

# WESTERN SENIORS PAIRS 2023 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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## 1 General

- 1.1 The Western Seniors Pairs (WSP) is conducted by the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BAWA) under license from the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is the Melville Bridge Club, 431 Canning Highway, Melville, Western Australia.
- 1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the 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. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty, after one warning (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 The TO may grant permission for still or moving photographs to be taken during the course of the event. Players may only refuse to be photographed for religious or cultural reasons deemed valid by the TO or CTD.
- 1.8 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 Organiser is Jane Reynolds.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Jonathan Free.
- 2.3 The Reviewer is Chris Mulley.
- 2.4 The Review Consultant is Dave Parham.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representative is Richard Grenside.
- 2.6 The Recorder is Martin Doran.

## **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 Both members of the partnership must have been born before 1-1-61.
- 3.3 A maximum of four substitutions per pair 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.
- 3.4 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. 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 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 for Requesting a Review**

- 6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) for Matches 1-7 expires at the start of the session following the match in which the correction is sought. For Matches 8 and 9, the Correction Period expires 20 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection following Match 9.
- 6.2 The time for requesting a review of 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 they 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 for requesting a review 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) proceeding as per 7.2 or 7.3 below.
- 7.2 At a table where an artificial adjusted score is awarded on a single board, the assigned IMP score is 2 IMPs for both sides..
- 7.3 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.
- 7.4 For boards on which a result is unable to be obtained and the Director awards an artificial adjusted score of average plus, the provisions of 7.1 to 7.3 will apply.
- 7.5 Where due to the fouling of multiple boards, direct comparisons are available on less than one-half the boards in the match, the match will be scored in accordance with ABF TR 15.1 (Forfeits), treating both units as non-offenders.

## **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 WSP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 9 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions.
  - 9.1.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 9.1.2. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF 9 board VP scale.
  - 9.1.2 The datum will be the arithmetic mean of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest x/10 scores 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 4-6, 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 7-9, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.

9.2 The time allowed per round will be announced by the CTD.

9.3 The session starting times are:

Saturday, May 20, 10.00 am (2 matches)

Saturday, May 20, 1.35 pm (3 matches)

Sunday, May 21, 10.00 am (2 matches)

Sunday, May 21, 1.35 pm (2 matches)

## Appendices

### Penalties for Late Arrival, Slow Play, Failure to enter or check scores

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 and a slow play warning has previously been issued to a pair, the following penalties may be applied at the director's discretion:

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.

### Calculation of Multiple average plus awards during a session or match

Where the Laws require the Director to award an artificial adjusted score of average plus on more than one board in a session or match (as in the case of fouled or otherwise unplayable boards), the score awarded per board shall be an IMP score of  $2\sqrt{N}/N$ , where N is the number of unplayable boards.

In IMP scored events, the net IMPs in a match assigned due to these formulas will be rounded to the nearest IMP (0.5 IMPs rounded up). The following table lists the successive IMPs to be assigned to units in the case of multiple average plus boards.

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	Net IMPs assigned (Pairs)
1	2
2	1
3	0
4	1
5	1
6	0

### 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, 4.20 pm