

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 14 JANUARY 2007

What follows is a precis of the proceedings of the TC meeting of 14 January 2007. More detail can be obtained by reference to the full minutes.

a. Resolutions

01.07.01 Failure to meet board rule affects PQP awards in the NOT. It was resolved that a player who does not meet the board rule will lose PQP entitlements. Such a player will receive **half** the PQPs to which each other member of the team was entitled at the point at which the failure to meet the board rule occurred. For example, suppose that a team wins its quarter-final match, thereby becoming eligible for the semi-finals. At that point, each team member has become entitled to 18 PQP – the award for losing semi-finalists. Suppose also that one player (or pair) does not meet the board rule for the semi-final. Such a player (or pair) **will receive only 9 PQP**; that is, **half** the PQPs to which each other member of the team was entitled at the point at which the failure to meet the board rule occurred. (It should be noted that this example assumes that there are no ineligible teams participating. The presence of ineligible teams may affect the actual number of PQPs awarded.). The resolution has no implications whatsoever for PQP awards from the S-WPT.

01.07.02 Eligibility for title of “NOT Champion”

It was resolved that, for a player to be eligible for the 2007 title (NOT champion), that player must play at least one 16-board stanza in each of the quarter-final, semi-final and final. (It should be noted that these requirements for eligibility for the title are independent of the requirements for award of PQPs.)

01.07.03 Withdrawal of nomination for Playoff

The Committee resolved that any team that has already submitted an entry to the Playoffs may, without prejudice, withdraw that entry at any time prior to the time and date set down for closure of entries and may, if so desired, submit an **amended** entry.

01.07.04 Tie-breaking in the 2007 Playoffs

It was resolved that, in the case of a tie in the semi-finals and/or the finals of the 2007 Playoffs, the tie will be broken in favour of the team that placed higher in the round-robin.

01.07.05 Disclosure – system cards for future Playoffs

It was resolved that ABF and WBF system cards will be equally acceptable at the 2007 Playoffs and subsequent Playoffs.

01.07.06 Disclosure – prior submission of systems

It was resolved that the “exclusion” method of system submission should be retained.

01.07.07 Supplementary regulations for Playoffs

It was resolved that, insofar as practicable, there should be absolute consistency between the supplementary regulations for the Open, Women's and Seniors Playoffs.

01.07.08 Consumption of alcohol at ABF events

The meeting noted that the Management Committee has resolved that players should not consume alcohol in the playing rooms during the finals of ABF events, and that the Playoffs and the ANC (Interstate) Teams should be considered "finals". The Tournament Committee resolved that, for the purpose of the ban on alcohol consumption, the repechage final, the semi-final and final of the GNOT should be regarded as "finals".

b. Other decisions

- (i) A schedule of session starting times for 2007 Open and Women's Playoffs was decided upon.
- (ii) A carry-forward scale for the Playoffs was determined.
- (iii) Minor alterations to the supplementary regulations for the 2007 Playoffs were made.
- (iv) Minor alterations were made to procedures for compiling PQPs.

c. Other matters considered

- (i) GNOT entry fees.
- (ii) Breaking ties.
- (iii) PQP awards for 2008 and subsequent years.
- (iv) Systems allowable at ABF events.