

BFACT 2021 ANC SENIORS TEAM FINAL

Timings

The final will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club on:

- a. 09:30 am, Saturday 8 May 2021
- b. 09:30 am, Sunday 9 May 2021

Venue

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

Eligibility

The top 10 contending pairs who played in the senior team qualifying event are eligible to play. A Senior is aged 62 or older in 2021. See "<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/eligibility-regulations/#Age-Criteria-for-Youth-and-Senior-Players>" for WBF regulations. If any pair becomes unavailable, then the next placed pair will be invited to play, etc.

Entrants are expected to be intending to represent the ACT at the ANC.

Format

Matches will be 12 boards long and there will be 1 match against every other pair in a round robin format.

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 will then be converted to VPs using the appropriate ABF Pairs VP scale.

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
2. 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. Head to head result,
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 Senior Team

The three leading contending pairs will be invited, subject to ratification by BFACT, to form the ACT Seniors Team for the ANC Interstate teams event, 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 \$110 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 Open Teams) allows YELLOW systems.

YELLOW systems shall be submitted to the Tournament Director before 10:00 am 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.

Niek Van Vucht
BFACT Tournament Secretary
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