

BFACT 2019 ANC OPEN TEAM STAGE1

Timings

The first qualifying event will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club on:

7.30 pm, 26 February, 5, 12 and 19 March 2019.

Please be seated by 7:25 pm.

Venue

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

Eligibility

All current financial members of a bridge club affiliated to BFACT, in accordance with ABF Regulations, will be eligible to play.

Entrants are not required to be intending to represent the ACT at the ANC (Australian National Championships) but if "non-contending" are asked to indicate that status to the director.

Entry

Entry is required by 4:00 pm on 25 February 2019. 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

The event will be played as a combination of Mitchell and Howell movements over 4 evenings depending on the number of entries. The movement will be designed to maximise the number of different opponents for each pair. For some numbers of entries, the entries will be split into 2 fields and seeded to try to provide a balanced competition.

Scoring

Calculation of datums

The event will be scored using the cross-IMP method. IMPs will be calculated for each board by calculating IMPs for each other table, then averaged to give the number of IMPs for the board. IMPs will then be converted using an appropriate WBF VP scale.

All posted scores will be provisional until data entry has been verified. Scores may be amended with the agreement of both pairs until the next day, or half an 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. Removing the score against the pair who received the lowest score in the event and so on,
2. Then toss of the coin.

ANC Selection Final

The eight leading contending pairs will be eligible to play in the Open selection final to be held on the weekend of 12, 13 and 14 April 2019. If the entries are split into 2 fields, the leading 4 contending pairs in each direction will be eligible to play in the final. Pairs who withdraw or are non-contending will be replaced by the next highest placed pair from the same field. If more pairs withdraw or are non-contending, then next highest replacements will be made with the proviso that the number of pairs qualifying from each field differs by no more than 1.

Conditions of Contest

Regulations

The event will be played under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, 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 \$13 per evening per person.

Substitution

A pair is may be able to have two substitutions (replacing one player for an evening counts as 1 substitution) to remain eligible for selection.

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

YELLOW systems are not permitted.

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.

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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