

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 16 JULY 2006

What follows is a precis of the proceedings of the TC meeting of 16 July 2006. More detail can be obtained by reference to the full minutes.

a. Resolutions

07.06.01 National Open Teams entry fee

It was resolved that there will be no entry fee for the NOT. This is a reversal of an earlier resolution. It was argued that it is not possible, with the new format (see below), to impose an entry fee that is equitable in view of the fact that teams will be eliminated at various stages of the event.

07.06.02 National Open Teams qualification

It was resolved that eight teams will qualify, from each section of the South-West Pacific Teams Championship, for the 2007 NOT.

07.06.03 National Open Teams format

It was resolved that a knockout format should be used for the 2007 NOT as set out in the schedule below:

ELIMINATION STAGE I

Field X *Friday night – two x 16-board stanzas played concurrently with Field Y*

1A	1B	1A plays choice of 3B & 4B. 1B plays choice of 3A & 4A. Other
2A	2B	matches automatic. Four winners go direct to ELIMINATION
3A	3B	STAGE III; four losers go to ELIMINATION STAGE II
4A	4B	

Field Y *Friday night – two x 16-board stanzas played concurrently with Field X*

5A	5B	5A plays choice of 7B & 8B. 5B plays choice of 7A & 8A. Other
6A	6B	matches automatic. Four winners go direct to ELIMINATION
7A	7B	STAGE II; four losers are eliminated
8A	8B	

ELIMINATION STAGE II *Saturday stanzas 1 and 2 = two x 16 boards*

Four losers from field X play four winners from field Y with appropriate cross-overs. Four winners go to ELIMINATION STAGE III; four losers are eliminated

ELIMINATION STAGE III *Saturday stanzas 3 and 4 = two x 16 boards*

Four winners from field X, ELIMINATION STAGE I, play four winners from ELIMINATION STAGE II with appropriate cross-overs. Four winners go to SEMI-FINALS; four losers are eliminated

SEMI-FINALS

Sunday – four x 16 boards

Four winners from ELIMINATION STAGE III drawn firstly with appropriate cross-overs then according to S-WPT finishing order
Winners go to FINAL

FINAL

Monday – four x 16 boards

07.06.04 2006 Spring Nationals

It was resolved that, should the fields for the Women's Teams and/or the Seniors Teams be too small to support a 9-round Swiss movement, the fields will be stratified into a single field.

07.06.05 Individual Championship at the 2007 Perth ANC

It was resolved to re-institute the Open Individual Championship at the Perth ANC.

b. Decisions

- (i) There will be no play-off to break ties for eighth places in the South-West Pacific Teams. Alternative tie-breaking procedures were determined.
- (ii) Procedures to be employed in the event of stratification being necessary at the Spring Nationals in formatting the Spring National Women's Teams and the Bobby Evans Seniors Teams.
- (iii) Approval was given to the Tournament Unit to stratify fields for the various Pairs Championships at the Adelaide ANC should separate fields be too small for the running of viable movements.

c. Other matters discussed

- (i) Bidding boxes for the Summer Festival of Bridge.
- (ii) Tie-breaking procedures for Butler Pairs Championships.
- (iii) Reorganisation of pairs events at the 2008 Perth ANC.
- (iv) Format of the Gold Coast Teams Championship.
- (v) Conditions of contest for the 2007 Last Train ents and the 2007 Playoffs.
- (vi) Guidelines for the number of stanzas in Swiss events.
- (vii) Request for an additional PQP event for Western Australia.