

BFACT 2017 ANC SENIORS TEAM SELECTION

Timings

The final will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club on:

- a. 7.15 pm, 24 March 2017 (required if more than 10 pairs enter)
- b. 09:45 am, 25 March 2017
- c. 09:45 am, 26 March 2017

Venue

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

Eligibility

All current financial senior members of a bridge club affiliated to BFACT, in accordance with ABF Regulations, will be eligible to play. A senior is someone born before 1 January 1959, meaning they will turn at least 60 in the 2018 calendar year.

Entrants are not required to be intending to represent the ACT at the ANC but if "non-contending" are asked to indicate that status at time of entry.

Entry

Entry is required by 8:00 pm on 23 March 2017. After that time, entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Secretary and only if the integrity of the event is not impacted.

Format

Matches will be determined based on the number of entries. The objective is to play the equivalent of eleven 14-board matches, ie 154 boards, over the weekend. If 10 or less pairs are entered, Friday night play will not be required. The length of matches will be adjusted to the objective of playing as near as possible 126 boards over the Saturday and Sunday.

Each pair will play each other over the appropriate number of boards based on a random draw.

Scoring

Calculation of datums

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. 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 1 hour after the next session, or 1 hour after the last session, subject to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007.

Breaking Ties

Critical Ties

Only critical ties will be broken by:

1. Total IMPs,
2. Removing the score against the pair who received the lowest score in the event and so on,
3. Then toss of the coin.

ANC Senior's Team

The three leading contending pairs will be invited, subject to ratification by BFACT, to form the ACT Seniors Team for the ANC, details of which can be found via the ABF website, www.abf.com.au.

Conditions of Contest

Regulations

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

Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$110 if the event is over Friday, Saturday and Sunday or \$100 if only over Saturday and Sunday.

Substitution

A pair is entitled to substitutions, i.e. replacing one player for a match, for less than half the number of matches to remain eligible for the championship. The pair entered needs to play more than half the matches to be eligible.

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 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 given that the target event (ANC Seniors Teams) allows YELLOW systems.

YELLOW systems shall be submitted to the Tournament Director before 7.30 pm on the day before with a bona fide defence. Late submission will not be allowed.

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:

- a. the defence is typed or written legibly on a single sheet of A4 paper,
- b. the defence is approved by the Tournament Director, and
- c. 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 1 VP 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 Championship event.

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