

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2024 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

1.1 The Gold Coast Congress (GCC) comprises the following events:

- Pairs Championship (**PC**) – Feb 18-19; conducted in Open (**OPC**), Intermediate (**IPC**), Restricted (**RPC**) and Novice (**NPC**) divisions;
- Sunday Butler Swiss Pairs (**SBSP**) – Feb 18; conducted in Open (**OSBSP**) and 0-500 MP (**500SBSP**) divisions;
- Rookie Pairs (**RP**) – Feb 18 and 22;
- Monday Butler Swiss Pairs (**MBSP**) – Feb 19; conducted in Open (**OMBSP**) and 0-500 MP (**500MBSP**) divisions;
- Teams Championship (**TC**) – Feb 22-22; conducted in Open (**OTC**), Under 1500 (**U1500TC**), Intermediate (**ITC**), Restricted (**RTC**) and Novice (**NTC**) divisions;
- Final Series – Feb 23 (and Feb 24 for **OTC**);
- 0-50 Masterpoint Pairs (**0-50MP**) – Feb 20 and Feb 21;
- 0-50 Masterpoint Butler Swiss Pairs (**0-50MPBSP**) – Feb 22;
- Friday Butler Swiss Pairs (**FBSP**) – Feb 23;
- Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs (**BSP**) – Feb 23-24, conducted in Open (**OBSP**), Intermediate (**IBSP**), Restricted (**RBSP**) and Novice (**NBSP**) divisions;
- Walk-in Pairs (**WIP**) – daily, Feb 17-24.

These events are conducted by the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) in conjunction with the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations. The subsidiary document, 2024 GCC Event Details, forms part of these Supplementary Regulations.

1.2 The venue is Gold Coast Convention Centre, Gold Coast Highway, Broadbeach, Queensland.

- 1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) or 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 is not permitted in the playing areas or in any other area designated by the TO as a non-smoking area. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 6.3)
- 1.5 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. In addition, any player leaving the table during the session must leave any such device at the table. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty, after one warning (see 6.3)
- 1.6 Mobile telephones, iPads and other electronic communication equipment may not be used during the round, unless a specific exception is permitted by the CTD. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 6.3) 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 Players in the finals series of teams events must lodge any mobile phone or other electronic communication device in their possession with the TO during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 6.3) 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.
- 1.8 Alcohol is prohibited from all playing areas associated with the finals series of the Teams Championship events. Subject to the players' responsibilities relating to conduct (Law 74), the consumption of alcohol purchased at the venue is otherwise permitted within the confines of the Gold Coast Convention Centre.
- 1.9 Any behaviour which brings the game of Bridge into disrepute, whether verbal, written or physical, by any person directed towards any tournament officials, members of staff, voluntary workers or staff employed by the playing venue will not be tolerated. If any person behaves in such a way, the TO may take any disciplinary action that may be available.
- 1.10 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.
- 1.11 In all Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams events, if the number of entrants is fewer than twice the number of rounds to be played, the modified Swiss format may be implemented (see Appendices). Alternatively, or in addition to, the TO may elect to combine fields in concurrently running events to ensure the efficacy of the movement and the validity of the competitions. Otherwise, the TO may vary the advertised format of an event or events should the number of entrants warrant.
- 1.12 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 Tim Runting.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.3 The Reviewers are TBA.
- 2.4 The Review Consultants are TBA.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representatives are TBA.
- 2.6 The Recorders are TBA.

3 Eligibility, Augmentation, Substitutions and Replacement

- 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 All players must individually meet the eligibility criteria to compete in events. This includes those events where players must be under the stated masterpoint range or age as of the dates specified. Masterpoints earned in another NCBO, irrespective of whether they have been transferred, shall be included for the purpose of determining a player's eligibility.
- 3.3 Overseas players may apply to enter events restricted by masterpoint status only if they are eligible to play in events with similar criteria within their own NBO. Entry to any such event will only be granted after the applicant's eligibility has been verified. The TO's decision in respect to such eligibility is final and not subject to appeal. For eligibility of NZ players, see Appendices.
- 3.4 The QBA reserves the right to accept late entries and to reject entries without providing cause.
- 3.5 In the TC, to be eligible to play in the Round-of-Four, Semi-finals and Final or for prize entitlements, each team member, including those augmented, must have played the following minimum number of boards:
 - Qualifying Swiss: 56 boards
 - Open Round-of-Four: 12 boards
 - Semi-Finals: 12 boards
 - Open Final: 12 boards
 - Under 1500/Intermediate/Restricted/Novice Finals: 12 boards
- 3.6 Those teams qualifying for a berth in the Finals series of the **TC** do so only on the condition that they are willing and available to progress to the conclusion of their respective events.
- 3.7 In the **U1500TC**, **ITC**, **RTC** and **NTC**, should either or both of the first or second ranked teams be unavailable to compete in the Final, their place will be taken by, in order, the third and/or fourth placed teams, with their final ranking demoted accordingly. Should none of the first four ranked teams be available, prizes and final rankings will be based on the scores at the end of the Qualifying.
- 3.8 Other eligibility conditions are set out in the document, 2024 GCC Event Details.

- 3.9 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment to a maximum of 6 players up until the end of the Augmentation Time. The Augmentation Time for an event expires at the commencement of Match $n/2 + 1$ (rounded down), where n is the number of matches to be played. Any player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event.
- 3.10 The CTD may approve substitutions in any event. The maximum number of substitutions permitted will be:
- **PC** qualifying: for a maximum of one session;
 - **PC** final: for a maximum of one session;
 - **TC** qualifying: for a maximum of 5 matches;
 - **TC** finals series: for a maximum of one-half of the stanzas to be played in any stage;
 - for other events, except as limited by 3.11: for a maximum of one-half of the matches/sessions to be played (fractions rounded down).
- 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.
- 3.11 Except in case of emergency, no substitutes will be permitted in Matches 8-10 of the **BSP**.
- 3.12 To ensure the smooth running of the tournament, the TO may nominate a “house contestant” to compete in any event. The TO will make every effort to nominate eligible players, but is at liberty to nominate others in case of necessity. The conditions under which the “house contestant/s” compete will, subject to ABF TR 3.5, be at the discretion of the CTD.
- 3.13 In the event that a team or pair withdraws after qualifying to the next stage of an event, its place will be taken by the next highest placed team or pair in the same field or direction, subject to any specific regulations applicable to an event.

4 Systems and Defences

- 4.1 GREEN and BLUE systems are permitted without restriction.
- 4.2 RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all events except for the **RPC**, **NPC**, **RTC**, **NTC**, **0-50MP**, **0-50MPBSP**, **RP**, **RBSP** and **NBSP**. In addition in these events, the CTD may also further restrict a pair from playing any method which the director judges may not be readily understood by a significant proportion of players in the field.
- 4.3 Eligible pairs may claim Protected Pair status in all events with the exception of the major Final of the **OPC**.
- 4.4 Provided 4.5 has been complied with, YELLOW systems will be allowed in the **OTC** from Round 3 onwards, but may not be played against a contestant with a current position in the lower two-thirds of the field (decimals rounded up).
- 4.5 Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the TO with an adequately completed ABF Standard system card and a bona fide defence before 10.00am on February 9, 2024.

5 Seating

- 5.1 In all matches or stanzas where YELLOW systems are permitted, teams registering one or more YELLOW systems for that event lose all seating rights in matches or stanzas against a team not employing a YELLOW system. Exception: Teams registering one or more YELLOW systems do not lose seating rights in the Final of the **OTC**.
- 5.2 Apart from in the Final of the **OTC** where 5.3 applies and subject to 5.1, YELLOW systems may be played only if the seating is posted within 5 minutes of the publication of the draw.
- 5.3 In Knockout matches apart from the Semi-Finals of the **OT**, the higher placed team chooses to sit either first or last in the first stanza. Seating rights alternate in subsequent stanzas. Except in cases where 5.1 applies, in the Semi-Finals of the **OT**, the line-up for the first stanza is blind. Team captains must hand their line-ups to the CTD at least 10 minutes prior to the commencement of play. The higher placed team chooses to sit first in either the second or third stanza. This choice must be communicated to the CTD and the opposing team captain prior to the start of the match. The team sitting first must post their line-up on the designated line-up sheet at least 10 minutes before the scheduled commencement of play. Provided the team sitting first has satisfied the requirement of this provision, their opponents must post their line-up at least 5 minutes before the scheduled commencement of play.
- 5.4 In other cases, seating rights for each match will be determined by toss of a coin.

6 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties

- 6.1 In a Swiss movement penalties are included in the overall ranking, but the draw is determined by the scores excluding penalties.
- 6.2 The general provisions of ABF TR 12 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
- 6.3 The disciplinary penalty for breach of regulations relating to smoking (1.4) and mobile phones (1.5, 1.6, 1.7) is 3 VPs or 9 IMPs.

7 Session Timing, Correction Period and Time for requesting a Review

- 7.1 The time allowed per round, match or session will be announced by the CTD.
- 7.2 In Swiss Pairs and Teams events, the draw for subsequent matches will be made at the time listed below or at some other time as determined by the CTD, based on the results available at that time:
 - 14 board matches – 105 minutes after the start time of the match
 - 9 board matches – 66 minutes after the start time of the match
 - 8 board matches – 60 minutes after the start time of the match

- 7.3 The Correction Period (Law 79C) in all events expires for the session in which the error was made, at the times itemised below:
- **PC** Qualifying 1: 6.00pm Feb 18;
 - **PC** Qualifying 2: one hour after scores are posted;
 - **PC** Final 1: 6.00pm Feb 19;
 - **PC** Final 2: one hour after scores are posted
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- **SBSP** Matches 1-3: 3.00pm Feb 18;
 - **SBSP** Matches 4-6: one hour after the scores for Match 6 are posted
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- **MBSP** Matches 1-3: 3.00pm Feb 19;
 - **MBSP** Matches 4-6: one hour after the scores for Match 6 are posted
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- **TC** Qualifying Matches 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9: one hour after the conclusion of the next even numbered match;
 - **TC** Qualifying Matches 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10: at the commencement of the next even numbered match;
 - **TC** Qualifying Matches 11 and 12: 8:30pm Feb 22 for corrections affecting Final series qualification or ranking, and midnight Feb 22 for all other corrections
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- **FBSP** Matches 1-3: 3:00pm Feb 23;
 - **FBSP** Matches 4-6: one hour after the scores for Match 6 are posted
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- **BSP** Matches 1-3: 3:00pm Feb 23;
 - **BSP** Matches 4-7: 11.00am Feb 24;
 - **BSP** Matches 8-10: one hour after the scores for Match 10 are posted

For all other events: 20 minutes after the scores for the session are posted.

At the conclusion of these score correction periods, scores become final and no further changes can be made.

- 7.4 The Time for requesting a Review of a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) for each match or stanza (teams or swiss pairs) or session (pairs) expires 30 minutes after the score is made available for inspection, unless the next match, stanza or session is scheduled to commence within that period. In that case it is extended to the expiration of the Time of requesting a Review for the next match, stanza or session.

8 Fouled and Unplayable Boards

- 8.1 In Teams events, the result of a fouled board is cancelled and a substitute board is played at both tables unless the result of the match is known or any of the players has left the table at the conclusion of that round. In these cases where a single board is cancelled, a score of 3 IMPs is assigned for both sides.
- 8.2 In IMP scored Swiss Pairs events, where a single board is fouled, the board is scored by:
- (a) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (4-6 results) or four (more than 6 results) extreme scores, respectively; or
 - (b) cancelling one or more of its results and awarding a score of 2 IMP to those contestants whose score was cancelled.
- 8.3 In matchpoint events, where a single board is fouled, the assigned matchpoint score is 60% of the available matchpoints on the board awarded to both sides.

- 8.4 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.
- 8.5 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 8.1 to 8.4 will apply.
- 8.6 In the finals series of the **TC**, a fouled board in any stanza except for the final stanza of that stage will be replaced by the play of an additional board in the following stanza.
- 8.7 In Swiss Pairs and Teams events, 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.

9 Tie-breaking and carry-overs

- 9.1 Ties for qualification to the finals series of the **PC** will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 17.4.4.
- 9.2 Ties for qualification to the finals series of the **TC** will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 17.4.1, as detailed in the Appendices.
- 9.3 In each Round-of-4, semi-final and final match, the team placed higher in the qualifying stage will have a carry-over of 0.1 IMPs. For the determination of carry-overs, ties on VPs at the conclusion of the qualifying stage will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 17.4.1.
- 9.4 Ties for first place in the finals of all events will not be broken and any titles will be shared. Ties between lower placed contestants and for category prizes will be broken, but only for the purpose of prize money allocation.

10 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP)

- 10.1 In teams events, to be eligible for PQP, a player must play in at least six of the matches in the qualifying stage and at least one-half of the stanzas (rounded down) in each match in a finals series (Round-of-4, semi-final, final).
- 10.2 In pairs events, to be eligible for PQP, a player must play in at least one session of the qualifying and two sessions of the final.
- 10.3 PQP awards for the various events are determined after ineligible units are removed. When removal of ineligible units requires placings in the Teams events to be determined by the Swiss qualifying, they are determined on the placings after round 12. Board requirement rules apply up to the last stage of competition in which the team competed.
- 10.4 Tied teams or pairs share the available points, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded up).

Appendices

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

The penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play under ABF TR 12 are:

0-5 mins	warning for first offence, then 1 VP for each subsequent offence
5-10 mins	1 VP
10-15 mins	2 VPs
15-20 mins	3 VPs
20-30 mins	5 VPs

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 or team, the following penalties may be applied at the director's discretion:

One board	1 VP
Subsequent boards	2 VPs

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:

Events scored by Victory Points:

First offence	warning
Subsequent offences	1 VP per occasion

Events scored by Matchpoints:

First offence	warning
Subsequent offences	25% of a top

Tie-breaking in Teams and Swiss Pairs

Unless otherwise noted, significant ties in Swiss events are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot. (ABF TR 17.4.1)

New Zealand players' eligibility to play in Masterpoint restricted events

To be eligible to play, NZ registered players must satisfy the following criteria:

Under 1500: less than NZ Grand Master as at 30-9-23

Intermediate: less than NZ National Master as at 30-9-23

Restricted: less than NZ Master as at 30-9-23

Novice: less than NZ Local Master as at 30-9-23

Under 50 MP: less than NZ Club Master as at 30-9-23

Rookie: less than NZ Certificate of Proficiency as at 30-9-23

Grand Slam players' eligibility to play in Masterpoint restricted events

To be eligible to play, Grand Slam players must state their rating when entering and must satisfy the following criteria at the time of entry:

Intermediate: Grand Slam rating 59% and under

Restricted: Grand Slam rating 56% and under

Novice: Grand Slam rating under 54%

Victory Point Scale for Matchpoint Swiss Pairs events

Where x is the pair's average percentage for the round (rounded to 2 decimal places - 0.005 rounded up):

When x is greater than 70.0: VP = 20

When x is between 57.5 and 70.0: VP = (x-20)*2/5

When x is between 42.5 and 57.5: VP = (x-35)*2/3

When x is between 30.0 and 42.5: VP = (x-30)*2/5

When x is less than 30.0: VP = 0

Modified Swiss format

In Swiss Pairs or Swiss Teams events where the number of number of entrants is fewer than twice the number of rounds to be played, a round-robin or modified Swiss format will be implemented.

If the numbers are appropriate, a full round robin movement will be implemented, with the possibility of a round or rounds to determine final placings.

Otherwise, a normal Swiss movement will be used up to and including Round $n/2 + 1$ (even number of rounds) or Round $(n+1)/2$ (odd number of rounds). In subsequent rounds, the Swiss movement continues with all scores retained. A unit may play another unit which it previously played in Rounds 1 to $n/2$ (even number of rounds) or Rounds 1 to $(n-1)/2$ (odd number of rounds). "n" represents the number of rounds in the event.

Examples:

* 8 rounds – standard Swiss up to and including the draw for Round 5. In rounds 6, 7 and 8, the Swiss draw continues, but units may play a unit previously played in Rounds 1-4.

* 9 rounds – standard Swiss up to and including the draw for Round 5. In rounds 6, 7, 8 and 9, the Swiss draw continues, but units may play a unit previously played in Rounds 1-4.

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:

IMP scored Teams events: an IMP score of $3\sqrt{N}/N$

IMP scored Pairs events: an IMP score of $2\sqrt{N}/N$

Matchpoint scored events: a percentage score equal to $50 + 10\sqrt{N}/N$

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 IMPs/percentage to be assigned for each successive board in the case of multiple average plus boards:

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	IMPs assigned (Teams)	IMPs assigned (Pairs)	Percentage assigned (matchpoints)
1	3	2	60.00
2	1	1	54.14
3	1	0	53.18
4	1	1	52.68
5	1	0	52.36
6	0	1	52.13
7	1	0	51.97

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Pairs Championship – Open (OPC) – Feb 18-19

Format:

Qualifying – 2 sessions, 27 board Mitchell movements. NS and EW fields will remain the same and distinct for both sessions. Scoring will be across the field and the total cumulative of both sessions. Finals – 2 sessions, Howell movements with Barometer scoring. The top 10 pairs in each direction from the qualifying will qualify to the major Final. The remainder will qualify to various consolation sections. At least the top half of these sections will be of 10 tables, unless otherwise determined by the CTD. The remaining sections will be of 6 to 10 tables according to the number of entries. All sections will play 9 x 3 board rounds in the first session, and 10 x 3 board rounds in the second session. Scoring will be within each section.

Session times: 10:00am and 2.30pm

Anticipated finishing time: 6.00pm, Feb 19

PQP: 1st: 36, 2nd: 28, 3rd: 20, 4th: 12, 5th: 6

*** Special category prizes (awarded to highest placed eligible pair):

Best Women's Pairs – both players must be female

Best Queensland Pair – both players must be home club members of a QBA affiliated club

Pairs Championship – Intermediate (IPC) – Feb 18-19

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 750 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format and Session times: as for **OPC**

*** Special category prize (awarded to highest placed eligible pair outside the top three in Championship Final):

Best Queensland Pair – both players must be home club members of a QBA affiliated club

Pairs Championship – Restricted (RPC) – Feb 18-19

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format and Session times: as for **OPC**

*** Special category prize – as for **IPC**

Pairs Championship – Novice (NPC) – Feb 18-19

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format and Session times: as for **OPC**

*** Special category prize – as for **IPC**

Sunday Butler Swiss Pairs - Open (OSBSP) – Feb 18

Format: single field Swiss Pairs, 6 x 9 board matches

The score on each board is compared with a datum calculated as follows:

- i) in Rounds 1 and 2, the average of all scores after eliminating the top 10% and bottom 10%
- ii) in Rounds 3 and 4, the average of all scores obtained at the leading $n/2$ tables (rounded down) where n is the number of tables in play after eliminating the top 10% and bottom 10% of the scores being included.
- iii) in Rounds 5 to 6, the average of all scores obtained at the leading 12 tables after eliminating the top and bottom score.

* If there are fewer than 24 tables, the datum will be determined as in (i) for all rounds.

Net IMPs are converted to VPs using the ABF Swiss Pairs VP Scale.

Session times: 10.00am and 2.30pm

Anticipated finishing time: 6.00pm, Feb 18

Sunday Butler Swiss Pairs - 0-500 (500SBSP) – Feb 18

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 500 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format and session times as for **OSBSP**

Rookie Pairs (RP) – Feb 18 and Feb 22

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 10 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023
Format: single session matchpoint pairs, with movement determined when entries are known.
Session times: 10.00am both days. Each session will constitute an individual event.
Anticipated finishing time: 1.30pm both days

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs - Open (OMBSP) – Feb 19

Format and session times as for **OSBSP**

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs - 0-500 (500MBSP) – Feb 19

Format, eligibility and sessions as for **500SBSP**

Teams Championship – Open (OTC) – Feb 20-22; Finals series – Feb 23-24

Format: single field Swiss, 12 x 14 board matches

Session times: 10:00am and 2.30pm each day

Anticipated finishing time: 6.00pm, Feb 22

Qualification to Final series:

* Round-of-4: teams finishing 3rd to 6th qualify to Round-of-4. The 3rd placed team chooses their opponents with the team finishing 4th having the right not to be chosen – 2 x 12 board stanzas

* Semi-Finals: Team finishing 1st after the Qualifying chooses opponents from winning teams from the Round-of-4 – 3 x 12 board stanzas

* Final – 4 x 12 board stanzas

Round-of-4 start time: Feb 23 9.00am

Semi-Finals start time: Feb 23 2.00pm

Final start time: Feb 24 9.00am

Anticipated Final finishing time: 5.00pm, Feb 24

PQP: 1st: 48, 2nd: 24, 3rd: 18, 4th: 12, 5th: 8, 6th: 4

*** Special category prizes (awarded to the highest placed team not qualifying for the finals series.

Teams must nominate a single category for which they wish to contend prior to the category nomination closing time specified by the TO. There must be at least 6 teams within a category for a prize to be awarded. If there are fewer than 6 teams in a category at the close of entries, such teams will be moved to a different category.)

Best Mixed Team – must contain at least one team member of each gender

Best Same Sex Team – all members of the team must be of the same gender

Best New Zealand Team – all members must be affiliated with NZB

Best Queensland Team – all members must be home club members of a QBA affiliated club

Teams Championship – Under 1500MP (U1500TC) – Feb 20-22; Final – Feb 23

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 1500 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format and Session times: as for **OTC**

Qualification to Final:

1st and 2nd qualify to Final – 4 x 12 board stanzas

Final start time: Feb 24 10.00am

Anticipated Final finishing time: 6.00pm, Feb 24

*** Special category prizes (awarded to the highest placed team outside of the top three placegetters.

Teams must nominate a single category for which they wish to contend prior to the category nomination closing time specified by the TO.)

Best Same Sex Team – all members of the team must be of the same gender

Best Mixed Team – must contain at least one team member of each gender

Best Queensland Team – all members must be home club members of a QBA affiliated club

Teams Championship – Intermediate (ITC) – Feb 20-22; Final – Feb 23

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 750 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format and Session times: as for **OTC**

Qualification to Final and Final session times: as for **U1500TC**

*** Special category prizes: as for **U1500TC**

Teams Championship – Restricted (RTC)) – Feb 20-22; Final – Feb 23

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format and Session times: as for **OTC**

Qualification to Final and Final session times: as for **U1500TC**

*** Special category prizes: as for **U1500TC**

Teams Championship – Novice (NTC) – Feb 20-22; Final – Feb 23

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 100 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format and Session times: as for **OTC**

Qualification to Final and Final session times: as for **U1500TC**

*** Special category prizes (awarded to the highest placed team outside of the top three placegetters.

Teams must nominate a single category for which they wish to contend prior to the category nomination closing time specified by the TO.)

Best Same Sex Team – all members of the team must be of the same gender

Best Mixed Team – must contain at least one team member of each gender

0-50 Masterpoint Pairs (0-50MP) – Tuesday – Feb 20

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 50 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format: two session matchpoint pairs, scoring cumulative across the two sessions

Session times: 10.00am and 2.30pm

Anticipated finishing time: 6.00pm, Feb 20

0-50 Masterpoint Pairs (0-50MP) – Wednesday – Feb 21

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 50 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format: two session matchpoint pairs, scoring cumulative across the two sessions

Session times: 10.00am and 2.30pm

Anticipated finishing time: 6.00pm, Feb 21

0-50 Masterpoint Butler Swiss Pairs – Feb 22

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 50 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format: single field Swiss Pairs, 6 x 8 board matches

The score on each board is compared with a datum calculated as follows:

- i) in Rounds 1-3, the average of all scores after eliminating the top 10% and bottom 10%
- ii) in Rounds 4-7, the average of all scores obtained at the leading $n/2$ tables (rounded down) where n is the number of tables in play after eliminating the top 10% and bottom 10% of the scores being included.
- iii) in Rounds 8-10, the average of all scores obtained at the leading 12 tables after eliminating the top and bottom score.

Net IMPs are converted to VPs using the ABF Swiss Pairs VP Scale.

* If there are fewer than 24 tables, the datum will be determined as in (i) for all rounds.

Session times: 10.00am and 2.30pm

Anticipated finishing time: 6.00pm, Feb 22

Friday Butler Swiss Pairs - Open (FBSP) – Feb 23

Format: single field Swiss Pairs, 6 x 9 board matches

Scoring as for **OSBSP**

Session times: 10.00am and 2.00pm

Anticipated finishing time: 5.15pm, Feb 23

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs – Open (OBSP) – Feb 23-24

Format: two field Swiss Pairs, 10 x 8 board matches

NS and EW retain the same direction throughout.

The score on each board is compared with a datum calculated as follows:

- i) in Rounds 1-3, the average of all scores after eliminating the top 10% and bottom 10%
- ii) in Rounds 4-7, the average of all scores obtained at the leading $n/2$ tables (rounded down) where n is the number of tables in play after eliminating the top 10% and bottom 10% of the scores being included.
- iii) in Rounds 8-10, the average of all scores obtained at the leading 12 tables after eliminating the top and bottom score.

Net IMPs are converted to VPs using the ABF Swiss Pairs VP Scale.

* If there are fewer than 24 tables, the datum will be determined as in (i) for all rounds.

*** The Ivy Dahler Shield will be awarded to the pair with the highest percentage total Victory Points, relative to the average in their direction.

Session times: Feb 24, 10.00am and 2.00pm; Feb 25, 10.00am

Anticipated finishing time: 1.30pm, Feb 25

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs – Intermediate (IBSP) – Feb 23-24

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 750 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format: single field Swiss Pairs, 10 x 8 board matches

Scoring and Session times: as for **OBSP**

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs – Restricted (RBSP) – Feb 23-24

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format: single field Swiss Pairs, 10 x 8 board matches

Scoring and Session times: as for **OBSP**

Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs – Novice (NBSP) – Feb 23-24

Eligibility: each player must have fewer than 300 Masterpoints as at September 30, 2023

Format: single field Swiss Pairs, 10 x 8 board matches

Scoring and Session times: as for **OBSP**

Reg Busch Trophy

The Reg Busch Trophy will be awarded to the pair with the highest total score across the following events

OSBSP

500SBSP

OMBSP

500MBSP

FBSP

Walk-in Pairs (WIP) – Feb 17-24

Format: single session matchpoint pairs. Pre-entry is not required.

Prizes will be awarded for each session.

Session times:

Feb 17 - 6.00pm

Feb 18-22 - 10.00am and 2.30pm

Feb 23 - 10.00am and 2.00pm

Feb 24 - 10.00am