2026 SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

1.1 The Spring National Championships (SNC) comprise the following events:

Gumby-Lazer Mixed Teams (MT) – October 17-18, Final series– October 19-20;
Weekend Swiss Teams (ST) (300+ and Restricted/Novice) – October 17-18;
Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs (MP) – October 19-20;
Monday Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (MSMP), greater and less than 300 MPs – October 19;
Mini-Monday Pairs (MMP) – October 19;
Raceday Swiss IMP Pairs (RSIP) – October 20;
Wednesday Matchpoint Pairs (WMP), Under 1500 and Under 300 MPs – October 21;
TBIB Spring National Open Teams (OT) – October 21-23, Final series – October 24-25,
incorporating Linda Stern Women's Teams (WT) and Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams (ST);
Avi Kanetkar Butler Swiss Pairs (AKSP), Restricted and Novice – October 22-23;
Butler Swiss Pairs (SP), Under 1500 MPs – October 22-23;
Dick Cummings Open Pairs (OP) – October 24-25;
Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs (IP) – October 24-25;
Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs (RP) – October 24-25;
Spring Nationals Novice Pairs (NP) – October 24-25.

These events are conducted by Bridge New South Wales (BNSW) 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 Canterbury Park Racecourse, 96 King St, Ashbury.

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 only permitted in areas specifically designated by the TO as 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. 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 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 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 semi-final and finals of teams events must lodge any mobile phone or other electronic communication device in their possession with the TO during session time.

1.8 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.

1.9 In all 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.

1.10 Expressions used in these Regulations and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017). Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the ABF TR shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Regulations. In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning or the interpretation of the application of any regulation, the decision of the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) shall be final and conclusive.

2 Officials

2.1 The Tournament Organiser is Shannon Queree.

2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Matthew McManus.

2.3 The Reviewer is Laurie Kelso.

2.4 The Review Consultants are Shane Harrison and Jodi Tutty.

2.5 The ABF on site representative is Liam Milne.

2.6 The Recorders are Pele Rankin and Bob Sebesfi.

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 To be eligible to play in Intermediate events or to be eligible for a prize in the Intermediate category in multi-grade events:
i) all members of the pair or team must have fewer than 750 masterpoints at 30-6-26;
ii) a player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction or higher as the event. Notwithstanding a player who has already entered either event at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible for that event;
iii) New Zealand players must have a ranking of Master or lower as at 30-6-26;
iv) at the time of entering, Grand Slam players must have a rating of 59% or below.

3.3 To be eligible to play in Restricted events or to be eligible for a prize in the Restricted category in multi-grade events:
i) all members of the pair or team must have fewer than 300 masterpoints at 30-6-26;
ii) a player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction or higher as the event. Notwithstanding a player who has already entered either event at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible for that event;
iii) New Zealand players must have a ranking of less than NZ Provincial Master as at 30-6-26;
iv) at the time of entering, Grand Slam players must have a rating of 56% or below.

3.4 To be eligible to play in Novice events or to be eligible for a prize in the Novice category in multi-grade events:
i) all members of the pair or team must have fewer than 100 masterpoints at 30-6-26;
ii) a player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction or higher as the event. Notwithstanding a player who has already entered either event at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible for that event;
iii) New Zealand players must have a ranking of less than NZ local Master as at 30-6-26;
iv) at the time of entering, Grand Slam players must have a rating of 54% or below.

3.5 To be eligible for the MT, in every match both pairs must comprise one male and one female player.

3.6 To be eligible for the WT, all members of the team must be female.

3.7 To be eligible for the ST, all members of the team must have been born before 1-1-62.

3.8 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.

3.9 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.

3.10 In the MT, to be eligible to play in the semi-finals or final, each team member, including those augmented, must have played at least three matches in the Qualifying Stage.

3.11 In the OT, to be eligible to play in the finals series each team member, including those augmented, must have played at least 56 boards in matches leading up to the final.

3.12 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment until the commencement of Day 2 (OT) or Match 4 (MT) up to a maximum of 6 players. Any player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event.

3.13 In the teams events, the CTD may approve a maximum of four substitutions per team. In Semi-Finals or Finals matches, a substitute is permitted for one stanza. In the OP, IP, RP and NP, the CTD may approve substitutes for any pair in a maximum of five rounds. In other events, the CTD may approve substitutes for any pair in a maximum of three rounds or one session, as applicable. 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.

3.14 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 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD.

4 Systems and Defences

4.1 Subject to 4.3, GREEN and BLUE systems are permitted without restriction.

4.2 RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all events except for the AKSP, RP and NP, as well as any other events where the field is split to include only Restricted and/or Novice players.

4.3 In the AKSP, RP and NP, 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.

4.4 YELLOW systems will be allowed in the Knockout Stage and finals series of the OT. They are permitted in the MT 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). Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the TO with an adequately completed ABF system card and a bona fide defence before October 3, 2026.

5 Seating

5.1 In all stages of the OT and MT apart from the Final, teams registering one or more YELLOW systems lose all seating rights in all matches against teams not employing a YELLOW system.

5.2 YELLOW systems may be played only if the seating is posted within 10 minutes of the publication of the draw.

5.3 Except as noted in 5.1, in all finals series matches in the MT, the higher ranked team if applicable has the right to elect to sit first in either the odd- or even-numbered stanzas.

5.4 In other cases should the need arise, 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 10 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) is 3 VPs.

7 Correction Period and Time for Requesting a Review

7.1 In knockout matches, the Correction Period expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the match.

7.2 For the last session of a stage or of an event, the Correction Period expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the last session.

7.3 Other than as in 7.1 or 7.2, the Correction Period for each match or session expires at the commencement of the following session.

7.4 Subject to 7.5, the Time for Requesting a Review of a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) expires 30 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the match, stanza or session in which the ruling occurred or 30 minutes after the parties are advised of the director's ruling whichever is later. If the next match, stanza or session 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, stanza or session.

7.5 In the case of the last match or session in a stage, the Time for Requesting a Review of a Director's Ruling expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the last match or session.

8 Fouled and Unplayable Boards

8.1 In matchpoint pairs events, where a single board is fouled, the assigned matchpoint score is 60% of the available matchpoints on the board awarded to both sides.

8.2 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.

8.3 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.

8.4 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.

8.5 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.

9 Ties and Carry-overs

9.1 Critical ties after Match 7 of the OT, for qualification to the semi-finals and final of the MT and ranking of teams within the MT finals series will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 17.

9.2 Ties for first place only in the OP, IP, RP and NP will be broken in accordance with ABF TR 17, unless drop-in pairs have been accepted as described in 10.9.3 in which case the tie will not be broken.

9.3 Ties in matches in the OT Championship Semi-Finals and Final will be broken by two board playoffs. If still tied, there will be successive one board playoffs until the tie is broken.

9.4 Other ties will not be broken.

9.5 In Knockout matches in the OT up until the Semi-Finals, the team placed higher at the conclusion of the Qualifying Stage will have a carry-over of 0.1 IMPs.

9.6 In the OT, the team undefeated in the No-loss pool will have a carry-over of 7.5 IMPs in their Semi-Final match. If they win their Semi-Final by more than 7.5 IMPs, they will have a carry-over of 7.5 IMPs in the Final.

9.7 For semi-finals and finals matches in the MT, there will be a carry-over up to a maximum of 14.1 IMPs based upon the total Victory Point score of the teams at the conclusion of the Swiss qualifying. The higher ranked team will have a carry-over of 1 IMP for every 1 VP they finished ahead of the their opponent after the qualifying, multiplied by x, where:

x = 1, if the higher ranked team defeated the lower ranked team when they played in the qualifying;

x = 0.75, if the teams tied when they played in the qualifying or if they did not play one another in the qualifying; or

x = 0.50, if the higher ranked team lost to the lower ranked team when they played in the qualifying.

In the event of the carry-over being an exact whole number of IMPs, the team which finished in the higher position in the qualifying will carry forward an additional 0.1 IMPs.

10 Event formats

Depending on the number of entries, event formats may be varied by the Tournament Organiser. This may include combining events, changing the number or length of matches, or other actions to ensure the viability of the event.

Session times may be varied by the Tournament Organiser subject to reasonable notice being given to the participants.

The time allowed per match or stanza will be announced by the CTD.

10.1 **Gumby-Lazer Mixed Teams (MT)** will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 8 x 14 board matches, followed by Semi-Finals and a Final.

10.1.1 Each match will be scored using the WBF continuous VP scale for 14 board matches.

10.1.2 At the conclusion of the Swiss, the four highest placed teams will qualify to the semi-finals. The first placed team has the choice of opponents from amongst the other three teams, with the proviso that the second placed team may elect not to be chosen.

10.1.3 Session times: Qualifying rounds: 10.00am (2 matches), 2.00pm (2 matches)
Semi-Finals and Final: 9.30am, 11.30am, 2.00pm, 4.00pm

10.2 **Weekend Swiss Teams (ST) –** Dependent of the numbers of entries, separate events may be held in the 300+ and Restricted/Novice categories. The event(s) will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 8 x 14 board matches.

10.2.1 Each match will be scored using the WBF continuous VP scale for 14 board matches.

10.2.2 Session times: 10.00am (2 matches), 2.00pm (2 matches)

10.3 **Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs (MP)** will be played as a single field Swiss Pairs event, comprising 12 x 9 board matches.

10.3.1 Each match 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 in the Appendices.

10.3.2 After Match 6 and prior to Match 7, pairs consisting solely of players from the losing semi-final teams of the MT may join the MP.

10.3.3 Partnerships consisting of just one player who competed in the MT semi-finals will not be accepted.

10.3.4 Any pairs wishing to enter under 10.3.2 must have submitted and paid for an entry to the MP prior to 8.00pm Sunday, October 18.

10.3.5 Pairs added to the draw under 10.3.2 shall be assigned a VP score equal to the greater of:
a) the average score of the top 6 pairs after Match 6; and
b) the leader's score after Match 6 minus 9.

10.3.6 Where possible, pairs added to the draw will be randomly drawn to play each other in Round 7.

10.3.7 Session times: 10.30am and 2.30pm

10.4 **Monday Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (MSMP)** will be played as a single field Swiss Pairs event, comprising 6 x 9 board matches.

10.4.1 Each match 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 in the Appendices.

10.4.2 Session times: 10.30am and 2.30pm

10.5 **Mini Monday Pairs (MMP)** will be a single session pairs event in a format determined when entries are known.

10.5.1 Scoring will be by IMPs scored against a datum calculated as in 10.9.

10.5.2 Session time: 9.00am

10.6 **Raceday Swiss IMP Pairs (RSIP)** will be played as a single field Swiss Pairs event, comprising 6 x 9 board matches.

10.6.1 Scoring will be by IMPs scored against a datum calculated as in 10.9.

10.6.2 Net IMPs in each match will be converted to VPs in accordance with the ABF 9 board Swiss Pairs VP scale.

10.6.3 Session times: 10.30am and 2.30pm

10.7 **Wednesday Matchpoint Pairs (WMP)** will be a two session event with matchpoint scoring. The format will be determined when the number of entries is known.

10.7.1 Session times: 10.30am and 2.15pm

10.8 **Spring National Open Teams (OT)** will consist of a Swiss teams event, combined with a Knockout Stage. Four teams from the Knockout stage will qualify to the Finals series.

10.8.1 Day 1 (Swiss - Qualifying Stage) – The field will play 7 x 8 board matches in a Swiss movement. At the conclusion of Match 7, the 32 highest placed teams have the right to compete in the Knockout Stage. Other teams will continue in the Swiss, retaining their score from Day 1. Any team may elect to continue in the Swiss and not join the Knockout Stage, in which case their place will be taken by the next highest placed team. Teams who do not wish to play in the Knockout Stage must advise the CTD prior to the commencement of Match 4.

10.8.2 Qualification to the Knockout Stage:
- The 8 highest placed teams will qualify to the No-loss pool.
- The next 24 highest placed teams will qualify to the One-loss pool.
- The draw for the One-loss pool will be pre-determined, based on each team's position after the Qualifying Stage, adjusted so that in the first round a team will not be drawn against a team they played on Day 1.
- In the No-loss pool, the team finishing in first position in the Qualifying Stage will choose its first round opponents from among the teams qualifying in fourth to eighth positions. The second and third placed teams will in order then make a choice from among the other teams. The winners of the matches involving the second and third placed teams will be drawn to play one another in Round 2.
- Choices in the No-loss pool will be conducted as soon as possible after the results of the Qualifying Stage are finalised. If a team with choice is not represented at the time of choosing, they will be drawn against the lowest placed team available at that point.

10.8.3 Knockout Stage

All Knockout matches will be played over 28 boards in two stanzas of 14.

- No-loss pool (Days 2-3):

As teams are defeated they will proceed to the One-loss pool.

Round 1: 8 teams
Round 2: 4 teams
Round 3: 2 teams

The team winning Round 3 will progress directly to the Semi-Finals and will not play in the second session on Day 3.

- One-loss pool (Days 2-3):

As teams are defeated they will proceed to the Swiss.

Round 1: 24 teams.
Round 2: 16 teams. 12 winning teams from Round 1 plus 4 losing teams from No-loss Round 1
Round 3: 10 teams. 8 winning teams from Round 2 plus 2 losing teams from No-loss Round 2
Round 4: 6 teams. 5 winning teams from Round 3 plus the losing team from No-loss Round 3.

Draw for Round 4: The losing team from No-loss Round 3 chooses their opponents from the other three teams, but may not select a team they previously defeated in the No-loss Pool. The draw for the other matches will be random with the proviso a team cannot play a team they have previously played in a Knockout match.

The three winning teams from Round 4 will progress to the Semi-Finals.

10.8.4 Final series

- Semi-Finals (Day 4)

The three winning teams from the One-loss Round 4 and the winning team of No-loss Round 3 will play Knockout matches over 56 boards in four stanzas of 14. The winning team from the No-loss pool may choose their opponents from among the other three teams. There is no restriction preventing teams playing a team they have previously played in a Knockout match. The two winning teams will progress to the Final.

- Final (Day 5): The two winning teams from the Semi-Finals will play a head-to-head match over 56 boards in four stanzas of 14.

10.8.5 Swiss

The Swiss will continue for a further 8 rounds, now playing 14 board matches. (Matches 8-15)

- A team will not be drawn against a team which it has previously played in either the Swiss or Knockout Stage.
- As teams are defeated in the One-loss pool, they will rejoin the Swiss, with the following drop-in scores dependent on the point at which they entered:
  i) after Swiss Match 9 – 80% of the Swiss leader's score at that point;
  ii) after Swiss Match 11 – 90% of the Swiss leader's score at that point;
  iii) after Swiss Match 13 – 100% of the Swiss leader's score at that point.
- The five teams entering the Swiss after Swiss Match 13 will not be drawn against each other in Match 14.

10.8.6 Session times: Wednesday: 10.30am and 2.15pm
Thursday - Friday: 10.30am and 2.30pm
Semi-finals (Saturday): 9.30am, 11.30am, 2.00pm, 4.00pm
Final (Sunday): 9.00am, 11.00am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

10.8.7 The Linda Stern Women's Teams and the Bobby Evans Senior's Teams will be awarded to the highest placed eligible team. Placings will be based on each team's results in the following stages in order.

1) Final;
2) Semi-Finals;
3) One-loss Pool Round 4;
4) Swiss.

In the event that more than one team defeated in the Semi-Finals (or more than one team defeated in One-loss Pool Round 4) are eligible, the team losing their match by the smaller amount will be declared the winner.

10.9 **Avi Kanetkar Butler Swiss Pairs (AKSP) and Butler Swiss Pairs (SP)** – Each event will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 8 x 14 board matches, played over 4 sessions. Should entries warrant, separate events may be held for Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice pairs.

10.9.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 10.9.2, 10.9.3 and 10.9.4.

10.9.2 The datum will be the arithmetic mean of all the scores under consideration (10.9.3 and 10.9.4) 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.

10.9.3 If there are fewer than 24 tables entered, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables.

10.9.4 If there are 24 or more tables:

a) for Matches 1-2, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;
b) for Matches 3-5, 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 6-8, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.

10.9.5 IMPs in each match are converted to VPs in accordance with the ABF 14 board Swiss Pairs VP scale.

10.9.6 Session times: 10.30am (2 matches), 2.30pm (2 matches)

10.10 **The Dick Cummings Open Pairs (OP), Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs (IP), Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs (RP) and Spring Nationals Novice Pairs (NP)** will each be played as a single field Swiss Pairs event, consisting of 12 x 10 board matches.

10.10.1 Each match 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 in the Appendices.

10.10.2 After Match 6 and prior to Match 7, pairs consisting solely of players from the losing semi-final teams of the OT may join the OP.

10.10.3 Any pairs wishing to enter under 10.10.2 must have submitted and paid for an entry to the OP prior to 8.00pm Friday, October 23.

10.10.4 Pairs added to the draw under 10.10.2 shall be assigned a VP score equal to the greater of:

a) the average score of the top 6 pairs after Match 6; and
b) the leader's score after Match 6 minus 9.

10.10.5 Where possible, pairs added to the draw will be randomly drawn to play each other in Round 7.

10.10.6 Session times: Saturday – 10.00am and 2.15pm
Sunday – 9.30am and 1.45pm (3 matches each session)

11 Playoff Qualifying Points

11.1 Eligible teams or pairs are ranked for the award of Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP). PQP are awarded to pairs.

11.1.1 OT

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	48	24	12	6

11.1.2 To be eligible for PQP, a pair must have played in partnership in at least 70 boards in preliminary stages and at least two stanzas in the Semi-Finals and Final, as applicable.

11.1.3 OP

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	32	24	16	12

11.1.4 To be eligible for PQP, a pair must have played in at least six matches. Any pair who played as a partnership in a team that competed in the OT Semi-Finals will be deemed to have played in all of the first six matches.

11.1.5 MT

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	24	16	8	4

11.1.6 To be eligible for PQP, a pair must have played in partnership in at least four matches and at least half the boards played in any Semi-Final or Final match.

11.1.7 MP

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

11.1.8 To be eligible for PQP, a pair must have played in at least six matches. Any pair who played as a partnership in a team that competed in the MT Semi-Finals will be deemed to have played in all of the first six matches.

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

Appendices

Tie-breaking

Significant ties are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, results of head-to-head match (should it have occurred), lot.

Victory Point Scale for MP, MSMP, OP, IP, RP and NP

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

Where x is greater than 70.0: VP = 20
Where x is between 57.5 and 70.0: VP = (x-20)*2/5
Where x is between 42.5 and 57.5: VP = (x-35)*2/3
Where x is between 30.0 and 42.5: VP = (x-30)*2/5
Where 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 may be implemented.

If the numbers are appropriate, a full round robin movement may 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 pair may play another pair 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.

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 determined as per the table below.

In matches with multiple fouled boards resulting in the number of direct comparisons available being fewer than one half the number of boards, the match will be scored as a forfeit treating both units as non-offending. Forfeited matches are scored as 13 VPs for each side. Further adjustments at the end of the event may be appropriate in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulation 15.
(www.abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFTournamentRegs2024.pdf)

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

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	IMPs awarded (Teams)	IMPs awarded (Butler Pairs)	Percentage awarded (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

Anticipated Finishing Times

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

October 17, 18, 25	5.30 pm
October 19-24	6.00 pm