

ABF Tournament Committee Resolutions Meeting of 18th Nov 2004

Australian Team Playoffs 2005

Dates and locations

It was confirmed that the dates for the Open and Women's playoffs will be Thursday to Monday 17-21 March, in Sydney, almost certainly at the NSWBA premises. It was confirmed that the dates for the Seniors Playoff will be Thursday to Monday 14-18 April, in Sydney at the Sovereign Inn, Crows Nest.

Entries

Open & Women's Playoffs. It was confirmed that nominations for places in the Playoff fields must be submitted online and will close at 4.00pm on Friday 28th January.

Seniors Playoff. Nominations for places in the playoff field must be submitted online to www.seniors.dbbc.net and will close at 4.00pm of Thursday 24th March.

Board rule

It was resolved that, in stage 1 of the playoffs (a round robin comprising 5 matches), each player must play in 4 of the 5 matches and must play 50% of all boards. In the event that any player fails to meet the board rule (in any stage of the event), *prima facie* such a failure will result in disqualification of both the player and his (her) team. Continuation of the player, and of the team, in the event will be a matter for the discretion of the Chief Tournament Director.

Declaration of availability

It was resolved that the formal declarations of availability shall be made on a team bases, not individually. A team (and, therefore, all of its constituent players) may declare its availability for either one target event or the other or for both target events.

Withdrawal

It was resolved that withdrawal (for any cause) of any player from an Australian team scheduled to play in an international target event means in effect the withdrawal of a pair. Which other player shall withdraw will be a matter for decision by the remaining 5 players in the team. A replacement pair will then be selected, by the remaining pairs, from amongst those pairs that participated in a Playoff team that did not finish in first or second place.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN PAIRS

It was confirmed that the Australian Open Pairs (AOP) will be held, starting in 2005, on the weekend between the Spring National Women's Teams and the Spring National Open Pairs. It was resolved that the AOP be a 4 session event with 2 qualifying and 2 final rounds. Places in the final will be reserved for the finalists in the Spring Women's National Teams. Pairs that do not qualify for the final will be permitted to withdraw provided that they give the organizers ample notice. The entry fee will be \$80 per player.

PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS (PQP)

Tasmanian Seniors Swiss Pairs (TSSP). PQP awards for 2005 TSSP will be: 1st 24, 2nd 18, 3rd 12, 4th 6.