

SWAN RIVER OPEN SWISS PAIRS 2017

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Swan River Open Swiss Pairs (SROSP) is conducted by the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BAWA) 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 West Australian Bridge Club, Odern Crescent, Swanbourne, Western Australia.
- 1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) or 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 conclusion 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 will be permitted only in the designated smoking areas. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.5 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. After one warning, breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty. (see 5.3)
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 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, 2017, 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

- 2.1 The Tournament Organisers are Hilary Yovich and Noelene Law.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Matthew McManus.
- 2.3 The Assistant Director is Bill Kemp.
- 2.4 The Director in Training is David Burn.
- 2.5 The Appeals Committee Convener is Chris Mulley.
- 2.6 The Appeals Consultant is Richard Grenside.
- 2.7 The ABF on site representative is Nigel Dutton.
- 2.8 The Recorder is Jane Reynolds.

3 Eligibility, Augmentation and Substitutions

- 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.
- 3.2 A maximum of five substitutions will be permitted. 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 The TO may nominate a “house contestant” to compete in any event in order to ensure the smooth running of the tournament. 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” competes 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.
- 4.2 ‘Protected Pair’ status may be claimed by eligible pairs in accordance with ABF System Regulation 2.9. Opponents of a ‘Protected Pair’ may not employ BROWN STICKER conventions during that round. Pairs seeking ‘Protected Pair’ status must advise the CTD at least 30 minutes before the start of the relevant event.

5 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties

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

6 Correction Period and Time of Appeal

- 6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for Session 1-5 expires at the start of Match 6. For Matches 6 and 7, the Correction Period expires at the start of Match 8. For Matches 8-10, the Correction Period expires 30 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection following Match 10.
- 6.2 The Time for lodging an Appeal against a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) expires 30 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the match (or 30 minutes after the parties are advised of the director's ruling when the ruling is made after the match), unless the next match is scheduled to commence within that period. In that case it is extended to the expiration of the Time of Appeal for that next 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 (3-7 results) or four (results >7) 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 of the event, 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 SROSP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 10 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions.
- 9.2 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 9.1.2. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF continuous 9 board VP scale.
 - 9.2.1 The datum will be the arithmetic mean (rounded to the closest 10) 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 4-7, 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 8-10, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.
- 9.3 The time allowed per round will be announced by the CTD.
- 9.4 The draw for each match will be made 95 minutes after the commencement of the preceding match based on the results submitted at that time, or at some earlier time at the discretion of the CTD. Incomplete results and errors will be corrected as soon as possible. Pairs failing to enter all scores or those who enter incorrect scores and then fail to amend them before leaving the table may be subject to penalty as listed in the Appendices.
- 9.5 The session starting times are:
 - Saturday, August 19, 10.00 am (2 matches)
 - Saturday, August 19, 1.30 pm (3 matches)
 - Sunday, August 20 9.30 am (2 matches)
 - Sunday, August 20 1.00 pm (3 matches).

10 Playoff Qualifying Points

10.1 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player as below:

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	32	24	16	8

10.2 To be eligible for PQP, each player must play at least 5 matches.

10.3 Tied pairs share the available points.

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	warning for first offence, then 1 VP (3 IMPs) for each subsequent offence
5-10 mins	1 VP (3 IMPs)
10-15 mins	2 VPs (6 IMPs)
15-20 mins	3 VPs (9 IMPs)
20-30 mins	5 VPs (15 IMPs)

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 (3 IMPs)
Subsequent boards	2 VPs (6 IMPs)

Should the players leave the table, when they have failed to enter one or more scores into the scoring unit or when 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, 5.45 pm