

# GOLDEN WEST SWISS PAIRS SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2017

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## 1 General

- 1.1 The Golden West Swiss Pairs (GWSP) is conducted by the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BWA) in conjunction with the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is the Mandurah Bridge Club, corner of Murdoch and Bortolo Drives, Mandurah, Western Australia.
- 1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Tournament Organiser (TO). Players must record the score for each board after it is played and before the commencement of the next board. It is an offence to leave the table at the end of a match without first confirming the completeness and validity of the data entered into the scoring unit. Every player present at the table is equally responsible for the accuracy of the scores.
- 1.4 Smoking is not permitted inside the venue, nor within any area defined by the TO as a non- smoking area. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.5 Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing room during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.6 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty, after one warning (see 5.3)
- 1.7 Mobile telephones, iPads and other electronic communication equipment may not be consulted or used during the session, unless a specific exception is permitted

by the CTD. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 5.3) in the first instance. In the case of further breaches by the same unit, the CTD will assess a more severe penalty, which may include forfeiture or disqualification.

8. 1.8 Expressions used here that have not been assigned a specific definition will be interpreted by referring first to the ABF Tournament Regulations, thereafter to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2007, and finally to their ordinary English meaning. In the event of doubt or dispute, the decision of the CTD shall be final and conclusive.

## 2 Officials

1. 2.1 The Tournament Organiser is Allison Stralow.
2. 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Bill Kemp.
3. 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is Richard Grenside.
4. 2.4 The Appeals Consultant is David Parham.
5. 2.5 The ABF on site representative is Nigel Dutton.
6. 2.6 The Recorder is Gerry Daly.

## 3 Eligibility and Substitutions

1. 3.1 At the time of commencement of an event, each Australian resident entrant must be a financial member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and of an organisation affiliated to the ABF or to an Australian State Bridge Association. Overseas players become honorary members of the Foreign Players Club.
2. 3.2 A substitute may be allowed with prior approval of the CTD for up to 4 rounds. In addition, the CTD may allow emergency substitutions for substantial cause and may impose any conditions in doing so and may take whatever other action is considered necessary to keep the tournament in motion.
3. 3.3 To ensure the smooth running of the tournament, the TO may nominate a “house contestant” to compete in any event. The TO will make every effort to nominate eligible players, but is at liberty to nominate others in case of necessity. The conditions under which the “house contestant/s” compete will, subject to ABF TR 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD.

## 4 Systems and Defences

4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted. YELLOW systems will not be allowed.

## 5 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties

1. 5.1 In a Swiss movement, penalties are included in the overall ranking, but the draw is determined by the scores excluding penalties.
2. 5.2 The general provisions of ABF TR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
3. 5.3 The disciplinary penalty for breach of regulations relating to smoking (1.4), consumption of alcohol (1.5) and mobile phones (1.6, 1.7) is 3 VPs.

## 6 Correction Period and Time of Appeal

1. 6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for matches 1 to 8 expires 30 minutes after the conclusion of the session in which the change is sought. The Correction Period for match 9 expires 20 minutes after the conclusion of the session. The CTD has the discretion to alter this period after giving notice to the players of such change.

2. 6.2 The time for lodging an Appeal against a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) for matches 1-8 expires 30 minutes after the end of the match in which the ruling was made. The time for lodging an Appeal against a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) for match 9 expires 20 minutes after the end of the match.

## 7 Fouled Boards

7.1 A fouled board is scored by:

- (a) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (4-6 results) or four (more than 6 results) extreme scores, respectively; or
- (b) cancelling one or more of its results and awarding a score of 2 IMP to those contestants whose score was cancelled.

## 8 Ties

8.1 At the conclusion, ties will be broken for first place in accordance with ABF TR 15, as detailed in the Appendices. Ties for other places will not be broken.

## 9 Event format

### 9.1

The GWSP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 9 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions.

1. 9.1.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 9.1.2. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF 9 board VP scale.
2. 9.1.2 The datum will be the arithmetic mean of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest and lowest  $x/10$  scores (0.5 rounded up) where  $x$  is the number of scores under consideration:
  - a) for Matches 1-3, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables; b) for Matches 4-6, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top  $n/2$  tables (0.5 rounded up), where  $n$  is the number of tables in play;
  - c) for Matches 7-9, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.
2. 9.2 The time allowed per round will be announced by the CTD.
3. 9.3 The session starting times are:

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am (2 matches)

Saturday, November 18, 1.45 pm (3 matches) Sunday, November 19, 10:00 am (2 matches) Sunday, November 19, 1.45 pm (2 matches)

## Appendices

Penalties for Late Arrival, Slow Play, Failure to enter or check scores

The penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play under ABF TR 10 are:

0-5 mins 5-10 mins 10-15 mins 15-20 mins 20-30 mins

warning for first offence, then 1 VP for each subsequent offence 1 VP

2 VPs

3 VPs

5 VPs

For late arrival in excess of 30 minutes, the CTD may assess a more severe penalty including forfeiture of the match and/or disqualification from the event.

When boards are cancelled by the director due to a failure to complete them on time, the following penalties may be applied to both pairs:

One board 1 VP Subsequent boards 2 VPs

When players fail to enter scores into the scoring unit before leaving the table, or where an incorrect score has been entered and agreed, the following penalties may be applied to both pairs:

First offence warning Subsequent offences 1 VP per occasion

Tie-breaking

Significant ties are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot.

Anticipated Finishing Time

The following time is provided solely as a guide to players and may change depending on event formats and other circumstances:

Sunday, November 19, 5:15 pm Prizegiving at 5:45 pm