

# RIVER CITY GOLD MIXED PAIRS 2026 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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## 1 General

- 1.1 The River City Gold Mixed Pairs (RCG) is conducted by the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) and will be held on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25. It is held under the auspices of the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is the Toowong Bridge Club, 22 Roy Street, Auchenflower, Queensland.
- 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 6.3)
- 1.5 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. After one warning, breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 6.3).
- 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 Chief Tournament Director (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 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 The event is subject to the current health requirements and guidelines as issued by Queensland Health, ABF, QBA and Toowong Bridge Club.

- 1.9 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 Janet Lovell.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Chris Snook.
- 2.3 The Reviewer is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.4 The Review Consultants are Ella Jacob and Kim Morrison.
- 2.5 The ABF on-site representative is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.6 The Recorders are Pele Rankin and Richard Ward.

## **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 All pairs must comprise one male and one female player.
- 3.3 Residentially qualified pairs are also eligible for the Queensland Mixed Pairs title and, if eligible, Queensland Novice Mixed Pairs title.
- 3.4 To be eligible for the Novice title, both members of the pair must have fewer than 100 MPs as at 28-2-26.
- 3.5 Substitutes will be allowed with the consent of the CTD for up to 6 matches. Substitutes must be of the same gender as the player replaced.
- 3.6 The TO may nominate a “house contestant” to compete in order to ensure the smooth running of the tournament. 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” 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 are not allowed.
- 4.2 Each pair must bring to the table two identical fully completed ABF System Cards. (The use of ABF Simple System Cards is acceptable and preferred except when an ABF Standard System Card is appropriate in the case of more complicated systems.)

## **5 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties**

- 5.1 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 for each match expires 15 minutes after the conclusion of the following match, except that for the last two matches, the Correction Period expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time for the last match.
- 6.2 The Time for Requesting a Review of a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the session (or 10 minutes after the parties are advised of the director's ruling when the ruling is made after the session), 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 and Unplayable Boards**

- 7.1 Where a single board is fouled, the assigned matchpoint score is 60% of the available matchpoints on the board awarded to both sides.
- 7.2 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.
- 7.3 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 7.2 will apply.
- 7.4 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, any ties will not be broken.

## **9 Event format**

- 9.1 The event will be played as a single field Swiss comprising 12 x 9 board matches
- 9.2 Each board will be scored using standard duplicate matchpoint scoring. Each pair's average percentage score for the match will be converted to Victory Points, using the VP scale detailed in the Appendices.
- 9.3 Unless all tables are finished earlier, the draw for subsequent matches will be made 66 minutes after the start time of each match, based on the results available at that time.
- 9.4 The first session each day will commence at 9.30 am. Each session will comprise three matches.

## 10 Playoff Qualifying Points

10.1 Eligible pairs are ranked for the award of Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP). Each eligible player in those pairs receives an award as follows:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
PQP	20	14	10	6	4	2

10.2 Ties are not broken for PQP purposes. Any tied pairs share the available points for the places involved in the ties.

## Appendices

### Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

The penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play under ABF TR 10 are:

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

One board	1 VP (3 IMPs)
Subsequent boards	2 VPs (6 IMPs)

### Tie-breaking

Significant ties are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot.

### 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:  $VP = 0$

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

The following table lists the percentage to be assigned for each successive board in the case of multiple average plus boards:

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	Percentage assigned (matchpoints)
1	60.00
2	54.14
3	53.18
4	52.68

### Anticipated Finishing Times

The following times are provided solely as a guide to players and may change depending on event formats and other circumstances:

Sunday, May 24, 5.30 pm