



INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER AGREEMENT (IRPA)

The ABF commits to a major investment through its program of Australia representative teams ("ART") at international bridge tournaments ("IBT"). Any player ratified by the ABF to be a part of an ART must comply with the terms of this agreement.

This player's charter outlines:

- the expectation of the ABF of all representative players;
- the minimum requirements for international representative players in terms of conduct and behaviour;
- the minimum commitments expected from the players in terms of practice and team-based elements

Any player who accepts a position in an ART will be required to sign the IRPA. Acceptance of such position and completion of the IRPA results in acceptance of and agreement to abide by the contents of the IRPA.

Failure to comply with this charter may result in action by the ABF which may include but not be limited to losing the right to represent or continue to represent the ABF and may also include losing the right to play any bridge sessions conducted under the auspices of the ABF or by any affiliated state bodies or club. In respect of any such action the ABF is committed to the application of natural justice.

Players in an ART are deemed to represent Australia and the ABF from the time selection is ratified until completion of any travel after leaving the final IBT tournament for the year. The relevance of this is that behaviour at places such as airports, transit to or from the IBT venue, as well as at the tournament and at bridge events and venues in the lead up to the IBT events is expected to be appropriate to the role of a player representing their country and in general accordance with the contents of the IRPA.

Without limiting the obligations of ART players in this agreement All ART Players must:

- Always maintain the highest standard of behaviour.
- Not take any actions or engage in any behaviour in connection with any team member, the team, or any official to bring the ABF, any sponsors, or the game into disrepute
- Show proper attitude and respect for all fellow team members, officials, and other participants
- Properly accept and respect the authority and decisions of tournament organisers and officials including appeals committees and refrain from any type of rude, impolite, or inappropriate behaviour towards same
- Comply with all directives given by the team captain and any team official at an IBT at which they are competing
- Compete in all matches scheduled in the IBT and always do their best
- Be aware and comply with all tournament regulations of any IBT in which they compete
- Maintain good health and hygiene standards while overseas



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- Not be in possession of, or use any illegal drugs or materials (note that by acceptance of the IRPA players confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief they will pass all drug and illegal substance testing regimes proposed by the WBF)
- Be available for all mandatory drug testing required by the organisers of any IBTs
- Not wager on any tournament in which they are competing until after they are eliminated from the tournament
- Comply with all alcohol and bedtime curfew rules set down by the captain

PRE-TOURNAMENT:

- Players are to undertake regular practice and preparation in their team partnerships in the months preceding the target event, both in competition and in a training environment, to ensure performance levels are maximised at the IBT

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

- For all tournaments in countries where the time difference to Australian eastern time is more than four hours players are expected to arrive no less than four clear days before the commencement of play
- For all tournaments in countries where the time difference to Australian eastern or Australian eastern daylight time is less than four hours players are expected to arrive no less than two days before the commencement of play

Players can satisfy the travel arrangements by arriving at a nearby time zone and location within the time limits provided as long as that time zone and location is a short travelling distance to the IBT and that players arrive at the location of the IBT within 1 clear day of the commencement of play.

ARRIVAL AT THE VENUE:

- Players are expected to arrive at the venue for the IBT at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of play

COMMUNICATION:

- Players are expected to have a mobile phone or other immediate and effective ability to communicate with the captain at an IBT

ATTENDANCE AT FUNCTIONS:

- Players are expected to attend official functions such as opening and closing ceremonies in the team uniform. Exceptions can be agreed to only for good reason and in consultation and agreement with the team captain.

DRUGS:

- IBT organisers advise that they will conduct random drug testing on players, captains, and officials. All players who are on prescription medications are expected to take with them a letter from their doctor advising of their prescription medication regime.



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UNIFORMS:

- Players at an IBT will be supplied with a team uniform and are expected to wear the team uniform when playing and attending official functions

International Representative Player Agreement:

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Australian Bridge Federation International Player Charter.

I agree to be bound by the terms therein.

I understand that payment to me of the team member subsidy is conditional on compliance with the IRPA, and that my continued right to represent Australia is dependent upon my compliance.

I acknowledge that non-compliance with the IRPA could result in the withdrawal of my right to represent Australia for current and future teams, and in this case, I will be required to repay any subsidies paid to me.

(insert full name of player)

(insert full name of witness)

(signature)

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(date)

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