



Tournament Committee

MINUTES

Meeting held in Sydney at the NSWBA
Friday 24th May 2019, 9:35-15:00

1. Present

Peter Reynolds (acting Chair), Sheila Bird, Laurie Kelso, Warren Lazer, Matthew McManus and Marcia Scudder.

Apologies: David Morgan (on leave of absence)

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

a. Player consultation on three-stage format for Open Butler Pairs

WL will distribute during and after the Butler at the Melbourne ANC.

b. Swiss VP scales

The scales determined by MM and PB have been in use in Sydney for Swiss Teams events. MM has created a list of suitable scales for use in ABF Swiss Pairs events commencing at the beginning of the next Playoff cycle on October 1 2019. (Appendix 1). MM will promulgate.

c. Accreditation of scorers and scoring programs

The production of a scoring program by the ABF's Technology Committee is viewed as a long term prospect. In the meantime, it is noted that the existing programs commonly in use at ABF tournaments vary in the way that, for example, they deal with scoring adjustments. MM and LK are familiar with these variations and will produce a document, by the first meeting in 2020, outlining the requirements so that scoring programs in use will be fundamentally the same.

The TC noted that web presentation of results was also important, and should, for example, allow results from previous rounds to be easily accessible, something lacking in the Compscore output. TC considers it important that the Adelaide ANC Committee, who have opted for DA as the scorer, should ensure that displays both on the web and at the venue cater well to the needs of on-site participants, and those seeking web results.

d. Wording of PQP regulations re ineligible teams/partnerships (NOT)

LK has drafted amended TRs (section 28) to more clearly define players eligible to receive PQPs for an event, covering failure to meet the board rule both during and at the conclusion of an event (Appendix 2)

e. Appeals

If appeals are to be held at ABF events, then it is imperative that they be heard, as early as feasible, and before the penultimate qualifying round to ensure that the draw in the final round does not fortuitously favour one team over another, where these teams may or may not be involved in the appeal.

3. Future Mixed Teams Playoffs

(a) TC recommends that a similar timing and format be used for the 2020 Playoff, i.e. open entry with no PQP requirements, but recommends that only contending teams be permitted to enter.

MC endorse this recommendation.

The 2020 Mixed Teams Playoff be run at the NSWBA, with MS as TO and MM as Chief Scorer. The Playoffs would be held over the Australia Day long weekend, as last year with Fri-Sat as qualifying, Sun as semi-finals and Mon as finals. Attempts are underway to reduce problems encountered in the 2019 Playoffs with air conditioning.

The Consolation event to be run alongside the semi-final stage on Sunday is to be retained as an NSWBA event. NSWBA to be consulted as to any benefit of this being a Licenced ABF event,

(b) The format will be the same as last year, with the exact nature of the qualifying stage depending on entry size.

(c) MC is keen to extend the Playoff circuit to include the Mixed Teams. TC feels that such a Playoff would only be possible when there are sufficient MXT events in the annual calendar. At present, the only one is the Playoffs themselves. As the Playoff Year extends from October the compilation of PQPs applicable to the 2021 Playoffs will commence in October 2019. There is clearly insufficient time to set up any meaningful structure by then in the absence of other well patronized MXT events. The following year, 2022 is a Rosenblum year and at present there is no target MXT event.

TC therefore recommends that the MXT Playoffs will be PQP dependent for 2023.

MC endorse this recommendation, however we note that this may require review in 2022.

4. Eligibility and Medical Issues

TC feels that these issues are not part of its remit. MC, the Legal Counsel and the ABF insurers are the relevant bodies.

5. Format for GC teams

TC recommends Open/Women's/Seniors' concurrent events as a trial for one year only.

MC accepts this recommendation

Teams would have to prenominate and confirm by the end of day one, whether they are contesting and will be available to play in the final stages of the Open, Women's or Seniors', with no option to enter more than one category. Only teams in the designated category can contest the final. Qualification of teams, who entered the Women's/ Seniors, to the final stages of the Women's/Seniors' categories will take precedence over qualification to the Open final, or any other event in which the players may have entered.

To be eligible for Women's/Seniors' finals teams must compete as Women's/Seniors' throughout the qualifying. The top two Women's/Seniors' teams will be taken from the Open field for each of the Women's/Seniors' finals, at the conclusion of the Open Teams qualifying. TC does not recommend taking out four teams for each after round 10.

PQPs will be awarded to the two teams contesting the finals of the Women's/Seniors' categories (16/8) but only if the teams comply with the category specification throughout the qualifying and final stages.

TC recommends that the final stages of the Open Teams be:

round of 4: 2 x 12 boards,

round of 2: 3 x 12 boards

final: 4 x 12 boards.

MC endorses the recommendations for final stages of the teams.

6. Other business

a) Round 1 draw. TC recommends dividing the field into two halves with random draw of a top half team against a bottom half team for round 1.

b) Youth awards of 6 Open PQPs for international Youth events should only be awarded for participation in the Target Event for the year. The Youth Committee will nominate the Target Event each year.

c) PR will summarise TC news for promulgation by Brad Coles in the ABF Newsletter.

d) Undersubscribed standalone events

When there are considered insufficient participants for an event in the calendar, for which there is a PQP allocation, to be viable on its own, and it is folded into another concurrent event, the PQPs will remain as stratified within the combined event for one year only. PQPs for the insufficiently subscribed event can only be allocated to players who nominated at the entry point that they were playing in that event.

e) PQPs for MXT events.

As MXT events are included in the calendar, they will be considered for PQPs.

7. Annual PQP review

PQP allocations for the 2021 Playoffs were reviewed. There were some increases and some decreases in allocations which were decided upon after analyzing the quality of players in the various events.

The table for the 2021 Playoffs is in Appendix 3

13. Next meeting

Saturday 31st August, 2019, in Sydney at the NSWBA

Appendix 1

ABF VP scales for Swiss Pairs

IMP diff	# boards					
	14	12	10	9	8	7
0	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1	10.30	10.33	10.35	10.36	10.39	10.41
2	10.60	10.66	10.70	10.72	10.78	10.82
3	10.90	10.99	11.05	11.08	11.17	11.23
4	11.20	11.32	11.40	11.44	11.56	11.64
5	11.50	11.65	11.75	11.80	11.95	12.05
6	11.80	11.98	12.10	12.16	12.34	12.46
7	12.10	12.31	12.45	12.52	12.73	12.87
8	12.40	12.64	12.80	12.88	13.12	13.28
9	12.70	12.97	13.15	13.24	13.51	13.69
10	13.00	13.30	13.50	13.60	13.90	14.10
11	13.30	13.63	13.85	13.95	14.29	14.51
12	13.60	13.96	14.20	14.30	14.58	14.82
13	13.90	14.29	14.45	14.65	14.87	15.13
14	14.20	14.62	14.70	15.00	15.16	15.44
15	14.42	14.84	14.95	15.25	15.45	15.75
16	14.64	15.06	15.20	15.50	15.74	16.06
17	14.86	15.28	15.44	15.75	16.03	16.37
18	15.08	15.50	15.68	16.00	16.32	16.68
19	15.30	15.72	15.92	16.25	16.61	16.99
20	15.52	15.94	16.16	16.50	16.90	17.30
21	15.74	16.16	16.40	16.75	17.19	17.60
22	15.96	16.38	16.64	17.00	17.48	17.90
23	16.18	16.60	16.88	17.25	17.76	18.20
24	16.40	16.82	17.12	17.50	18.04	18.50
25	16.62	17.04	17.36	17.75	18.32	18.80
26	16.84	17.26	17.60	18.00	18.60	19.10
27	17.06	17.48	17.84	18.25	18.88	19.40
28	17.27	17.69	18.08	18.50	19.16	19.70
29	17.48	17.90	18.32	18.75	19.44	20.00
30	17.69	18.11	18.56	19.00	19.72	
31	17.90	18.32	18.80	19.25	20.00	
32	18.11	18.53	19.04	19.50		
33	18.32	18.74	19.28	19.75		
34	18.53	18.95	19.52	20.00		
35	18.74	19.16	19.76			
36	18.95	19.37	20.00			
37	19.16	19.58				
38	19.37	19.79				
39	19.58	20.00				
40	19.79					
41	20.00					

Appendix 2

28. PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS (PQP)

PQP are used as part of the qualification process for the Australian Playoffs. PQP are awarded for some, but not all ABF Events. Those ABF Events that carry PQP are called 'PQP Events'.

- 28.1 Each year the ABFTC shall determine the scale of PQP awards that will apply to the following year's PQP Events.
- 28.2 From time to time, the ABFTC may recommend to the ABF Management Committee that certain ABF Events become (new) PQP Events and/or that PQP awards be withdrawn from certain (existing) PQP Events.
- 28.3 The PQP Compiler shall keep a register (the PQP Register) of the total number of PQP accumulated by each player for each particular year.
- 28.4 At the conclusion of each PQP Event, the CTD shall prepare a results report that specifies the names of the players and their ABF numbers; their eligibility and partnership arrangements; and whether they satisfied the Board Rule. The PQP Compiler shall then calculate the PQP awards earned by each eligible player.
- 28.5 Eligibility (See also Section 28.8)
 - 28.5.1 An eligible player at a stage of an event is:
 - a) a financial member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme who reasonably expects to be eligible to enter the next Playoffs and if successful, represent Australia;
 - b) a person who has
 - i) satisfied the board rule at all stages up to that point, and
 - ii) is not disqualified from the event whether at the time or subsequently
 - 28.5.2 An eligible unit at a stage of an event:
 - a) has at least one eligible player at that stage, and
 - b) has not, either then or later, been disqualified from the event
 - 28.6.1 As long as a team or pair has at least one eligible player, each eligible player in that unit shall receive the allocation of points earned by the placing.
 - 28.6.2 Teams or pairs with no eligible player at the conclusion of the event are classed as ineligible and deleted from the ranking for the purpose of PQP allocation. The allocation of PQP will be calculated as though the ineligible unit had not played.
- 28.7 Failure to meet the board rule
 - 28.7.1 A player who does not satisfy the Board Rule (Section 26 of these Regulations) in a stage of an ABF event receives half the PQP award they would have received if they had satisfied the Board Rule in that stage, but had lost. The awards to other eligible team members who have satisfied the Board Rule in that stage are not affected. Players who fail the Board Rule at any stage may continue to play in the event.
 - 28.7.2 Once a player fails to meet the board rule in a particular stage of an event, that player forfeits entitlement to any further PQP awards even if the board rule is satisfied in subsequent stages.
 - 28.7.3 If a unit is reduced to zero eligible players because all eligible players failed the Board Rule at some stage, that unit is removed from the final ranking list for the purpose of awarding PQP. The rankings for the other units are adjusted accordingly.

Example:

A team with two PQP-eligible pairs wins the NOT, but one eligible pair failed the Board Rule in the quarter finals and the other eligible pair failed it in the semi-final. The winning team is removed from the ranking list, with the two PQP-eligible pairs receiving different awards, as per 28.7.1 above.

The team that lost the final receives the PQP for 1st.

Losing semifinalists share the PQP for 2nd and 3rd.

Losing quarter finalists share the PQP for places 4-7.

No PQP are awarded for 8th.

- 28.7.4 PQP entitlements are calculated at the conclusion of an event. Any player who withdraws from an ABF event (authorised or unauthorised withdrawal - see Section 16 of these Regulations) is deemed to be non-contending from the commencement of the event and, therefore, ineligible for PQPs. The awards to PQP-eligible unit members who have not withdrawn are not affected. If the unit is reduced to having no PQP-eligible players, it is deleted from the rankings for the purpose of PQP allocation. The allocation of PQP will be calculated as though the ineligible unit had not played.
- 28.8 A player ineligible for the award of PQP may subsequently become eligible in the same PQP year. In such circumstance, the ABF may, in its absolute discretion, rule that such a player be permitted to claim retrospectively PQP that he might have won at the time of his ineligibility. The PQP allocations of other units in the tournament are unaffected by any such successful retrospective claim.
- 28.9 Substitutes are ineligible for PQP. Replacement players (see Paragraph 6.4 of these regulations) are eligible for PQP.

Appendix 3

Playoff Qualifying Points by Event

Leading to the 2021 Playoffs which are Teams Events

OPEN											
Event	Type	State	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Spring National Open Teams	Teams	NSW	48	24	12	6					
Dick Cummings Open Pairs	MP Pairs	NSW	32	24	16	8					
Australian Open Playoff - Teams	Teams	ABF	48	24	12	6					
Grand National Open	Teams	ABF	32	16	8						
TBIB National Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	ABF	28	20	12	6					
South West Pacific Teams	Teams	ACT	36	18	9						
Australian Mixed Teams Playoff	Teams	ABF	36	18	12	6					
National Open Teams	Teams	ACT	72	36	22	14	12	10	8	6	
Gold Coast Pairs	MP Pairs	QLD	36	28	20	12	6				
Gold Coast Teams	Teams	QLD	48	24	18	12	8	4			
Australian Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	TAS	28	20	12	6					
Autumn National Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	SA	28	20	12	6					
Autumn National Open Teams	Teams	SA	36	18	9						
Wally Scott Open Pairs	IMP Pairs	VIC	24	18	12	6					
Victor Champion Cup	Teams	VIC	36	18	9						
ANC Teams (State Reps)	Teams	ABF	6								
ANC Teams Final	Teams	ABF	24	12							
ANC Butler Pairs	IMP Pairs	ABF	45	40	35	25	20	15	10	8	6
Swan River Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	WA	24	18	12	6					
NT Gold Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	NT	16	12	8	4					
International – 2020 APBF	Teams		36	18	12						
International – 2020 WBF	Teams		60	48	36	24	KO Stage = 12				

Australian Youth 2020 Teams	Teams		6								
International – 2020 WBF (U25)	Teams		36	30	24	18	Top half finish = 6				

WOMENS											
Event	Type	State	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Linda Stern Women's Teams	Teams	NSW	36	18	9						
Spring National Open Teams	Teams	NSW	Top fifth in the datums = 12								
Australian Women's Playoff – Teams	Teams	ABF	48	24	12	6					
National Women's Teams Swiss	Teams	ACT	24	12	6						
National Women's Teams Final	Teams	ACT	48	24	12	6					
South West Pacific Teams	Teams	ACT	Top fifth in the datums = 12								
Gold Coast Open Teams	Teams	QLD	Top fifth in the datums = 12								
Gold Coast Women's Category	Teams	QLD	16	8							
Autumn National Women's Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	SA	16	12	8	4					
Sara Tishler Women's Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	VIC	16	12	8	4					
ANC Women's Teams (State Reps)	Teams	ABF	6								
ANC Women's Teams Final	Teams	ABF	24	12							
ANC Women's Butler Pairs	IMP Pairs	ABF	35	30	25	15	10	5			
Hans Rosendorff Women's Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	WA	16	12	8	4					
International – 2020 WBF	Teams		60	48	36	24	KO Stage = 12				
Australian Girls 2020 Team Member	Teams		6								
International – 2020 WBF Girls (U25)	Teams		36	30	24	18	Top half finish = 6				

SENIORS											
Event	Type	State	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams	Teams	NSW	36	18	9						

Australian Seniors' Playoff – Teams	Teams	ABF	48	24	12	6					
National Seniors' Teams Swiss	Teams	ACT	24	12	6						
National Seniors' Teams Final	Teams	ACT	48	24	12	6					
Gold Coast Seniors' Category	Teams	QLD	16	8							
Roger Penny Seniors' Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	TAS	24	18	12	6					
Autumn National Seniors' Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	SA	16	12	8	4					
Western Seniors' Pairs	IMP Pairs	WA	16	12	8	4					
McCance Trophy Seniors' Swiss Pairs	IMP Pairs	VIC	16	12	8	4					
ANC Seniors' Teams (State Reps)	Teams	ABF	6								
ANC Seniors' Teams Final	Teams	ABF	24	12							
ANC Seniors' Butler Pairs	IMP Pairs	ABF	35	30	25	15	10	5			
International – 2020 WBF	Teams		60	48	36	24	KO stage = 12				