

BFACT 2020 ANC WOMEN'S TEAM SELECTION

Timings

The final will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club on:

- a. 07:15 pm, 20 March 2020
- b. 09:45 am, 21 March 2020
- c. 09:45 am, 22 March 2020

Venue

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

Eligibility

All current financial female 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 but if "non-contending" are asked to indicate that status to the director.

Entry

Entry is required by 10:00 am on 20 March 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

Matches will be determined based on the number of entries. The objective is to play a significant number of boards against all other entrants.

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

Scoring

The final will be scored using the cross-IMP method. The result will be calculated for each board by summing the IMP result against each other table, then dividing by the number of comparisons. The match IMP total (IMPdiff) will be the sum of the board results as calculated above, positive for one pair and negative for the other. This will be converted to VPs using a modified ANC interstate teams conversion algorithm:

- if IMPdiff is between -25 and +25, match score= IMPdiff + 27.5
- if IMPdiff is -50 to -26, match score = $-25 + \frac{1}{10}(\text{IMPdiff}+25) + 27.5$
- if IMPdiff is 26 to 50, match score = $25 + \frac{1}{10}(\text{IMPdiff}-25) + 27.5$
- if IMPdiff is less than -50, match score=0
- if IMPdiff is greater than 50, match score=55.

This will result in scores being in the range 0 to 55 for each match.

Correction Period

All posted scores will be provisional until data entry has been verified. For Law 79C of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, the Correction Period is:

1. for Matches not on Sunday: 1 hour after the start of the next session
 1. for Matches on Sunday: 30 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection.

Critical Ties

Only critical ties will be broken by:

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

ANC Women's Team

The three leading contending pairs will be invited, subject to ratification by BFACT, to form the ACT Women's 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 2017, 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 \$100 per player.

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, the results with the substitute will be no better than the best result achieved by the partnership.

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 Womens Teams) allows YELLOW systems.

YELLOW systems shall be submitted to the Tournament Director before 7.30 pm on the day before the event commences with a bona fide defence. Late submission will result in the Yellow system being disallowed for the event.

Players playing against a YELLOW system or a BROWN STICKER convention 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 penalised 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, or, 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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