

2021 GALA PAIRS

Timings

The Event will be conducted from 9.45 am on Sunday, 19 September.

Venue

Realbridge. Using one's computer login to Realbridge via a supplied link.

Eligibility

All current financial members of a bridge club affiliated to BFACT will be eligible to play. Other players may be admitted to play at the discretion of BFACT.

Entry

Pre-entry is require by 10 am on 18 September to enable setting up the movement. The preferred method of entering the Gala pairs is to use MyABF, which registers people using their ABF number, and accepts transfers of money which become bridge credits for paying for event entries. In the main ABF website there are help links available, see: "<https://www.abf.com.au/member-services/my-abf-resources/>".

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the BFACT Tournament Secretary.

Format

The event will be played as a Swiss pairs event of 6 8 board matches with opponents determined by Swiss movement.

The pair with the highest VP score will be the winners.

Conditions of Contest

Scoring

The event will be scored online using a European cross-IMP method which will then be rescored using ABF cross-IMP scoring and converted to Victory Points (VP) using the appropriate ABF pairs VP scale. This score, which will be available on the Canberra Bridge Club results page after the event (possibly at lunch time as well), will be the official result.

Breaking Ties

Only critical ties will be broken. Critical ties will be broken by using the head to head result. If this does not break the tie, then the better result against the top placed pair, or next best pair, etc. If this does not break the tie, the tie will be broken by toss of the coin.

Forming Teams

Two GNOT teams will be formed from this event, Canberra 2 and ACT Provincial.

The two top placed contending pairs form the Canberra 2 team. The ACT Provincial team will be the top 2 contending pairs that qualify for ACT Provincial status, i.e. those from provincial areas or those with less than 300 masterpoints per person. Both teams can augment with another suitable pair if they wish.

Regulations

The event will be played under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, Australian Bridge Federation regulations, BFACT regulation and these Regulations. Where any of these conflict, priority will be given in order of listing.

Entry Fee

The entry fee set by BFACT helps subsidise ACT teams and to promote bridge in the ACT.

Systems

YELLOW systems are not permitted.

Any other system complying with ABF System and BFACT Tournament regulations may be played.

Slow Play

The time allowed to complete each set of boards 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 2 IMPs for each board not completed.

The Tournament Director has been requested to strictly police this requirement.

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 in his absence, by a suitable BFACT Committee Member appointed by the President of BFACT, or, if a BFACT Committee member is not available, 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.

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BFACT Tournament Secretary
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