

Supplementary Regulations

BARRIER REEF CONGRESS

A North Queensland Gold Masterpoint Event

1 General

- 1.1** This event is conducted by the Townsville Bridge Club Inc as an agent of the QBA, under the auspices of the ABF.
- 1.2** Smoking is not permitted in areas defined by the Tournament Organiser as the playing area, scoreboard area, or any other area so designated.

2 Tournament Officials

The Tournament Organiser is Geoff Allen.
The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) is Laurie Kelso.
The on-site ABF Representative is Bruce Neill
The Recorders are John Brockwell and Keith McDonald.
The Appeals Committee Convenor/Chairman is Bruce Neill.
The Appeals Consultant is Neville Francis.

3 Systems

- 3.1** The onus rests with all pairs to classify their system(s) as GREEN, BLUE, RED or YELLOW according to the ABF System Regulations as amended to April 2010. A pair in doubt about the classification of its system should consult a Director.
- 3.2** RED, BLUE and GREEN systems as well as BROWN STICKER conventions and treatments will be permitted, subject to adequate disclosure and protection, throughout all events.
- 3.3** YELLOW systems will not be permitted in the Restricted Teams or any Pairs event; or during the first three rounds of the Open Swiss Teams. Thereafter the use of YELLOW systems is not permitted against teams with a current position in the lower two thirds of the Open field (decimals rounded up).
- 3.4** In the event of a dispute concerning the classification of a convention or system, the decision of the on-site ABF Representative is final.

4 Protected Pairs

- 4.1** A pair playing a GREEN system throughout the Restricted Butler Pairs where both its members are below the rank of National Master or where one player is below the rank of Local Master may apply to a Director to be a PROTECTED PAIR identified by an ORANGE sticker.
- 4.2** Pairs playing BROWN STICKER conventions must ascertain before the start of each round whether their opponents are a PROTECTED PAIR. If so, the pair playing the BROWN STICKER convention/treatments must not employ them during that round.
- 4.3** Coloured stickers are available from Directors prior to each session.

5 Board duplication and Fouling

- 5.1** Pre-duplicated boards will be played across the field. The hands are computer generated using ABF approved software.
- 5.2** A ruling that a board was fouled (Law 87) must be sought within the correction period. A board that does not correspond to the hand record is not necessarily defined as "fouled".
- 5.3** In teams events the result of a fouled board will be cancelled and a substitute board played at both tables unless the result of the match is known or any of the players has left the table at the conclusion of that stanza. In these cases the board is cancelled and an artificial score of +3 IMPs is assigned to both contestants.
- 5.4** In an event where a pair's scores are compared against a datum the result of a fouled board will be cancelled and an artificial score of +2 IMPs is assigned to both contestants.

5.5 Should multiple boards in a match be fouled, then the same procedures as described above will apply, unless the number of valid comparisons falls below 50% of the total number of boards scheduled for that round, whereupon an artificial match result of 18 VP shall be assigned to each of the contestants involved.

6 Restricted Swiss Pairs

6.1 Schedule

6 x 9-board rounds of Butler Swiss

Saturday 9.30 am Rounds 1 - 3

Saturday 2.00 pm Rounds 4 - 6

6.2 The draw for the first round is of the form $1 \text{ v } (n/2)+1$

6.3 The draw for subsequent rounds is according to rank: the pair ranked highest plays the pair ranked next that it has not played previously.

6.4 Seating positions will be displayed with the draw.

6.5 Scoring in these events is by IMP against a datum, converted to VP using the WBF 8-board scale. The datum is calculated as the arithmetic mean of those scores remaining after eliminating the three highest and three lowest scores.

6.6 When scores are missing (due to unplayed or cancelled boards) the datum is calculated from the available scores (see also 5.4)

6.7 To participate in the Restricted Pairs each player must possess no more than 300 MPs as of 1-1-2011.

7 Open/Restricted Swiss Teams

7.1 Schedule

Open: 10 x 14-board rounds of Swiss without a final

Saturday 9.30 pm Matches 1 & 2

2.00 pm Matches 3 & 4

Sunday 9.30 am Matches 5 & 6

2.00 pm Matches 7 & 8

Monday 9.00 am Matches 9 & 10

Restricted: 6 x 14-board rounds of Swiss without a final

Sunday 9.30 am Matches 1 & 2

2.00 pm Matches 3 & 4

Monday 9.00 am Matches 5 & 6

7.2 The WBF 14-board VP scale will be used.

7.3 The draw for the first round is of the form $1 \text{ v } (n/2)+1$

7.4 The draw for subsequent rounds is according to rank: the team ranked highest plays the team ranked next that it has not played previously. The respective captains may determine seating rights via the toss of a coin.

7.5 To participate in the Restricted Teams each team member must possess no more than 300 MPs as of 1-1-2011.

8 Scoring

8.1 Results must be entered on the relevant electronic scoring unit / result slip / table record sheet, which is then left on the table at the end of the stanza. Players must record the score for each board after it is played and before the commencement of the next board.

8.2 No change to the draw, once published, will be made if appeals or correction of errors subsequently alter the current ranking.

- 8.3** The correction (Law 79C) period for Matches 1-9 of the Open Swiss Teams and Matches 1-5 of the Restricted Swiss Pairs/Teams shall expire 30 minutes after the scheduled conclusion of the following match.
- 8.4** The correction period for Match 6 of the Restricted Swiss Pairs/Teams and Match 10 of the Open Swiss Teams shall be 30 minutes after the scheduled conclusion of that session.

9 Forfeits

- 9.1** In the case of a Pair/Team forfeit, the score for the purpose of the draw will be non-offenders 18 VP and 13 IMP, offenders 15 VP and 0 IMP.
- 9.2** After Match 10, the offenders score will be re-adjusted to 0 VP for the forfeited match.
- 9.3** The non-offenders score will be adjusted to which ever of the following is the highest: 18 VP **or** the mean score of the non-offenders in all their completed matches **or** 30 VP minus the mean VP score for the completed rounds of the offending team (to a maximum of 25 VP).

10 Substitutes

- 10.1** Substitutes will be permitted for cause (with the consent of the CTD) as follows:
Swiss Pairs: For up to half the total boards.
Swiss Teams: For a total of 3 matches. Teams may also augment up to a total of six players (with the consent of the CTD).
- 10.2** In allowing substitutes, the rights of the other contestants and the integrity of the event will be considered.

11 Procedural penalties

- 11.1** The sounding or use of an electronic communication device during session time:
First offence: warning
Subsequent offences: 3 VPs
- 11.2** Any board not commenced by the expiration of the allocated time in a Swiss Teams or Pairs match is removed and not played.
- 11.3** Late arrival/Slow play during the Swiss Teams or Pairs events:
Average plus/average minus will be awarded in lieu of each board lost due to either offence if the Director assesses only one contestant to be at fault. Where no such assessment can be made, a score of 0 IMPs is awarded.

12 Prizes

- 12.1** No team or pair may win more than one prize per event. If a pair/team qualifies for more than one prize, it will be awarded the prize of greater monetary value. If there is a tie between two or more units, then the total prize money will be divided equally.
- 12.2** In the Restricted Swiss Pairs/Teams, Category prizes will be available for the best North Queensland Pair/Team (each member must be a resident of either the Whitsunday or a Northern QBA Zone).
- 12.3** In the Open Swiss Teams, Category prizes will be available for the best North Queensland Team (each member must be a resident of either the Whitsunday or a Northern QBA Zone).

13 Appeals

- 13.1** Requests for a Director's ruling or appeals against a Director's ruling (Law 92) must be notified within 30 minutes of the official posting of scores for any session or stanza.
- 13.2** Appeals must be lodged on the official Appeals form.
- 13.3** The Appeals Committee may apply a procedural penalty if it considers an appeal to be substantially without merit.
- 13.4** The penalty, if applied, will be 2.5 VP.
- 13.5** Any player in doubt about the appropriateness of an appeal should seek advice from the official Appeals Consultant.