

BFACT 2017 STATE OPEN TEAM FINALS

Timings

The final will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club on:

- 7:15 pm, 7 April 2017,
- 09:45 am, 8 and 9 April 2017.

Venue

Canberra Bridge Club, 6 Duff Place, Deakin, ACT.

Eligibility

Twelve pairs of players will be in the final:

- 8 pairs from stage 1 qualifying event,
- 4 pairs from stage 2 qualifying event.

Entrants are not required to be intending to represent the ACT at the ANC but if "non-contending" are required to indicate that status by the conclusion of the final.

Format

The final will be played on Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday days. Each pair will play each other pair in 11 14 board matches in a round robin movement.

Scoring

Calculation of score

The final will be scored using the cross-IMP method. IMPs will be calculated for each board by cumulating each result from each other table, then averaged to give the number of IMPs for the board. The averaged IMPs will be cumulated for each board of the match and converted to VPs using the relevant WBF VP Scale (latest version to be used). VP scores will then be cumulated to determine rankings in the event as a whole.

All posted scores will be provisional until data entry has been verified. Scores may be amended with the agreement of both pairs until 30 minutes after end of the next session, or 30 minutes after the last session, subject to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007.

Breaking Ties

Critical Ties

Only critical ties will be broken by:

- Winner of the head to head result,
- Removing the score against the pair who received the lowest score in the event and so on,
- Then toss of the coin.

Conditions of Contest

Regulations

The event will be played under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007, Australian Bridge Federation regulations, these Regulations and BFACT regulations. Where any of these conflict, priority will be given in order of listing.

Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$110 per person for the final.

Substitution

In the final a pair is entitled to five substitutions (replacing one player for a single match) to remain eligible for representational status.

As far as possible, a substitute should be of a similar standard to the one being substituted. Where a substitute is assessed to be of a higher standard than the substituted player, a committee assembled under the same means as an Appeals Committee may assess an adjustment in the form of IMPs per match for the matches where a substitution is made.

It is the responsibility of the player who is unavailable to find a substitute.

Systems

Any other system complying with ABF System and BFACT Tournament regulations may be played. Each pair is required to make available two identical completed Standard ABF System Cards.

YELLOW systems are permitted in the final. YELLOW systems shall be submitted to the Tournament Director at least 30 minutes before commencement of the final, and should also provided a suggested defence to the system.

Players playing against a YELLOW system or a BROWN STICKER system may bring a written defence (to the YELLOW system or to those aspects that make a system BROWN STICKER) to the table provided that:

1. the defence is typed or written legibly on a single sheet of A4 paper,
2. the defence is approved by the Tournament Director, and
3. each of the four players at the table has his/her own identical copy.

Slow Play

The time allowed for the commencement of the last board will be advised by the Tournament Director based on the number of boards. A grace period of 5 minutes will be allowed for each pair once in the event. Thereafter, each offending pair shall be penalized for each board not completed. **This regulation is to be strictly enforced.**

Appeals

Appeals against the Tournament Director's rulings must be notified in writing within 30 minutes of the posting of results at the end of the session. The appeal will be conducted in accordance with the BFACT Tournament Regulations.

The Appeals Committee will be appointed by the BFACT Tournament Secretary, if he is unavailable, by a suitable BFACT Committee Member appointed by the President of BFACT, or by the Tournament Director.

Unexpected Events

The Tournament Director may take whatever action necessary to maintain the integrity of the tournament where events occur outside the scope of these regulations.

Master Points

Master points will be awarded at Grade B, as a State Selection event.

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