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13/4/2024: Changes to Regulation 23: Club Congress Event Prize Money Structures, Notification and Nomenclature along with some additions to the Definitions.

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The power of the Clubs to exclude entry to their Congress and Interclub Events at their Club.

Changes to Regulation 7: Smoking and Other Health Matters: Added provisions to include other health matters and jurisdiction.

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Introduction

This document outlines the rules and regulations that apply to bridge events being run in Western Australia under the control of BAWA.

It covers all State Events, Club Congresses and Interclub events. It does not cover Club red point events (grade B4c as defined in the Masterpoint Manual) that are not designated as Congresses.

It does not cover ABF licensed events that are being run by BAWA, except to the extent that the ABF cedes disciplinary jurisdiction to BAWA for incidents that occur during those events.

Definitions

The following are defined terms in this document and where used, will carry the following meanings:

“ABF” is the Australian Bridge Federation

“BAWA” is The Bridge Association of Western Australia

“Behaviour and Ethics Committee” (BEC) is the BAWA Behaviour and Ethics Committee, a sub-committee of the BAWA Management Committee

“Championship or Selection Event” is any event run by BAWA that is within the definition contained in the ABF Masterpoint Manual, Clause 6.2.2

“Club Congress” is any B3 or B4 Congress Event as defined in the Masterpoint Manual

“Code of Conduct” is the BAWA Code of Conduct, attached as Appendix 1 of these Regulations

“Demerit Points” are Demerit Points under Appendix 3 of the Code of Conduct

“Event” is any bridge session or sessions subject to these rules and regulations.

“Equivalent Standard” means degree of equivalence where the ability of the Unit is neither significantly higher nor significantly lower because of the substitution

“Interclub event” is any B5i event as defined in Clause 2.7 of the Masterpoint Manual

“Intermediate” is a player with fewer than 750 Masterpoints at the cut-off date.

“Look Up Table” is the Look Up Table in Appendix 3 of the Code of Conduct.

“Management Committee” is the BAWA Management Committee

“Masterpoint Manual” is the ABF’s Masterpoint Manual, available at:
<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/mpmanual/html/mpmanual.htm>

“Must” imposes an obligation, it is the strongest word.

“Novice” is a player with fewer than 100 Masterpoints at the cut-off date.

“Restricted” is a player with fewer than 300 Masterpoints at the cut-off date.

“Shall” not quite as strong as “must” but indicates something that is expected to occur except in exceptional circumstances.

“Should” gives suggestion or advice, or expresses uncertainty.

“Stage of event” means successive sessions where the size of the field eligible to win the competition is not reduced (excluding reduction due to withdrawal, disqualification) or otherwise defined in the Supplementary Regulations for the Event

“Stanzas” are periods of play, ending in a break to score up, where less than or equal to 50% of the total boards in a match are played.

“State Event” is any B4s event as defined in the Masterpoint Manual or any Championship or Selection Event

“State Representative” is any player that has been nominated by BAWA to play in an event.

“State Representative Code of Conduct” is Appendix 2.

“Substitute” means a non-unit player who represents that unit for one session or part thereof

“Substitution” means the replacement of a unit member for one session or a part thereof

“Supplementary Regulations” are all the matters contained within this document

“Tournament Committee” (TC) is the BAWA Tournament Committee, a sub-committee of the BAWA Management Committee

“Tournament Director” is the director or directors appointed by the Tournament Committee or the Tournament Organiser with the primary responsibilities for directing an event

“Tournament Organiser” is the person or people appointed to convene and organise an Event

“Unit” means the original pair (two players) or team (between four and six players, unless replaced by players who become permanent members of the Unit).

WBF – The Laws of Duplicate Bridge

- The rules of bridge to be followed in every Event are the WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge, available at <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations>.
- The Supplementary Regulations cover all other aspects of Events.
- Regulations may be published for an Event to override any part of the WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge or the Supplementary Regulations. Those regulations must be approved by the Tournament Committee prior to publication.

Part I – Events

1. Organisation of Events

- 1.1 All Events must have a Tournament Organiser and a Tournament Director.
- 1.2 The Tournament Organiser and the Tournament Director must ensure that any applicable regulations for the event are observed, including these Supplementary Regulations.

2. Tournament Organisers

- 2.1 A Club running a Club Congress must appoint a Tournament Organiser.
- 2.2 For all BAWA State events, the Tournament Committee must appoint a Tournament Organiser.
- 2.3 A Tournament Organiser who is suitably qualified for the level of Event must be appointed. A list of suitably qualified Directors for State events and Congresses is available at: <http://www.bawa.asn.au/officers/BAWA%20Officials%202024.html>
 - (a) For State Events, the Tournament Director is to be appointed by the Head of Director Development.
 - (b) For Club Congresses, The Tournament Director is to be appointed by the Tournament Organiser.
- 2.4 The Tournament Organiser must, in consultation with the Tournament Director, ensure that at each session of the Event a suitable person will be available as the Event Recorder (see Regulation 4).

3. Tournament Directors

- 3.1 All events must have at least on Director who is suitably qualified for the level of the Event being run.
- 3.2 The Tournament Director must run the Event, making note to abide by all BAWA Regulations, including penalties for late arrival and slow play.
- 3.2 Tournament Directors are not permitted to play if they are directing the Event.
- 3.3 In exceptional circumstances, application can be made to the Tournament Committee to waive the requirements in Regulations 3.1 or 3.3.
- 3.4 A single Director may run:
 - (a) A Pairs movement of up to 30 tables; and
 - (b) A Teams or Swiss Pairs competition of up to 40 tables.
- 3.5 A State Director or National Director may run a Pairs movement of up to 40 tables with a qualified assistant.
- 3.6 In exceptional circumstances, application can be made to the Tournament Committee to waive the requirements of Regulations 3.5 or 3.6.

4 Event Recorders

- 4.1 The Tournament Organiser must, in consultation with the Tournament Director, appoint an Event Recorder for each session of the Event.
- 4.2 The primary function of the Event Recorder is to receive communications, oral or written, from individual players with concerns arising from actions occurring at the table during the Event, or that may affect the bridge Event, and which have not been fully resolved by the Tournament Director.
- 4.3 For further information on the role of Event Recorder, see Regulation 30 and <http://www.bawa.asn.au/notices/BAWA Recorder - Final.pdf>

5 Entry to Events

- 5.1 All participants in an Event must be an active (financial) member of an ABF affiliated club and supply their ABF number at the beginning of the Event.
- 5.2 Entry to an Event may be restricted by Masterpoints or by Gender. Where an Event is restricted in such a manner, the Unit entering must comply with the restriction.
- 5.3 Where an Event is restricted by gender, The ABF's Gender Policy will apply

[Australian Bridge Federation » Cross Gender Policy](#)

For the purposes of Regulation 5.2

- (a) A Women's Event requires each pair in the Unit to be comprised of two women;
 - (b) A Men's Event requires each pair in the Unit to be comprised of two men;
 - (c) A Mixed Event requires each pair in the Unit to be comprised of one woman and one man.
- 5.4 Overseas players who wish to play in an event should contact the Tournament Organiser who will liaise with the ABF Masterpoint Centre to issue an ABF number as a member of the Foreign Players Club.
- 5.5 A player who is inactive at the start of the Event is automatically disqualified from the Event. The Unit may use the Augmentation provision in Regulation 15.8 to continue in the Event, although the Score Adjustment provisions of Regulation 15.6(b) may be applied to any boards that were played by the inactive player.
- 5.6 Any player who enters an Event and does not turn up to play in any session of the Event without adequate reason or organising a substitute may be referred by the Tournament Director or the Tournament Organiser to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee for disciplinary action.

- 5.7 Entries received after the published closing dates (if any) or otherwise within 48 hours of the commencement of the Event are accepted entirely at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 5.8 Units may be accepted into a field after the completion of the first session of an Event with the permission of the Tournament Director. A Unit entering under this provision:
- (a) Will be awarded a score of 40% (or the 40th percentile score) for any session that they have missed; and
 - (b) If the Event is a knockout event with a repechage section, entry under this provision will be accepted only into the repechage section.
- 5.9 If at least 50% of the players in a Unit are representing Australia or BAWA in another event, the Unit may be excused from attendance at conflicting sessions of an Event and shall be awarded a score of 55% in a matchpoint event or 13/20 VPs (or equivalent in an IMP-scored event), providing:
- (a) Approval is obtained from the Tournament Committee in advance;
 - (b) No more than 40% of the sessions in the Event are missed; and
 - (c) Neither of the last two sessions of the Event is involved.
- 5.10 Entry fees to the Event for Units utilising Regulations 5.6 or 5.7 will be calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- 5.11 If the Tournament Organiser changes the date or time of a session from that advertised at the time of entry, any Unit unable to attend or arrange substitutes for that session will be awarded its average score from the sessions played.
- 5.12 Where a club is hosting a Club Congress or an Interclub Event, the Club may refuse entry to any player, who at the time of the Club Congress, is suspended or banned from playing at that Club.

6 Fair and Equitable Events

6.1 The Tournament Director must ensure that the movement played in the Event is fair and equitable.

- (a) Multiple section movements must be seeded. For Events run with two or more sections qualifying for a final, it is essential that the field is evenly seeded.
- (b) Seeding, if required, shall be done as follows:
 - (i) Prior to the first round of the Event, the Tournament Director must seed the field
 - (ii) After the first and subsequent rounds, seeding must be determined by the positions of the contestants after the previous qualifying round.
- (c) For pairs Events run over several sessions, the Tournament Director must ensure that the movement used is as balanced as possible. Ideally, each pair should play an equal number of boards against all other pairs and have their scores match- pointed against the other pairs equally often. In this case, the fields must be seeded into sections.
- (d) For Swiss Events sufficient rounds must be played, according to the table below:

Number of Entries	Number of Rounds
5 – 8	3
9 – 16	4
17– 32	5
33 – 64	6
65 – 128	7

- (e) Where scoring in an Event is by a Butler Mean, 10% of the extreme scores (rounded down) should be removed from each end of the score continuum. For example, where there are 36 scores, the top three and the bottom three scores should be excluded in calculating the Butler Mean.
- (f) Scoring in qualifying rounds must be done across the field. Finals qualification is to be either the top 14 pairs in a multiple Howell movement or the top 7 N/S and top 7 E/W pairs in a multiple Mitchell movement.

7 Smoking and Other Health Matters

- 7.1 Smoking is prohibited in the playing area of Events and all other parts of the venue specified by the Tournament Organiser.
- 7.2 Any regulations relating to smoking or other health matters that have been promulgated by the controlling body of the venue and by State and Federal law must be observed.
- 7.3 by the controlling body of the venue and by State and Federal law must be observed.
- 7.4 A Club hosting a BAWA Event, Club Congress or Interclub Event is permitted to enforce a published Policy relating to the health of participants, providing the policy has been notified in advance to all participants.
- 7.5 Any contraventions of Regulations 7.1 or 7.2 above should be reported by the Director to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee for disciplinary action.

Part II – Bridge Matters Relating to Events

8 Pre-Dealt Boards

- 8.1 All Events shall have pre-dealt boards and hand records.
- 8.2 The following procedure shall be adopted for the dealing of boards:
 - (a) After dealing, the operator of the dealing machine OR the producer of the boards should place the boards in a sealed box along with the hand records.
 - (b) The boards are to be delivered to a location agreed with either the Tournament Organiser or the Tournament Director. This person is then responsible for the security of the boards and any hand records (electronic or printed).
- 8.3 In Events with two or more sections, the Tournament Director must organise the boards in a manner such that identical boards are played in all sections.

9 Movement and Timing

- 9.1 The minimum number of boards to be played in each Session in an Event is 24.
- 9.2 Where for a particular reason the Tournament Organiser needs to play fewer boards in a session than dictated by Regulation 9.1, it must be clearly stated in the conditions of entry (or congress brochure) as it will affect players' entitlements to masterpoints.
- 9.3 In Teams matches other than Swiss Teams, seating will be determined by the toss of the coin.
- (a) The winner of the toss will have the right to choose their opponents or choose their seating.
 - (b) In a match with multiple Stanzas:
 - (i) The seating rights will alternate between Stanzas;
 - (ii) The winner of the toss selects whether to have choice in the odd Stanzas or the even Stanzas; and
 - (iii) If no toss is conducted prior to the first Stanza, seating in each Stanza will alternate to the greatest possible extent.
- 9.4 Major State Events (Masterpoint Grade B) must have a minimum time allotment of 7.5 minutes per board. Other Events (Masterpoint Grades B3, B4 and B4s) must have a minimum time allotment of 7 minutes per board.

10 Bidding Systems

- 10.1 BAWA has adopted the ABF system classification for Green, Blue, Red and Yellow Systems. Refer to <https://abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFSystemRegs.pdf>
- 10.2 Any pair in doubt about the legality or classification of their system should submit a full system summary to the Tournament Committee for evaluation.
- 10.3 BAWA reserves the right to re-classify any system by an interpretation of the spirit as well as the letter of the classifications defined in Regulation 10.1.
- 10.4 Yellow (HUM) Systems may only be played in State Events comprised of matches of 8 or more boards duration (Teams, Butler and Swiss events). These systems are not permitted in Congresses or Interclub events.
- 10.5 Where a Yellow (HUM) System is to be played, players must make available to the Tournament Director a fully documented system summary not less than 7 days before the start of the event in which such a system is to be played. Furthermore, a comprehensive system card must be forwarded to the Tournament Committee for posting on the Systems webpage at bawa.asn.au/systems/systems.html

11 System Cards

- 11.1 In all Events, each player must have a comprehensive, legible ABF system card available to the opponents at all times during play.
- 11.2 Tournament Organisers should ensure that a supply of blank system cards is available to players during the Event.

12 Calling

- 12.1 Where possible, bidding boxes should be used in all Events. The Tournament Organiser should ensure sufficient bidding boxes are available at the Event. In the absence of bidding boxes, written bidding will be used.
- 12.2 If the Tournament Director believes that the circumstances require it, alternative bidding procedures may be instituted without any further authorisation, whether for one or more tables only or for all competitors.

- 12.3 Regulations on written bidding and bidding boxes can be found at
<https://abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFWBBBRegs2018.pdf>

13 Alerting

- 13.1 BAWA has adopted the 2017 ABF Alerting Regulations available at:
<http://abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFAlertRegs2017.pdf>

14 Punctuality and Slow Play

- 14.1 Players who arrive late for an event, without having informed the Tournament Director of taken reasonable steps to inform the Tournament Director at the earliest opportunity may be liable to disciplinary penalties.

Late By More Than	Pairs Events	Teams Events
5 minutes	10% of a top	1VP (3 imps)
10 minutes	15% of a top	2VPs (6 imps)
15 Minutes	25% of a top	5VPs (15 imps)
30 minutes	Deemed non- attendance by the pair	Opposing team may claim a forfeit

- 14.2 When players are more than 30 minutes late in a Teams event, the opposing team may, at their discretion and with the approval of the Tournament Director play the match.
- 14.3 The Tournament Director shall warn players who, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, have prolonged play sufficiently to inconvenience other players.
- 14.4 Players who consider themselves to have been inconvenienced by the prolonged play of their opponents should advise the Tournament Director as soon as possible. The Tournament Director will award an adjusted score where the board or boards cannot be completed in the allotted time.
- 14.5 If the Tournament Director has cause to warn a player or players about slow play more than once in an event, each warning after the first may be accompanied by a penalty of 10% of a top (Pairs) or 10% of the VPs available in a match (teams) or the equivalent.

15 Substitutions

- 15.1 Each Unit is responsible for paying all table monies, notwithstanding the use of a Substitute.
- 15.2 Substitutions are permitted for convenience or for cause.
- 15.3 Permissible Substitutes
- Any player eligible to play in BAWA events may be a Substitute under this Part except players who are part of a different Unit in the Event.
 - The Tournament Committee may, upon application, waive the permissible substitute requirements outlined in Regulation 15.3(a).
 - Where the Event has restrictions placed upon entry and due to a Substitution or Augmentation, boards are played which do not comply with those restrictions, the Unit who initiated the Substitution or Augmentation:
 - Will be ineligible to win titles or prizes for the Event;
 - Will be ineligible to win Overall Masterpoints in the Event; and will be unable to progress to subsequent stages of the Event.
- 15.4 Ordinary Application for Substitution
- Requests for Substitution should be made in writing to the Director or the Tournament Committee Secretary at least five days prior to the session in which the substitution is to occur.

- (b) An application under Regulation 15.4(a) may canvass more than one Substitution possibility.
- (c) The suitability of any Substitution shall be determined by a simple majority of the Tournament Committee.
- (d) The applicant will be informed in writing of the decision within 48 hours of making the application for a Substitution under Regulation 15.4(a).
- (e) If the application under Regulation 15.4(a) is rejected, the Tournament Committee may provide a list of Substitutes who would be deemed to be suitable. Where this occurs, the applicant must inform the Director as soon as possible of who will be playing as a Substitute.
- (f) Where a Substitution occurs under the provisions of this Regulation, neither the penalties outlined for a Substitute who is not of equivalent standard under Regulation 15.6(a) nor any score adjustment under Regulation 15.6(b) will occur.

15.5 Emergency Substitution

- (a) Where circumstances of sudden emergency or illness mean that an application for Ordinary Substitution under Regulation 15.4(a) cannot be made, an application for an Emergency Substitution may be made to the Tournament Director.
- (b) The Tournament Director should, in consultation with the Tournament Committee where necessary, determine whether the Substitution is one of Equivalent Standard.
- (c) Where possible, the determination of Equivalent Standard should be decided prior to the session in which the Substitution is to occur and that determination conveyed to the applicant. If this is not possible, the determination should be made as soon as practicable after the session in which the Substitution occurred.
- (d) In making the determination of Equivalent Standard, consideration should be given to:
 - (i) The ability and experience of the players involved in the Substitution; and
 - (ii) The ability and experience of any pairs involved in the Substitution.
- (e) The determination of Equivalent Standard in Regulation 15.5(d) must not be based solely on the number of Masterpoints or Master Rank of the players.
- (f) If a Substitute plays and is determined to not be of Equivalent Standard:
 - (i) The Tournament Committee may impose a penalty upon the Unit under Regulation 15.6(a);
 - (ii) The Tournament Director must make a score adjustment under Regulation 15.6(b).

15.6 Penalties Pertaining to Substitutions

- (a) If a substitute used is not of Equivalent Standard, the Unit will be penalised as follows, in addition to any score adjustment under Regulation (b):
 - (i) For use of an overweight substitute in knock-out matches, a penalty of 20 IMPs per 14 boards (i.e. approximately 1.43 IMPs per board for matches of other length).
 - (ii) For use of an underweight substitute in knock-out matches, a penalty of 6 IMPs per 14 boards (i.e. approximately 0.43 IMPs per board for matches of other length).
 - (iii) In IMP or matchpoint scored events, the offending unit will receive the lower of their

- actual score and their average score for sessions not involving unapproved substitutes.
- (b) If a substitution is not of Equivalent Standard, the Tournament Director must award an altered score to the opponents, being the higher of:
- (i) The actual score obtained in the match/round;
 - (ii) The average of all the other match/round scores that the opponents obtained in that stage of the competition;
 - (iii) The complement of the Unit's average score for all other matches/rounds in that stage of the Event not involving substitutes who were not of Equivalent Standard.

15.7 Maximum Number of Substitutions Permitted

- (a) The number of substitutions allowed in a stage of an Event are set out in the following table, unless the Event Regulations specifically provide otherwise.

No of sessions in stage (n)	Pairs events (includes Butler)	Teams Events
1	No substitutions	No substitutions
2	One substitution	One substitution
3	Two substitutions	Two substitutions
4	Two substitutions	Two substitutions
5	Three substitutions; the Unit must play as a pair in three sessions	Three substitutions
6	Four substitutions; the Unit must play as a pair in four sessions	Four substitutions
7	Four substitutions; the Unit must play as a pair in four sessions; each player must play at least five times	Five substitutions; four sessions must be substitute-free
8	Four substitutions; the Unit must play as a pair in five sessions; each player must play at least six times	Six substitutions; five sessions must be substitute-free
9+	The Unit must play as a pair in at least 60% of the sessions; each player must play at least two thirds of the sessions	(n – 2) substitutions; the Unit must play as a team in at least 60% of the sessions

- (b) The Tournament Committee may approve additional substitutions in special circumstances. In particular, absence while representing Australia or BAWA or participation in WBF or Zones 4, 6 or 7 Championships or finals of national events may be considered a special circumstance provided approval is obtained in advance.
- (c) Any Unit which does not comply with Regulation 15.7(a) in an Event will be disqualified, except as provided in Regulation 15.7(b).

16 Review of a Director's Decision

16.1 The Role of the Reviewer

- (a) All Events shall have a Reviewer appointed.
- (b) The Reviewer is available to review decisions made by the Tournament Director under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, BAWA Supplementary Regulations and ABF Tournament Regulations. However, decisions relating to the format and the running of the Event are not subject to review.

16.2 Appointment of the Reviewer for an Event

- (a) The Tournament Director for the Event shall appoint the Reviewer for the Event from the **BAWA Panel of Reviewers** prior to the commencement of the Event. A list of the Panel of Reviewers can be found at [BAWA Reviewers](#)
- (b) The Reviewer need not be physically present on site but should be contactable during every session of the Event.

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16.3 Appointment of a Review Consultant for an Event

- (a) Where possible, the Tournament Director for the Event should appoint a Review Consultant for each session of the event. It is possible to have different Review Consultant appointed for different sessions of an Event.
- (b) The Review Consultant should be present on site during every session of the Event.
- (c) The Review Consultant need not be on the BAWA Panel of Reviewers, but must have sufficient experience with the review of directors' decisions in bridge events.

16.4 The BAWA Panel of Reviewers

- (a) The Tournament Committee shall maintain a list of approved Reviewers for BAWA Events.
- (b) Members of the BAWA Panel of Reviewers shall be experienced in the application of Bridge Laws and be of good standing in the Bridge community.
- (c) Appointment and removal of a person from the Panel of Reviewers shall be by a simple majority vote of the Tournament Committee.
- (d) At any point in time, anyone eligible to serve as a Reviewer in an ABF event shall automatically be a member of the Panel of Reviewers unless that person has been removed by Regulation 16.4(c) above.

16.5 Requesting a Review

- (a) Any player directly affected by a decision of the Tournament Director may ask for that decision to be reviewed. For the avoidance of doubt, a player who is only affected by a score change at another table may not ask for that decision to be reviewed.
- (b) The Tournament Director shall ensure that all players in the Event know of their rights to have a decision reviewed and the identity of the Review Consultant (if any) who the players can consult prior to requesting a review.
- (c) A player must request a review by informing the Tournament Director that a review is being sought.

16.6 The Powers of the Reviewer

- (a) For all reviews, the Reviewer shall:
 - (i) check that the Tournament Director has gathered the necessary evidence to make the decision;
 - (ii) be satisfied that the correct law was applied; and
 - (iii) ensure that where appropriate, other Directors were consulted before the decision was made.
- (b) In matters requiring the exercise of bridge judgement, the Reviewer shall additionally assess whether polling was required and, if so, whether the Tournament Director asked suitable players appropriate questions to enable a clear view to be obtained on the matters requiring bridge judgement.
- (c) Having assessed the relevant matters from Regulations 16.6(a) and 16.6(b), the Reviewer may:
 - (i) Find that there have been no errors made that affected the decision and affirm the decision of the Tournament Director;
 - (ii) Instruct the Tournament Director to collect further evidence before re-making the decision;
 - (iii) Recommend that the Tournament Director changes their interpretation of the law and then apply that interpretation to the decision.

- (d) If the Reviewer finds that no errors were made by the Tournament Director under Regulation 16.6(a) i) above and finds that there was no merit in the request for review, the Reviewer may recommend that the Tournament Director impose upon the player requesting the review a penalty of either 5 VPs (or equivalent) or \$50.
- (e) The sanction in Regulation 16.6(d) above shall not be imposed where a Review Consultant supported the review OR if there was no Review Consultant available to advise the player.

17 Ties

- 17.1 Ties only need to be resolved when they affect qualification to the next stage or in Events where resolution of first place is required.
- 17.2 Any tie breaks will not affect the ranks for masterpoint purposes.
- 17.3 When two teams tie in a knockout match, a succession of an additional four board matches shall be played until the tie is broken.
- 17.4 In Teams Events or Swiss Events, ties shall be broken by successively applying the following procedures until a winner is determined:
 - (a) Procedural or disciplinary penalties imposed by the Tournament Director shall be removed.
 - (b) The pair or team with the greatest positive or least negative IMP difference shall be ranked highest.
 - (c) The pair or team with the greatest number of wins in VPs (with a draw counting as half a win) shall be ranked the highest.
 - (d) The total scores shall be recalculated by successively deleting the worst result, then the second worst result, etc. of each of the tying pairs or teams.
 - (e) In the case of two-way ties, the winner of the match between the two equally scoring pairs or teams (if such a match occurred) shall be ranked higher.
 - (f) Lot shall determine the ranking.
- 17.5 In Matchpoint Events, ties shall be broken by successively applying the following procedures until a winner is determined:
 - (a) Procedural or disciplinary penalties imposed by the Tournament Director shall be removed.
 - (b) Where an incomplete movement was used, the total matchpoints of the tying pairs' opponents shall be determined. The pair with the highest total shall be ranked highest.
 - (c) The scores of each of the tying pairs shall be compared on all boards that they played in the same direction. Each pair shall be awarded two matchpoints for each (tying) pair whose score they have beaten and one matchpoint for each (tying) pair whose score they have equalled. On boards where the pairs played in opposite directions or only one pair played the board, they shall be awarded two matchpoints for a score above average on the board, one matchpoint for an average score and zero otherwise. The scores obtained shall be added, with the highest scoring pair ranked higher.
 - (d) In the case of two-way ties, the pair scoring higher in the round between the two pairs (should it have occurred) shall be ranked higher.
 - (e) The pair with the best score against the highest placed pair in the field shall be ranked highest, and then successively to the second highest placed pair, etc.

18 Scoring

- 18.1 The Tournament Director shall oversee the scoring and the checking of the scores in the Event.
- 18.2 Where there is computerised scoring, the Tournament Director shall provide a board-by-

board printout recap sheet or player personal scores as soon as possible.

18.3 The Tournament Director shall make results available on the World Wide Web as soon as possible.

18.4 Scoring errors may be corrected:

(a) For single session Events or the last session of a multi-session Event, up to 48 hours from the end of the session

(b) For other sessions of a multi-session Event, up to 30 minutes before the start of the next playing session.

18.5 Notwithstanding Regulation 18.4, the Tournament Director in consultation with the Tournament Organiser may adjust a score when it is clear and incontrovertible that an error has occurred.

19 Bridgemates (electronic scorers)

19.1 Where electronic scorers are in use, there will be no display of comparative scores. In particular:

(a) There will be no display of board percentage; and

(b) There will be no list of results from other tables.

19.2 The result display should consist of Contract, Declarer, Number of Tricks and Score.

19.3 When Hand Records are available for loading into the Bridgemate control software, players should be required to enter the opening lead. In this instance, the settings for the session must allow only a director to erase a score that was entered in error in the Bridgemate unit.

20 Fouled Boards

20.1 In all situations involving fouled boards, the Tournament Director's objective is to preserve the integrity of the board.

20.2 The Tournament Director has the power to declare a board fouled at any time in accordance with provisions of the correction period outlined in Regulations 18.4 and 18.5.

20.3 A board is not necessarily fouled merely because it does not accord with the hand record.

20.4 A board is fouled as defined in the World Bridge Federation Laws of Duplicate Bridge. However, the Tournament Director may rule that the fouling was inconsequential. In such case the result of the board shall stand.

20.5 In scoring a fouled board the Tournament Director determines, as closely as possible, which scores were made on the board in each of its forms and divides the scores into groups on that basis.

(a) Where computer scoring is used, the application on the scoring program should be used to calculate results on the board, including the calculation of average and/or artificially adjusted scores.

(b) Should manual scoring be required, it should be done in accordance with the World Bridge Federation Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

20.6 In teams and pairs play, a board turned through 90 degrees is not a fouled board unless no rectification will permit normal play of the board. In teams play, the following options are available to the Tournament Director:

(a) If only one table has played the board in its turned orientation, reorientation of the board at the other table;

(b) Providing that time permits, substitution of a new board to be played at both tables when neither team is at fault;

(c) Cancellation of the board when time does not permit substitution of a new board. The Tournament Director should assign an adjusted score for a cancelled board taking into consideration in the adjustment any clearly favourable result obtained at the other table.

21 Forfeiture of Teams Matches

- 21.1 In a Teams Event, any team which forfeits a match shall receive a maximum loss and their opponents shall receive 75% of a maximum win or their average match score, whichever is greater.

22 Masterpoints

- 22.1 All Masterpoint awards are calculated under the Masterpoint Manual.
- 22.2 Masterpoints should be registered by the Tournament Director within 14 days of the conclusion of the Event.
- 22.3 Red points for Events must be submitted to the State Masterpoint Secretary BEFORE being sent to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- 22.4 All points submitted without the correct documentation will be returned.

23 Club Congress Event Prize Money Structures, Notification and Nomenclature

- 23.1 The basis for Congress Event prize money structures must be clearly outlined in the promotional literature for the Congress.
- 23.2 Use of the terms Novice, Restricted and Intermediate to describe Club Congress Events must have the same meaning and cut-off date as used by the ABF.
[Eligibility for BAWA Events Restricted by Masterpoints - Clean.pdf](#).
Clubs may run Events with different Masterpoint restrictions, providing a different Event title is used. This regulation only applies to Club Congress Events, there are no restrictions on the use of these terms for other Club Events or sessions.

Part III – State Teams

24 State Team Selection Trials

- 24.1 The Tournament Committee is responsible for the format of the State Team Selection Trials with the proviso that the Events conform to these Supplementary Regulations.
- 24.2 Replacement pairs or teams to any stage shall be drawn from the same section of the preceding stage as that of the pair whom they replaced and shall be chosen in descending order starting from the highest placed pair.

25 State Team Captains

- 25.1 The Tournament Committee shall select annually, in accordance with relevant regulation, one or more persons to act as captain(s) for the State team(s). Team members will not be invited to make formal submissions but are encouraged to seek out potential candidates and encourage them to nominate.
- 25.2 The captain is responsible for:
 - (a) the training, discipline and welfare of the team prior to and during the National Championships;
 - (b) planning and executing optimum competitive stratagems; and
 - (c) ensuring the team's adherence to tournament regulations.
- 25.3 If during the event the captain should have cause to discipline a player or a pair, (s)he may, as deemed necessary, prevent such player or pair from playing any number of matches or withdraw the offender(s) from any event in which they represent BAWA.
- 25.4 At the conclusion of the National Championships and within 8 weeks, the captain must prepare a report of the team's performance and conduct, together with recommendations for future events. The report will be sent to the Secretary of the Tournament Committee, who will ensure that the report will be submitted to the first meeting of both the Management Committee and the Tournament Committee after receiving it and will also ensure that the reports are permanently filed for future reference.

Part IV – Behaviour and Ethics

26 Directors' Powers Under the Laws of Bridge

- 26.1 Nothing in this Part of the Supplementary Regulations affects the powers that the Director has under the Laws of Bridge.

27 Events Subject to the Code of Conduct

- 27.1 All players and officials in the following BAWA-controlled events are subject to the Code of Conduct:
- (a) All National Events being held in Western Australia, being Grade A and Grade A2 events as defined in the Masterpoint Manual;
 - (b) All State Events, being Grade B and Grade B4s events as defined in the Masterpoint Manual;
 - (c) All Congress Events, being Grade B3, Grade B4 and Grade B5 events as defined in the Masterpoint Manual;
 - (d) All Regional Championship Events, being Grade C events as defined in the Masterpoint Manual.
- 27.2 Players and officials participating in Interclub events, being Grade B5i events as defined in the Masterpoint Manual, may be referred to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee for a Disciplinary Hearing by the club hosting the session.

28 State Representatives Code of Conduct

- 28.1 All State Representatives are subject to the State Representative Code of Conduct.
- 28.2 Where there has been an alleged breach of the State Representative Code of Conduct, the Management Committee should refer the matter to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee for investigation under Regulation 30.2

29 Demerit Points under the Code of Conduct

- 29.1 Where the Tournament Director decides that there has been a lower-level breach of the Code of Conduct, the Tournament Director may impose a Demerit Point penalty to a player or players in accordance with the Look Up Table.
- 29.2 The player may:
- (a) accept the Demerit Point penalty that has been imposed;
 - (b) accept that the conduct occurred, but ask the Behaviour and Ethics Committee to review the penalty assessed by the Tournament Director under the Code of Conduct;
 - (c) Lodge an appeal with the Behaviour and Ethics Committee within 48 hours. In this instance, any resulting penalty is not constrained by the Look Up Table.
- 29.3 The Behaviour and Ethics Committee may choose, in its absolute discretion, to review the decision of a Tournament Director to impose or not to impose a Demerit Point penalty upon a player.
- 29.4 Where any player in an event has received Demerit Points from the Tournament Director, the Tournament Director must inform the Behaviour and Ethics Committee in writing at the end of the Event, briefly describing the nature of the offence and the number of Demerit Points assessed against the player.
- 29.5 The Behaviour and Ethics Committee shall maintain a list of every player's Demerit Points.
- 29.6 Any player seeking information on their current Demerit Point balance may make a request in writing to the BAWA Secretary.
- 29.7 If at any time within a two-year period a player accrues three (3) or more Demerit Points, the Behaviour and Ethics Committee must immediately suspend the player from all

events defined in Regulation 27 for a period of **three months**. The player's Demerit Points shall be reset to zero.

- 29.8 Where a State Representative has already qualified for the State team and the representative event would fall within the period of suspension under Regulation 29.7, the suspension period will only commence for that player after the representative event concludes. Note that this provision only applies to a suspension for accumulated demerit points and does not apply to any period of suspension directly imposed at a Disciplinary Hearing.
- 29.9 Where a player has been suspended under Regulation 29.7, the Behaviour and Ethics Committee shall confidentially notify the player's Home Club of the suspension along with any BAWA Officials required to implement and monitor the suspension.

30 Referral to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee for Investigation

- 30.1 Matters of behaviour or ethics that have not been concluded by the Tournament Director or the Event Recorder will be referred to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee for investigation. Before doing so, the Tournament Director or the Event Recorder should gather as much information about the incident as possible to convey to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee.
- 30.2 The Management Committee may refer a State Representative to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee for investigation of a possible breach of the State Representative Code of Conduct.
- 30.3 The Behaviour and Ethics Committee may gather further information before deciding on the appropriate course of action, including examination of any relevant matters that had previously been recorded about the player(s) involved.
- 30.4 The Behaviour and Ethics Committee may then decide to:
- (a) Take no further action on the matter;
 - (b) Educate the player(s) involved regarding the relevant matters of ethics and make a formal record of the matter;
 - (c) Deal with the matter as a breach of the Code of Conduct; or
 - (d) Convene a Disciplinary Hearing on the matter under Regulation 31.

31 Disciplinary Hearings

- 31.1 Disciplinary Hearings are to be conducted by the Behaviour and Ethics Committee in the following circumstances:
- (a) Where, following an alleged lower-level breach of the Code of Conduct, the person elects to have the matter dealt with under Regulation 29.2 above;
 - (b) Where the Tournament Director decides that an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct is not a lower-level breach;
 - (c) Where, following an investigation under Regulation 29 or 30, the Behaviour and Ethics Committee determines that a player may have engaged in conduct which would warrant a sanction;
 - (d) Where the Management Committee refers any disciplinary matter to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee.
- 31.2 A Disciplinary Hearing must be determined by a panel of three (3) members of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee.
- (a) These members should be unconnected to the matters under consideration at the Disciplinary Hearing.
 - (b) Any allegations of bias of a proposed panel member must be made to the Chair of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee at least 7 days prior to the Disciplinary Hearing. Where there may be the appearance of bias, the Chair of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee should replace that member of the Disciplinary Hearing panel.
- 31.3 It is possible for more than one person to be dealt with by the same Disciplinary Hearing where the matters being considered are interconnected.

- 31.4 Any person who is to face a Disciplinary Hearing must be informed of the following in writing at least 14 calendar days prior to the hearing:
- (a) The details of the matters under consideration at the Disciplinary Hearing, including the specifics of any allegations of breach of the Code of Conduct;
 - (b) The identity of the members of Behaviour and Ethics Committee who shall form the panel at the Disciplinary Hearing and the timeline outlined in Regulation 31.2(a). above;
 - (c) The identity of any person from whom the Behaviour and Ethics Committee will be requesting written statements and their connection to the matters under consideration at the Disciplinary Hearing;
 - (d) That the person may provide a statement in writing to be considered as part of the Disciplinary Hearing;
 - (e) That the person may provide statements in writing from any other person connected to the matters under consideration at the Disciplinary Hearing who has not been listed in (b);
 - (f) All statements provided by the person, including those from third parties, should be received by the Behaviour and Ethics Committee at least 4 days prior to the hearing.
- 31.5 The written statements referred to in Regulation 31.4 above are the only evidence to be considered by Behaviour and Ethics Committee in determining whether any adverse finding is made against a person at the Disciplinary Hearing.
- 31.6 Any fact which is to form the basis of an adverse finding against any person at a Disciplinary Hearing must be proved to the comfortable satisfaction of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee on the evidence presented at the Disciplinary Hearing.
- 31.7 Where an adverse finding has been made against a person at a Disciplinary Hearing, any relevant prior record of discipline against the person may be considered in determining the appropriate penalty for the person.
- 31.8 Where an adverse finding has been made against a person at a Disciplinary Hearing, the Behaviour and Ethics Committee may:
- (a) Decide that the matter is trivial and impose no penalty;
 - (b) Educate the person on the relevant matters;
 - (c) Deliver a formal reprimand;
 - (d) Impose a penalty of up to 2 Demerit Points, regardless of whether a specific breach of the Code of Conduct was found to have occurred;
 - (e) Impose a period of suspension from any or all Events as defined in Regulation 27, but suspend its operation for a period of up to two years; or
 - (f) Impose an immediate period of suspension from any or all events as defined in Regulation 27.
- 31.9 Where the Behaviour and Ethics Committee imposes a suspended penalty under Regulation 31.8(e) at least one performance condition must be attached to the penalty.
- (a) If the player breaches a performance condition within the prescribed period, the penalty which had been suspended will ordinarily immediately become operative.
 - (b) Upon application outlining exceptional circumstances, the Chair of Behaviour and Ethics Committee may decide to not trigger the suspended penalty but to instead reimpose a period of suspension.
 - (c) The fact that the suspended penalty has triggered does not prevent additional penalties from being imposed for the breaches of the performance condition after proper process under this Part.
- 31.10 Where a player has received a penalty under Regulation 31.8(e) or Regulation 31.8(f), the Behaviour and Ethics Committee shall confidentially notify the player's Home Club of the suspension along with any BAWA Officials required to implement and monitor the suspension.

32 Record Keeping by the Behaviour and Ethics Committee

- 32.1 The Behaviour and Ethics Committee must maintain the following records:
- (a) The number of Demerit Points held by all players at any given point in time – See Regulation 29.5;
 - (b) A permanent record of all findings and results of Disciplinary Hearings;
 - (c) A list of all suspensions issued, whether under Regulation 29.7 or following a Disciplinary Hearing; and
 - (d) A permanent record of all substantial matters referred to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee under Regulation 29 which do not result in a Disciplinary Hearing or immediate action under the Code of Conduct.

33 Appeals from Decisions of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee

- 33.1 The Tournament Director or a player directly affected by the decision may appeal against the following decisions made by the Behaviour and Ethics Committee:
- (a) Any decision to make a formal record of a matter under Regulation 32;
 - (b) Any decision made by the Behaviour and Ethics Committee following a review under Regulation 29.2 or Regulation 29.3; and
 - (c) Any decision made by the Behaviour and Ethics Committee following a Disciplinary Hearing under Regulation 31.
- 33.2 The following decisions are not subject to appeal:
- (a) Any decision of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee to convene or not to convene a Disciplinary Hearing;
 - (b) Any decision of the Chair of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee regarding an allegation of bias under Regulation 31.2(b).
- 33.3 An appeal under Regulation 33.1 is to be made in writing to the Management Committee outlining the grounds for appeal.
- 33.4 The only permissible grounds of appeal are as follows:
- (a) Lack of jurisdiction to make the decision;
 - (b) No evidence to support the decision;
 - (c) Irrelevant information was used in making the decision;
 - (d) Relevant information that was before the Behaviour and Ethics Committee was not given sufficient weight in making the decision;
 - (e) The decision was so unreasonable that no reasonable decision maker could have made the decision;
 - (f) The decision was made for an improper purpose;
 - (g) The decision was affected by bias;
 - (h) A fair hearing was not afforded prior to making the decision; and
 - (i) Any other error of law was made in making the decision.
- 33.5 Where the appeal is successful, the Management Committee may:
- (a) Substitute its own decision for that of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee;
 - (b) Send the matter back to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee for re-determination; or
 - (c) Endorse the decision of the Behaviour and Ethics Committee on the basis that the successful grounds of appeal did not make any substantive difference to the decision that was made.

A player who makes an appeal against a decision waives their confidentiality with respect to all matters relating to the decision for the purposes of determining the appeal.

Appendix 1

BAWA Code of Conduct

Enjoyable Bridge Through Zero Tolerance

Playing bridge should be an enjoyable experience that is conducted in accordance with the laws at all times.

BAWA events operate under the ABF Code of Conduct, that requires all participants to:

- Be polite and courteous at all times.
- Respect other people's rights to have different opinions or ways of thinking.
- Conduct their game in a proper, mature and inoffensive manner.
- Assist new members and guests and try to show patience and understanding.
- Abide by the Ethics Code and rules of the ABF and BAWA.

Being courteous and considerate to all players and Directors is underpinned by Law 74A - Proper Attitude:

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

BAWA has zero tolerance towards behaviours that conflict with these principles. Specifically:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, threats, or violence.
- Negative comments regarding opponents' or partners' bidding or play.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analysis at the table.
- Arguing or raising voices with players, Directors or Officials.
- Harassment of any kind, including any unwelcome physical contact.
- Discriminatory behaviour, including offensive jokes or comments.

Law 91A empowers the Director to assess and impose disciplinary penalties including points penalties and suspension from the session.

BAWA will investigate any reported incidents and may apply disciplinary action for serious or repeated transgressions.

Appendix 2

State Player Representative Code of Conduct

I commit to being a Role Model for behaviour during any event or function I participate in or attend. Being a Role Model includes strict adherence to BAWA's Code of Conduct.

I commit to being a dedicated and supportive team member by:

1. Complying with all reasonable directives given by my team captain and any team official.
2. Competing in all my scheduled matches and doing my best at all times.
3. Maintaining good health and fatigue management standards.
4. Never be in possession of or use any illegal drugs or illicit substances.

I commit to accepting the consequences of my actions by accepting any penalties or sanctions BAWA or the ABF may put in place, should a breach of this Code of Conduct be substantiated.

Appendix 3

Code of Conduct Offence Penalty Look Up Table

The following information is provided to assist players to understand the expected consequences of breaching the BAWA Code of Conduct at any BAWA event. All penalties listed below will be in addition to any penalties already imposed by the Tournament Director under Law 91.

Immediate Demerit Point Offences: Penalties for lower-level offences will be based on a demerit points system and may be applied immediately by the Director at any time during or at the end of a playing session. Demerit points will have a duration of 2 years. If a player accrues more than 3 demerit points at any point in time, they will be suspended from playing in BAWA events for three months and their demerit points balance will then be reset to zero.

Offence	Demerit Points
Constant and gratuitous lessons and analysis at the table	1-2
Persistent negative comments regarding opponents' or partners' bidding or play	1-2
Crude or abusive language, hand signals or gestures	1-2
Badgering or verbal abuse of an opponent or partner	1-2
Unintentional racial, religious or cultural remark or comment to which offence might reasonably be taken	1-2

Offences To Be Referred to the Behaviour and Ethics Committee: Players should expect that these major offences are likely to result in an extended playing suspension, which could ultimately result in a life suspension from BAWA events. The penalty will be ultimately determined by factors surrounding the exact nature of the offence, the level of remorse and/or contrition shown by the player involved and their current and previous demerit point and suspension track record.

Offence	Indicative Minimum Suspension Period
Harassment of any kind, including any unwelcome physical contact	3 months
Abandoning your partner during an event, without a valid medical reason	3 months
Persistent non-premeditated breach of the Laws of Bridge with the effect of gaining an unfair advantage and/or unauthorized information	3 months
Verbal or written abuse to a Director or Official	3 months
Wilful damage of equipment or property	3 months
Threat of assault or physical violence	6 months
Intentional racial, religious or cultural remark or comment to which offence might reasonably be taken	6 months
Deliberate and disguised or concealed violation of the Laws of Bridge intending to improve one's score	6 months
Attempting to play whilst under suspension	6 months
Physical Interference without intent to cause significant harm	12 months
Physical interference with intent to cause significant harm	Life

