



Swiss Pairs and Teams Red Point Congress 2-3 May, 2026.

Director: Ed Roggeveen

### **General (both days):**

For both events, all ABF and Bridge NSW Regulations apply. Please ensure both players in a pair have an identical **system card** available for perusal by the opposition and Director on request. Ensure that you pre-alert your system before play, highlighting anything unusual that your opponents may wish to briefly discuss. **1C and 1NT** opening bids must be announced (eg 3+ or 15-17) on the first occasion in a match and any subsequent occasions if it has a different meaning due to position and/ or vulnerability. You may ask for it to be restated by your opponents on subsequent auctions if you have forgotten the meaning of it.

Ensure all bids that require as per ABF Regulations are **alerted** when needed. Only explain the meaning of your alerted bids when asked by your opponents. If asked, your explanation must be clear and thorough.

**Mobile phones** and similar electronic devices must be off during play. A penalty will apply for any phone that rings audibly for a period of time and/or is answered by the owner.

### **Format and Scoring:**

**Swiss Pairs (Saturday)** will consist of **7 rounds of 8 boards**. Three rounds before lunch, four rounds after lunch. All matches are to be concluded after **56** minutes. A 4 minute warning will be given. You should not start any new boards after this point. However, if you choose to do so and do not complete it before the 56 minutes is up, it will not be scored. As multiple failures to finish a match are subject to a penalty, please call the Director if your opposition are playing at a pace that you feel may cause you to not complete a match.

Scoring will be standard **IMPs** with the top and bottom 2 scores (outliers) being discarded for the purpose of calculating the datum. IMPs will be converted to **VPs** using the approved WBF scale. Please make sure that a member of both pairs have verified the scores before sending them at the end of the match. As soon as all match results are sent through, the draw for the next round will be generated and published asap.

**Swiss Teams (Sunday)** will consist of **6 rounds of 9 matches**. Note it is a **9am** start. Three rounds before lunch, three rounds after lunch. All matches to be concluded in **63** minutes. A 4 minute warning will be given. You should not start any new boards after this point. However, if you choose to do so and do not complete it before the 63 minutes is up, it will not be scored (the score recorded at the other table will be erased. The Director will consider making an adjustment if he determines the failure to complete the match is more the fault of one pair and the other pair's team is disadvantaged as result of this). As multiple failures to finish a match are subject to a penalty, please call the Director if your opposition are playing at a pace that you feel may cause you to not complete a match.

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Prior to the start of play, please give the Director the team slip stating which players will be sitting in which direction for the duration of the event. Please advise the Director at the start of a match if this changes. This will ensure Pairs Datums are correct.

### **Appeals (both days):**

In the event of you wishing to appeal a decision of the Director, an Appeals Committee will be appointed to consider its merits at the earliest convenient time. As per Bridge NSW Regulations, the draw for the next round will be made based on the scores entered prior to the appeal. In Swiss Pairs, the score subject to the appeal will be discounted from the Datum calculation.

### **Most Importantly:**

- Call the Director if there has been an infringement or suspected infringement. Do not self-direct. If you have to wait for the Director because he is busy elsewhere, you will be given additional time, if needed, to complete your match.
- Be kind to your partner and respectful to your opponents.
- Enjoy your bridge!

Ed Roggeveen

Director.