 7 when it will be 9.30am. The BOBP will commence at 1:30pm with a talk on October 4. The CBSP and FRNRSP will commence at 2.00pm on October 6. Other afternoon session starting times will be announced by the CTD.

## Appendices

### Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

The penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play under ABF TR 10 are:

0-5 mins	warning for first offence, then 1 VP (3 IMPs) for each subsequent offence
5-10 mins	1 VP (3 IMPs)
10-15 mins	2 VPs (6 IMPs)
15-20 mins	3 VPs (9 IMPs)
20-30 mins	5 VPs (15 IMPs)

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 (3 IMPs)
Subsequent boards	2 VPs (6 IMPs)

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

### Calculation of Multiple average plus awards during a session or match

When 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), where N is the number of unplayable boards, the score awarded per board shall be:

IMP scored Teams events: an IMP score of  $3\sqrt{N}/N$

IMP scored Pairs events: an IMP score of  $2\sqrt{N}/N$

Matchpoint scored events: a percentage score equal to  $50 + 10\sqrt{N}/N$

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/percentage to be assigned for each successive board in the case of multiple average plus boards:

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	IMPs assigned (Teams)	IMPs assigned (Pairs)	Percentage assigned (matchpoints)
1	3	2	60.00
2	1	1	54.14
3	1	0	53.18
4	1	1	52.68
5	1	0	52.36
6	0	1	52.13

## Drop-in scores for pairs entering the CBSP in Round 4

Assuming an original entry of  $n$  tables, pairs entering at Round 4 will be assigned a VP score,  $x$  (rounded to 2 decimal places), equal to the greater of:

- i) the average score of the top  $n/10$  (rounded up) pairs at the conclusion of Round 3; and
- ii) the leader's score at the conclusion of Round 3 minus 10.5.

Such pairs will be assigned an IMP score for each of Matches 1-3 as nearly equivalent as possible to the IMP score which would convert to  $x/3$  VPs.

## 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 unit may play another unit 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 units may play a unit 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 units may play a unit previously played in Rounds 1-4.

## Victory Point Scale for RBMSP and SONRMSP

Where  $x$  is the pair's average percentage for the round (rounded to 2 decimal places - 0.005 rounded up):

When  $x$  is greater than 70.0:  $VP = 20$

When  $x$  is between 57.5 and 70.0:  $VP = (x-20)*2/5$

When  $x$  is between 42.5 and 57.5:  $VP = (x-35)*2/3$

When  $x$  is between 30.0 and 42.5:  $VP = (x-30)*2/5$

When  $x$  is less than 30.0:  $VP = 0$

## Anticipated Finishing Times

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

**RBMSP and SONRMSP**

Friday, October 4, 6.00 pm

**GWOT, GGNRT and V&JBMT (Qualifying)**

Sunday, October 6, 1.30 pm

**V&JBMT (Semi-Finals)**

Sunday, October 6, 6.00 pm

**CBSP and FRNRSP**

Monday, October 7, 3.00 pm

**V&JBMT (Final)**

Monday, October 7, 4.00 pm