

JOAN PRINCE MEMORIAL SWAN RIVER SWISS PAIRS 2026

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Swan River Open Swiss Pairs (SRSP) is conducted by the Bridge Association of Western Australia (BAWA) in conjunction with the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is the West Australian Bridge Club, Odern Crescent, Swanbourne, Western Australia.
- 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 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. After one warning, breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty. (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 Sheenagh Young.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Neville Walker.
- 2.3 The Assistant Director is Sandra Hardie.
- 2.4 The Reviewer is Chris Mulley.
- 2.5 The Review Consultant is Jonathon Free.
- 2.6 The ABF on site representative is Nigel Dutton.
- 2.7 The Recorder is Cathy Hood.

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 A maximum of five substitutions 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.
- 3.3 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, 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 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 relevant 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 12 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 30 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 of the last match.
- 6.2 Subject to 6.3, the Time for Requesting a Review of a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) expires 30 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the session or 30 minutes after the parties are advised of the director's ruling whichever is later. If the next match is scheduled to commence within that period, the time is extended to the expiration of the Time for Requesting a Review for that next match.
- 6.3 In the case of the last match, the Time for Requesting a Review of a Director's Ruling expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the last 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 7.2-7.3 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 17, as detailed in the Appendices. Ties for other places will not be broken.

9 Event format

- 9.1 The SRSP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 9 x 12 board matches, played over 4 sessions.
- 9.2 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 9.2.1. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the ABF Swiss Pairs VP scale for 12 boards.
- 9.2.1 The datum will be the arithmetic mean (rounded to the closest 10) of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest 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.
- 9.3 The time allowed per round will be announced by the CTD.
- 9.4 The draw for each match will be made 95 minutes after the commencement of the preceding match based on the results submitted at that time, or at some earlier time at the discretion of the CTD. Incomplete results and errors will be corrected as soon as possible. Pairs failing to enter all scores or those who enter incorrect scores and then fail to amend them before leaving the table may be subject to penalty as listed in the Appendices.
- 9.5 The session starting times are:

Saturday, August 22, 9:30 am (2 matches)
Saturday, August 22, 1:15 pm (3 matches)
Sunday, August 23, 10:00 am (2 matches)
Sunday, August 23, 1:45 pm (2 matches).

10 Playoff Qualifying Points

- 10.1 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player as below:

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	24	16	12	8

- 10.2 To be eligible for PQP, each player must play at least 5 matches.
- 10.3 Tied pairs share the available points.

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 (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 to both pairs:

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

Calculation of Multiple average plus awards during a 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 for each such board shall be as listed in the table below.

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

Tie-breaking

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

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, 4.45 pm