

Report to 2020 ABF mid-term General Meeting



Job Title/Committee Name: Tournament Committee

Summary of Key Activities in 2020

The TC has conducted 2 online meetings since the online AGM 9 May 2020.

The meetings provided advice to the MC on:

- International Representation in 2021/2022.
- Playoffs 2021
- Online Tournaments

The International Performance Committee (IPC) that now reports to the TC has not met since May 2020.

The TC notes the resignation of Sheila Bird for personnel reasons. The Tournament Committee thanks Sheila for her work over the last few years and wish her well.

The TC welcomes new members:

- Barbara Travis who will also chair the IPC.
- Liam Milne
- Stephen Fischer

Challenges/Plans for 2021

1. Playoffs

The TC wishes to revive interest in future Playoffs and would be especially appreciative of feedback on the Playoff Discussion Paper published on the ABF website <https://www.abf.com.au/australian-playoff-discussion-paper-february-2020/>. The closing date for feedback has been extended to 31 March 2021. Any changes to the Playoffs will be instituted in the 2022 Playoffs for the 2023 representative year.

2. Calendar

The Tournament Committee is looking at how we might come out of this hiatus stronger and if it is possible to add variety, and transition, to a more vibrant tournament calendar. We will commence discussion with Tournament Organisers shortly.

There are many issues with modifying the National Tournament Calendar including existing bookings, commitments, and relationships. It is not proposed to alter any existing commitments.

Issues for ABF Council Consideration (if any)