



## **Competition Regulations**

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## 1. GENERAL

### 1.1. CATEGORISATION

The events are dealt with in four categories:

Category 1: Competitions based on whole-of-year results;

Category 2: Competitions based on monthly results;

Category 3: Competitions based on results for a limited number of sessions

Category 4: Special Club Events.

### 1.2. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

All competitions are played under the supervision of Tournament Directors, in accordance with:

- World Bridge Federation (WBF) Laws of Duplicate Bridge;
- the rules and regulations of the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) and the Bridge Association of Western Australia Incorporated (BAWA); and
- these Competition Regulations.

If any situation arises which cannot be resolved by reference to these authorities the Competitions Committee is to deal with the matter by a simple majority vote of all its members not personally involved in the matter.

### 1.3. CORRECTION PERIOD

The Correction Period defined in Law 79C of the WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge will be 24 hours from the time of publishing the results on the Club website. After the expiration of the Correction Period, if the Director and the Chief Director are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that a score is wrong, it can be changed up to 7 days after the end of the session.

### 1.4. COMPETITION PERIOD

The year for all competitions is from 1 November to 31 October.

### 1.5. ELIGIBILITY

The common condition of eligibility for entry to all Club-sponsored competitions is financial membership of the Club, at least one week prior to the first session and throughout the competition.

### 1.6. FEES

Entry fees are established by the Management Committee and published in the current Club Handbook Supplement.

## 1.7. COMPETITIONS CONVENER

The appointed Chair of the Competitions Committee is the de facto Convener for all events. However, in the case of an event other than a regular weekly session, he/she may delegate this responsibility to any other authorized person. This provision may be applied particularly in the case of limited session events. The Convener will be responsible for the general administration of an event and assisting the appointed Tournament Director in conducting that event.

## 1.8. CLUB CALENDAR

The Competitions Committee shall establish a Competition Calendar for the forthcoming year, taking into consideration BAWA calendar and the number of Red Point Sessions allocated to the Club by the ABF.

## 1.9. OTHER CONDITIONS

Any conditions specific to events are included in the relevant section below as established or amended by the Management Committee from time to time.

## 2. **WHOLE-OF-YEAR COMPETITIONS**

### 2.1. ANNUAL CHAMPION PAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2.1.1. Description

For each regular weekly club session, there is a Champion Pair competition which acknowledges and rewards the pair which returns the best average percentage score per session, hereinafter known as Form, over the entire year.

#### 2.1.2. Eligibility

To be eligible to win the championship, pairs must have played in the minimum number of regular sessions prescribed by the Management Committee from time to time. This is presently 60% of all available sessions.

Members playing in the Knockout or representing the Club in Inter-club Teams will be credited with an attendance for that session.

#### 2.1.3. Entry

Entry is automatic. All pairs that play in the regular weekly sessions compete in the relevant competition.

#### 2.1.4. Scoring

The competition is based on normal match point scoring converted to percentages. Championship rankings throughout the year are based on the progressive average percentage score per session achieved by pairs in every regular pairs session played throughout the competition year.

### 2.1.5. TIES

If there is a tie in Form, the title is awarded to the pair who has played the highest number of sessions. If, at the end of this process, the pairs are still tied the pairs share the title and the awards.

### 2.1.6. REPORTS

A Champion Pair Progress Report for each of the regular weekly sessions is published after the end of each month. The Report shows the performance for all pairs that have played 20% or more of the possible sessions in the year to date.

## 2.2. ANNUAL PAIRS KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2.2.1. Description & Conditions

Competitors play in single matches during, but separate from, normal club sessions. The Knockout scores are compared with the median score for the room and the difference is scored in IMPs. No substitutes are permitted.

The Competitions Committee shall establish a standard Knockout draw, at the commencement of each round in the Competition.

As soon as the Draw is published, the Home pair (first drawn) is responsible for offering their opponents three alternative dates for the match to be played within any time limits established by the Competitions Committee. Any difficulties in making these arrangements must be reported to the Chair of the Competitions Committee for resolution.

A Knockout match may be played only when the main movement has at least four whole tables of normal pairs bridge in play in each round in addition to the Knockout table(s).

The Home pair shall have the choice of seating for the match.

Each Knockout table plays 24 of the boards used in the session, as arranged by the Tournament Director. An identical set of boards to that in the main movement may be produced if necessary.

### 2.2.2. Entry

Contestants enter by writing their names into the relevant page in the Entries Book, or on a list, if presented on the noticeboard.

### 2.2.3. Scoring

The Tournament Director sets up a separate section in Compscore2 for the Knockout event and scoring is by entry into the Bridgemate table units. The scores, together with those from the main session, are imported into a purpose-built Excel spreadsheet which calculates the results and returns them to the Compscore2 for publishing.

### 2.2.4. Ties

If the winning score is within three IMPs of the losing score the match is declared a Tie and must be replayed.

## 2.3. ANNUAL MOST IMPROVED PAIR AWARD

### 2.3.1. Description

This is the award for the one pair in all the Champion Pair competitions that has made the most improvement in Form during the entire year. The pair that has achieved the greatest increase in Form shall win the award.

### 2.3.2. Eligibility

To be eligible to win the Annual Most Improved Pair Award, pairs must have played in the minimum number of regular sessions prescribed by the Management Committee from time to time. This is presently 60% of all available sessions.

### 2.3.3. Ties

If there is a tie, the award goes to the pair having the highest starting Form. If pairs are still tied the award goes to the pair having played the most sessions.

## 2.4. ANNUAL MASTERPOINTS CHAMPION

The player who earns the greatest number of Green Masterpoints in Club events in the competition period wins the award. The result is calculated from the ABF Masterpoints reports for the twelve-month period from 1 November to 31 October.

## 3. **LIMITED SESSION COMPETITIONS**

### 3.1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The events are listed below.

The Competitions Committee schedules the events for the upcoming year and determines the maximum number of sessions of each event. When the number of entrants is known, the Tournament Director determines the appropriate movement(s) and number of sessions to achieve equity.

Normal match point scoring applies in the Individual competition and in all the pairs events.

Normal VPs scoring applies to the ranking of contestants in Teams events. In the event of a tie, the team with the greater number of IMPS wins

Master-points for Teams events will be based upon Wins and Draws for each session, with Outright points based upon the final rankings

Teams competitions must have no fewer than 3 teams competing.

Except for the Individual competition, each member of a competing unit must provide an ABF System Card.

#### 3.1.1. Entry

Contestants enter online through the Club Website or by writing their names on the relevant page in the Entries Book. In Teams events, Teams may enter up to six members. Late entries may be accepted at the Tournament Director's discretion and subject to payment of any Late Entry Fee stipulated by the Management Committee from time to time.

#### 3.1.2. Substitutes

It is a condition of entry to Club Championship events that each entrant will play in all sessions.

If a contestant becomes aware after the Director's cut-off date that they are unable to play on any one day in a Limited Session Event, the Director may agree to a replacement player provided that the substitute player has a similar ability to the original entrant.

If the modified pair scores grossly higher than the original pair, the overall scores of the modified pair are adjusted back to match that of the original pair.

### 3.2. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 3.2.1. Conditions

All contestants are to play at least one board with and against each other.

#### 3.2.2. Bidding system.

The Competitions Committee will establish a common bidding/playing system which is to be used by all contestants.

### 3.3. MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 3.3.1. Conditions

All pairs shall consist of a member of each gender.

### 3.4. WOMEN'S PAIRS & MEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 3.4.1. Conditions

All pairs shall consist of same-gender players. These two events are normally run simultaneously and may be played combined into one movement if there are insufficient entries in either nominal field to create a viable movement.

### 3.5. OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

### 3.6. OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

### 3.7. DAYTIME PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 3.7.1. Eligibility

Members must have accrued fewer than 300 Masterpoints on 1st day of the month preceding that of the competition.

### 3.8. DAYTIME TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 3.8.1 Eligibility

Commencing 2022. Members must have accrued fewer than 300 Masterpoints on 1<sup>st</sup> day of month preceding that of the competition

### 3.9. RESTRICTED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 3.9.1. Conditions

This Competition is run over two sessions, as a graded pairs competition where possible.

#### 3.9.2. Eligibility

Members must have accrued fewer than 50 Masterpoints on the 1st day of the month preceding that of the competition.

### 3.10. NOVICE PAIRS

#### 3.10.1. Conditions

This is a single session, green point competition normally run in conjunction with a normal Saturday session.

#### 3.10.2. Eligibility

Members must have accrued fewer than 15 Masterpoints on the 1st day of the month preceding that of the competition.

Previous winning pairs are not eligible.



### 3.11. MISCELLANEOUS

#### 3.11.1. General

The Management Committee may enter KDBC in any event which is offered on a State-, Australia- or world-wide basis by the appropriate sponsoring organization from time to time. All these events are to be played in accordance with the regulations issued by the relevant sponsoring organization,

#### 3.11.2 Thursday Sessions.

Sessions held on Thursday afternoons are limited to people with fewer than 50 Masterpoints.

#### 3.11.3 Overseas Masterpoints

Overseas Masterpoints will be allocated to Home Club members according to BAWA Regulations.

## 4. **WEEKLY COMPETITIONS.**

4.1 Weekly Competitions are the basic Club sessions and feed into the Annual Championship events.

4.2 Weekly Competitions are held on the following days and times

4.2.1 Mondays 10.30

4.2.2 Wednesdays 12.30

4.2.3 Thursdays 12.30

4.2.4. Fridays 12.30

4.2.5 Saturdays 12.30

4.3 Without the consent of all the competitors the last round should not be started after the following times.

4.3.1 Mondays 14.30

4.3.2 Wednesdays 16.30

4.3.3 Thursdays 16.30

4.3.4 Fridays 16.30

4.3.5 Saturdays 16.30

#### 4.4 SCORING

4.4.1 Scoring is by match-points converted to percentages

4.4.2 The percentages are brought forward each month into the Annual Competition data.

4.4.3 When Limited Session Championships are held the results from the normal session and the Championship session are not fed into the Annual Championship data.

### 5. SYSTEM CARDS

#### 5.1 RED POINT COMPETITIONS

5.1.1 Each player must have a completed ABF System Card

5.1.2 Each pair must have completely matching System Cards

5.1.3 The card shall be placed upon the lefthand side table for the use of the opposition during bidding or playing the hand.

5.1.4 Before any cards have been removed from a board and after they have been returned to the board players may view their own system cards.

#### 5.2 GREEN POINT EVENTS

5.2.1 Whilst System cards are not mandatory players are encouraged to prepare an ABF System Card and use it in accordance with 5.1 above.

### 6. SPECIAL EVENTS

#### 6.1. AUSTRALIA DAY

##### 6.1.1. Description

This event is run in the same manner as a regular pairs day session on the closest session to 26th January each year, and is arranged by the Social Sub-Committee.

#### 6.2. CLUB CONGRESS

##### 6.2.1. Description

Management Committee may, from time to time, organise and run an open congress in accordance with BAWA regulations and guidelines.

##### 6.2.2 Description

Management Committee may, from time to time, organise and run a Restricted Congress for people with fewer than 300 Masterpoints.

### 6.3. CHRISTMAS IN JULY

#### 6.3.1. Description

This event is run in the same manner as a regular pairs day session on the closest Saturday to 25th July each year, and is arranged by the Social Sub-Committee.

### 6.4. MELBOURNE CUP DAY

#### 6.4.1. Description

This event is run in the same manner as a regular pairs day session. and is arranged by the Social Sub-Committee

### 6.5. CHRISTMAS PARTY

#### 6.5.1. Description

This event is held on the second Saturday in December to recognize and present the awards to the winners of the various competitions contested throughout the year and to celebrate the festive season. The event is for members and invited guests. Prizes are usually awarded to the session winners. The event is run in the same manner as a regular pairs day session. and is arranged by the Social Sub-Committee.

## 7. AMENDMENT SCHEDULE

Version Number	Committee Approval Date	Reason
1		
2	10/10/2018	<p>Clause 2.1.2 Paragraph 2 added.</p> <p>Clause 3 HANDICAPS: Deleted and subsequent clauses re-numbered.</p> <p>Clause 3.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS: Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 added.</p> <p>Clause 3.8 DAYTIME TEAMS: all sub - clauses deleted. (Included in Clause 3.1).</p> <p>Clause 3.11.2 added.</p> <p>Clause 3.11.3 added.</p>
3	1/6/2021	Clause 3.1.1 amended to enable teams to enter 6 team members in team events.
4	11/1/2022	<p>Clause 2.2.1 KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP: "without seeding" deleted.</p> <p>Clause 3.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS: "Convention card" replaced with "ABF System Card"</p> <p>Clause 3.8 DAYTIME TEAMS amended: Commencing 2022 Restricted to fewer than 300 mps.</p> <p>Clause 311.2 GNOT FEES deleted. Subsequent clause renumbered.</p> <p>Clause 4.2 CLUB CONGRESS Clause 4.2.2 Restricted Congress added.</p>
5	21/6/2022	<p>Clause 4. (New Clause added) WEEKLY COMPETITIONS</p> <p>Clause 5 (New Clause added) SYSTEM CARDS</p> <p>Subsequent Clauses renumbered</p>

6	27/10/2022	Clause 3.1.1 ENTRIES Entry to club competitions now include 'by email to Competitions Committee Secretary'
	27/10/2022	Clause 3.12 SUBSTITUTES changed eligibility for substitute players in club competitions.
	27/10/2022	Clause 3.11.2 MISCELLANEOUS Clause added to include Thursday Restricted sessions.
	27/10/2022	Clause 5. SYSTEM CARDS "Red Point Events" changed to "Red Point Competitions"