

**BAWA INTER-CLUB NOVICE  
TEAMS-OF-FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**REGULATIONS**

**1.0 STATUS**

The Metropolitan Inter-Club Teams-of-Four Novice Championship is a BAWA sponsored competition, organized and conducted by the BAWA Clubs Sub-Committee. The State Masterpoint Secretary has afforded the competition **B4s** status as provided by the ABF Masterpoint Scheme.

**2.0 COORDINATOR**

2.1 The competition coordinator is:

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2.2 All communications relevant to the competition are to be forwarded to the Coordinator.

**3.0 ENTRIES**

All BAWA affiliated clubs able to play within the Perth Metropolitan Area are eligible to enter the competition. Entries will be accepted only for club representative teams. Clubs may enter more than one team.

**4.0 PLAYERS**

4.1 Eligible players for this competition must have less than 100 MPs as determined in the ABF Master Point Rankings List on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of the competition. A player who exceeds 100 MPs during the remainder of the year, will still be eligible to play in this competition. If a team includes a player who has more than 100 MPs as at January 1<sup>st</sup>, then the offending team will forfeit that match in accordance with paragraph 4.3 of these regulations.

4.2 For each match of the competition each club shall field one team of 4 players. The team need not consist of the same 4 persons for all matches. Selected players should be bona fide financial members of the club and must be currently registered with the ABF as active players. Where a player may be a member of more than one club, that person may represent each of the clubs in which he/she is financial. Where a club enters more than one team, players are not restricted to any one team, except by virtue of their ABF ranking.

4.1 If for any reason any club should fail to field a full team of four eligible players within 15 minutes of the agreed scheduled start time, that team shall be deemed to have forfeited that match and shall not receive any score. The non-offending club will receive 14imps or its season's average at that time, whichever is the greater, providing that they have played a minimum of three matches. Teams playing less than 3 matches will be awarded 10VPs. In both cases the club at fault will receive 0 VPs.

4.4 If for any reason clubs fail to play a match within the schedule promulgated at the beginning of the competition, then the match will be declared a 'Non Match' and no VPs will be awarded.

## **5.0 GENERAL RULES**

- 5.1 Depending on the number of teams entering each division, the competition will be run as a Round Robin or as a Home and Away schedule, consisting of a series of 28-board head-to-head matches between the teams according to a fixture list which will be provided by the Coordinator at the beginning of the competition. Matches should be played at club premises with a qualified director present. A system of fixture dates will be used whereby the home club, as drawn by the Coordinator, will offer three dates to the away club to select one that suits. There is no restriction placed on either day or evening matches, but BAWA fixtures and Metropolitan Congresses should not be included in the three dates, unless both clubs agree.
- 5.2 The home club is to supply pre-dealt boards with hand records in accordance with BAWA regulations regarding Red Point events.
- 5.3 The Coordinator shall provide result and player registration forms at the beginning of the competition.
- 5.4 BAWA Supplementary Regulations regarding bidding systems, calling, alerting and slow play are to apply.
- 5.5 Highly Artificial Systems i.e. Yellow Systems, are not allowed.
- 5.6 For the 'Finals' segment, the home club need only offer **two** dates.

## **6.0 PLAY**

- 6.1 The matches will be divided into two 14 board halves with a break when scores may be compared, and pairs may be switched.
- 6.2 Choice of seating for each half will be in accordance with BAWA regulations in that the Team Captains toss for first choice.

## **7.0 SCORING**

- 7.1 All matches will be scored using the new WBF Continuous 28 board IMP/VP scale.
- 7.2 If two or more clubs have the same number of VPs at the end of the regular competition, the criteria used for discrimination will be the highest total of IMPs.

## **8.0 RESULTS**

The overall result of a match will be determined by the total IMP/VP score attained by each team. The **winning** team shall be responsible for sending in the result and players' registration forms to the Coordinator within seven days of the match. Email correspondence is preferred. Any outstanding matches at the last stipulated date for matches to be completed will be deemed as 'Not Played' and neither team will receive VPs or MPs.

## **9.0 MASTERPOINTS**

Red Masterpoints will be awarded to the members of the winning team at the rate of 0.42MPs per player. In the event of a draw, the Masterpoints will be shared by both teams.

## **10.0 FEES**

The entry fee for the competition shall be \$100.00 per team entered. A cheque should be made out to BAWA and forwarded to the BAWA Treasurer. (PO Box 503 NEDLANDS 6909) A tax receipt will be issued if requested. Payment can also be made via Electronic Fund Transfer, ensuring that the name of the competition and the name of the club is included.

## **FINALS**

- 11.1 If qualifying finals are required, then the procedure below will be followed:

- 11.1 The Team coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Blue Division will host and play the team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Gold Division.
- 11.2 The Team coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Gold Division will host and play the team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Blue Division.
- 11.3 The winners of 11.1 will play the winners of 11.2. The team with the highest difference of imps from the Qualifying Final will host.
- 11.4 The losers of 11.1 will play the losers of 11.2. The team with the lowest difference of imps from the Qualifying Final will host.

## **12.0 PRIZES**

12.1 Prizes will be paid to participating clubs only, and not to individual players. The winner of the competition will also be presented with the 'Florence Maltby Shield'.

12.2 From the entry fees received by the Clubs Sub-Committee, and after miscellaneous running expenses have been met, prizes will be paid in accordance with the following scale:

- 4 – 9 teams:      1<sup>st</sup> 50%              2<sup>nd</sup> 30%              3<sup>rd</sup> 20%
- 10+ teams:      1<sup>st</sup> 40%              2<sup>nd</sup> 30%              3<sup>rd</sup> 20%              4<sup>th</sup> 10%

## **13.0 DISPUTES**

Any disputes that cannot be resolved by the appointed director shall be referred, in the first place, to the Coordinator, and thereafter through the normal machinery of BAWA.

## **14.0 PUBLISHED RESULTS**

Results will be published on the BAWA web page and the *Focus* newsletter on a regular basis. A current table will also be emailed to all clubs participating in the competition.