

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND
AUSTRALIAN BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2001

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Introduction:

1.1 The Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) in cooperation with the Bridge Federation of the ACT (BFACT) conducts the Australian National Championships (ANC) and Australian Butler Pairs Championships (ABPC) in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulations and Appeals Rules as applicable and as modified by these Supplementary Regulations.

1.2 The Tournament Conveners are Julia Hoffman and Nola Church.

The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) is Sean Mullamphy.

The Appeals Committee Chairman is Ivy Dahler.

The Tournament Committee Chairman is Eric Ramshaw.

The ABF Tournament Organiser is Eric Ramshaw.

The ABF Recorder is Pam Crichton.

1.3 The ABF Tournament Organiser has absolute discretion to enforce Regulations #3, 4 & #10.6 hereof and his/her decision is final and not subject to appeal.

1.4 In the absence of the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, the Tournament Convener acts in her place as convener of the Appeals Committee.

1.5 Smoking is prohibited in the playing area and scoreboard display area but the Convener may designate other areas where smoking is permitted.

1.6 Mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic equipment are prohibited in the playing area.

2. Eligibility:

2.1 Youth players, as defined in #2.4, may represent a Home State or an Adoptive State (in which they have resided continuously for a period of three months or for the majority of a discontinuous period of four months) provided that they are members of a club affiliated to that State or the ABF Youth Club.

2.2 Unless dispensation is granted by the ABF (which may be retrospective), no Open, Womens or Senior player shall represent a State at an ANC who has not been:

(a) an active playing member of a club affiliated with or within the jurisdiction of that State during the previous year

or

(b) a *bona fide* resident of that State for a period of at least six months immediately prior to the commencement of the ANC in question

2.3 When #2.1 or #2.2 results in a player being eligible to represent more than one State in any particular event at the ANC, that player is entitled to represent only that State in which s/he first entered a selection tournament for that event.

2.4 To be eligible for the ANC restricted events:

Youth players must be born after 31-12-74, except as authorised by the ABF Youth Committee
Senior players must be born before 15-7-46 (ABPC), 21-7-46 (ANC Pairs) or 22-7-46 (ANC Teams).

MP for restricted events: The MP rankings published at 31-3-01 apply.

2.5 No substitutes are permitted in the ANC events, provided that the CTD is empowered to authorise emergency substitutions under such condition as s/he decides. Substitutes are allowed in the ABPC subject to ABF regulations and #18.

2.6 At the time of commencement of Stage II or B of the ABPC, each entrant who is an Australian resident must be an eligible player as defined in the Playoff Regulations.

3. Systems and Defences:

3.1 Pairs must classify their system(s) as GREEN, BLUE, RED or YELLOW using the ABF System Regulations as modified at May 1st, 1998. Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the ANC Convener.

3.2 In the event of a dispute during the Tournament concerning the classification of a convention or system the decision of the ABF Tournament Organiser is final.

3.3 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems are permitted in all events. YELLOW systems are permitted in the ANC Teams and ABPC Stages II, III, & B.

3.4 During the auction, pairs may use notes of their defence or "defence against the defence" for YELLOW systems or the convention(s) that make a system RED provided that they comply with regulation #4.5 & 4.6. During the play a player's notes may be used only to answer a question from the opponents. (No player may refer to the written bidding after the conclusion of the first trick).

4. Notification and Disclosure of Systems and Defences.

4.1 Pairs must lodge an adequate current ABF Standard system card with a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets, printed, typed or written in black ink on one side, before the deadlines provided in Regulations #4.2, 4.3 & 4.4. Pairs who fail to meet these deadlines may not be permitted to play a RED or YELLOW system for some or all of the event.

4.2 For the ANC Teams systems must be received earlier than four weeks prior to the commencement of the ANC - 4.00pm Friday June 15th 2001. All Systems must be submitted by the State Secretary by e-mail to webinfo@abf.com.au using the Edwards Convention Card Editor for the ABF Standard system card plus one side of a maximum of four supplementary A4 sheets. Complete and detailed notes must accompany any YELLOW system. A maximum of four RED and/or YELLOW systems per team is permitted. Each player must bring to the table a current ABF Standard system card, printed, typed or written legibly in black ink.

4.3 For the ABPC, YELLOW systems, including those that are to be played only as a defence against pairs playing a YELLOW system, must be lodged with the Chairman of the ABF Tournament Unit or CTD **AT THE LATEST** by 5.30pm on Sunday, 15th July 2001.

4.4 For a YELLOW system, that is to be used only against an opposing pair who play a YELLOW system in the ANC Teams, a concise system summary must be lodged with the Chairman of the ABF Tournament Unit before the Captains' meeting. Two copies must be distributed to each captain whose team includes a pair playing a YELLOW system at the captains meeting.

4.5 Defence or "defence against the defence" notes, printed, typed or written in black ink on one side of an A4 sheet, must be: lodged with and approved by the CTD 15 minutes before the scheduled session time; identical for each player; available to the opponents during the auction and play.

4.6 For defence against a YELLOW system, pairs using GREEN, BLUE or RED systems may change any facet of their system but pairs using a YELLOW system may not change their opening calls. For "defence against the defence" pairs may not change any of the highly artificial aspects of their YELLOW system.

5. Procedural Penalties:

5.1 Procedural penalties for late arrival, slow play or submission of incorrect scores are imposed by the Director upon a basis to be announced by him at the commencement of each event in the ANC.

6. Correction Period and Time of Appeal:

6.1 The correction period and time of appeal expire 30 minutes after the score is available for inspection unless the next round/stanza/session is scheduled to commence within that period. In that case they are extended to the expiration of the correction period and time of appeal for that next round/stanza/session.

6.2 All appeals or protests concerning the ANC events shall be lodged in person and in writing. A suggested form of Notice of Appeal is available from the Tournament Director.

7. Spectators:

7.1 Subject to availability of space, spectators are permitted in Open, but not Closed, Rooms at the ANC and ABPC. Regulation #10.1 of the ABF Tournament Regulations and Law 76 of the 1997 Code applies to all spectators at the ANC and ABPC. When replicated boards are used, no spectator may watch play at more than one table during any session of any event.

8. Dress Requirements:

8.1 Players and kibitzers are expected to maintain a minimum standard of dress, described as "neat casual".

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (ANC) TEAMS

9. Partnership Alterations:

9.1 A State may alter partnerships provided that the altered partnership plays a system which has been submitted pursuant to Regulation #4.2 above or a system which the CTD in his absolute discretion considers is sufficiently natural as to cause no disadvantage to the opposition through lack of previous disclosure.

10. Round Robins:

10.1 The qualifying round robin matches are 24-boards played without a break or change of pairs (except in cases of emergency).

10.2.1 Team numbers for the first Round Robin are allotted at the Welcome Function.

10.2.2 For 5 or 6 teams and three Round Robins, the team numbers for the second Round Robin are drawn by the CTD at the conclusion of the first Round Robin.

10.2.3 For 4 teams and four round robins, the team numbers for the third Round Robin are drawn by the CTD at the conclusion of the second Round Robin

10.2.4 The team numbers for the second of four and the last Round Robin are equivalent to the team's placing, determined by its VP score irrespective of any outstanding appeals but including all penalties, posted after the last round of the previous Round Robin. Subsequent adjustments do not alter the team numbers or the draw.

10.3.1 For 7 or 8 teams there are two qualifying Round Robins of 24-board matches.

10.3.2 The draw is:

RR1 & 2	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4
1	1 v 8	2 v 5	3 v 6	4 v 7
2	7 v 1	8 v 2	5 v 3	6 v 4
3	1 v 6	2 v 7	3 v 8	4 v 5
4	5 v 1	6 v 2	7 v 3	8 v 4
5	1 v 4	2 v 3	5 v 8	6 v 7
6	3 v 1	4 v 2	7 v 5	8 v 6
7	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6	7 v 8

10.3.3 The first-numbered team places its pairs NS in the Open Room, EW in the Closed Room. The first-numbered team sits first in the first Round Robin; in the second Round Robin the team that sat first against any team in the first Round Robin match sits last against that team.

10.4.1 For 5 or 6 teams there are three qualifying Round Robins of 24-board matches.

10.4.2 The draw is:

Rounds			
1, 6 & 11	1 v 6	2 v 4	3 v 5
2, 7 & 12	4 v 1	5 v 2	3 v 6
3, 8 & 13	1 v 3	2 v 6	4 v 5
4, 9 & 14	5 v 1	2 v 3	4 v 6
5,10 & 15	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6

10.4.3 The first-numbered team places its pairs NS in the Open Room, EW in the Closed Room. The first-numbered team sits first in the first and second of three Round Robins; in the last Round Robin the team which sat first against any team in the second Round Robin match sits last against that team.

10.5.1 For 4 teams there are four qualifying Round Robins of 24-board matches.

10.5.2 The draw for four teams is:

Rounds		
1, 4, 7 & 10	1 v 4	2 v 3
2, 5, 8 & 11	3 v 1	4 v 2
3, 6, 9 & 12	1 v 2	3 v 4

10.5.3 The first-numbered team places its pairs NS in the Open Room, EW in the Closed Room. The first-numbered team sits first in the first and third of four Round Robins; in the second and the last Round Robins the team which sat first against any team in the previous Round Robin match sits last against that team.

10.6 1 The team captain is responsible for posting the seating positions of the players on the Line-up Form. Posting must be completed at least 30 minutes and 20 minutes before the scheduled time of commencement of play, for the teams sitting first and last respectively. The CTD may alter posting times at his discretion.

For non-compliance with this Regulation, the penalties are:

loss of seating rights

AND

1st offence

warning

2nd offence

1 VP fine

3rd & subsequent offences

2 VP fine per offence

10.6.2 A YELLOW system may be played only if the pairs are posted correctly within the posting period or, in any other circumstances, with the agreement of the opposing captain and the CTD.

10.7.1 Scoring for each 24-board segment in the Round Robins is IMP converted to VP as follows:

Margin of 35 IMP or less

VP = IMP

Margin of 36 IMP or more

VP = 35 + 1/10 [IMP margin minus 35]

maximum win of 37.5 VP; maximum loss of 40 VP.

10.7.2 No score is awarded for a bye. After a forfeit, the non-offenders receive 23 VP, adjusted at the conclusion of the round robins to the higher of 23 VP or the team's mean score for completed rounds. The offenders score -37.5 VP.

10.8 Opposing captains shall agree to and sign a result sheet at the end of each match or 24-board segment. The captain of the team sitting first shall hand this result sheet to the Scorer as soon as the result is known.

10.9 The time allotted for each set of 24 boards is 160 minutes.

11. Final:

11.1 The two leading teams in each of the ANC Teams competitions play a 60-board Final (Youth reduced to 40 boards when there are 15 rounds) with a total of 20-boards, drawn from one or more of the Finals, displayed on Vu-Graph.

11.2 The Finals are played in 10-board sessions with screens. The captains draw for seating rights and the winner may elect to sit first or last for the first session. For subsequent sessions, seating rights alternate.

11.3 The carryover into the Final is 10% of the VP margin between the teams at the conclusion of the Round Robin, rounded to the nearest IMP (0.5 is reduced).

11.4 Scoring in the Finals is by VP with 1 IMP equivalent to 1 VP

11.5 Opposing captains agree to and sign a result sheet after each 10-board session. The captain of the team sitting first hands this result sheet to the Director as soon as the result is known.

11.6 The time allotted for each set of 10 boards is 80 minutes.

12. Ties:

12.1 A tie occurs when two or more teams have the exact number of VP.

12.2 Ties are broken after each Round Robin by: removal of procedural penalties; net IMP; total VP result of the match(es) between the tied teams; lot.

12.3 Ties in the Final are broken by successive 10-board playoffs.

ANC PAIRS EVENTS

13.1 The ANC Open, Womens, Senior & Mixed Pairs Championship is a two session event, in principle, each category comprising 22 pairs, in which each pair plays all other pairs over 21 x 3-board rounds.

13.2 The ANC Youth Pairs Championship is a two-session event with a format dependent on the field.

13.4 The ABF reserves the absolute right to alter the number of entries permitted and/or the format for any of these events without prior notice.

13.5 Ties in pairs events are split in accordance with Law 81 of the 1975 Code.

AUSTRALIAN BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS (ABPC)

14. Tournament Structure:

14.1 The ABF reserves the absolute right to alter the format of any stage of the ABPC, without prior notice.

14.2 The Open & Women's ABPC is conducted in three Stages:

Stage I Six sessions to qualify sufficient pairs to increase the State and ABF nominations for Stage II to 28 pairs in each event.

Stage II 14 x 10-board "matches", to qualify 14 pairs to Stage III in each event.

Stage III 13 x 14-board "matches".

14.3 The Senior ABPC is conducted in two Stages:

Stage A Concurrent with *Stage II* to qualify 14 pairs to Stage B

Stage B 13 x 14-board "matches" concurrent with *Stage III*.

14.4 The ABF determines the seeding, scoring and movement for Stage I & A without prior notice.

14.3 Stages II, III, & B of the ABPC are Butler-type movements. Scoring is by IMP against a datum calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores remaining after eliminating the 4 (Stage II) or 2 (Stage III/B) extreme scores. IMP are converted to VP in accordance with the WBF 8-board (Stage II) or 12-board (Stage III/B) scale. Pick up slips, table record cards and/or electronic scoring units are used but each pair must keep a score card, calculate and confirm the result of their match with that posted by the Director/Scorer.

14.4 The Restricted ABPC is a three session event scored in a similar manner to that described in #14.3. The exact details of the format and movement are determined after entries close.

15. Ties and Carryover:

15.1 Ties are broken by: removal of procedural penalties; removal of carryover; net IMP; lot.

15.2 There is no carryover from Stage I. The carryover from Stage II/A is 25 VPs for the leading NS & EW qualifiers and for other qualifiers 25 VPs MINUS [25% of the margin between their VP total and that of the leading qualifier in their direction]. Procedural penalties and slow play warnings are disregarded in the carryover then deducted at full value from the Stage III/B score.

16. Withdrawal and Reserves:

16.1 Pairs are ordered by expressing their scores as a percentage of the score of the "n"th pair in their group where "n" is the minimum number of pairs that the CTD announces will qualify from all groups. If the CTD announces that some "n+1"th pairs will qualify the reserve list is the remaining "n+1"th pairs ranked in this order followed by pairs with lower placing ranked in this order. In all other circumstances the reserve list is all pairs ranked in this order.

16.2 Vacancies (non-contenders/withdrawals) in the field for Stage II/B are filled by pairs from the reserve list in rank order.

16.3 At the conclusion of Stage II withdrawals are for emergency only. The first withdrawal in each group is replaced by the pair ranked next in the same group; other withdrawals are replaced from the reserve list in rank order.

17. Fouled Boards:

17.1 A ruling that a board is "fouled" must be sought within the correction period.

17.2 Law 87 determines that a board is "fouled" when "the Director determines that one or more cards were misplaced in the board, in such a manner that contestants who should have a direct score comparison did not play the board in identical form".

17.3 A "fouled" board is scored by:

- a) including one or more of its results in the calculation of the datum (described in #14.3) when the Director rules that the fouling was of no consequence
- b) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (3-6 results) or four (results>6) extreme scores, respectively
- c) cancelling one or more of its results and awarding a score of 0 IMP to those contestants whose score was cancelled.

18. Substitutes:

18.1 For Stage I & A of the ABPC, the partnership must be intact for approximately two thirds of the rounds and one member of the partnership must play approximately nine tenths of the rounds, exact numbers are decided after the movement has been determined.

18.2 For Stage II the partnership must be intact for 11 of the 14 "matches" and one member of the partnership must play 12 of the 14 "matches".

18.3 For Stage III & B the partnership must be intact for 10 of the 13 "matches" and one member of the partnership must play 11 of the 13 "matches".

18.4 For the Restricted ABPC the partnership must be intact for one of the three sessions and one member of the partnership must play two sessions.

18.5 The CTD may authorise emergency substitutions (for cause) under such condition as s/he decides.

19. Playoff Points:

19.1 Players must declare the basis upon which they are eligible to represent Australia

19.2 Eligible players in the first six pairs in the Open, Womens & Senior events receive 55, 50, 45, 30, 25 & 20 playoff qualifying points, respectively.

19.3 Tied players share the available points.