

## State Open Teams Championship 2021

### Timings

The Event will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club at:

7:15 pm on Mondays 25 October, 1, 15 and 22 November 2021.

Please be seated ready to play 5 minutes before play is due to start.

### Venue

Realbridge sessions.

### 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 required by 10 am on 25 October to enable preparation for running the event. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the BFACT Tournament Secretary.

### Format

The event will be played as a round robin or Swiss teams movement determined by number of entries. Four teams will proceed to semi-finals and final. The first placed team can choose their opponents for the semi-finals, with the second placed team having the option to not play the first placed team. The winners of the semi-finals will proceed to the final to be played on Wednesday, 24 November.

### Conditions of Contest

#### Scoring

Matches will be scored as IMPs and converted to VPs using the appropriate WBF Victory Point scale.

#### Breaking Ties

Only critical ties will be broken. Critical ties will be broken by using the results against the best placed team. If this does not break the tie, then results against the next best placed team, etc. If going through all the teams does not break the tie, the tie will be broken by toss of the coin.

## **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.

## **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 team once in the event. Thereafter, each offending team 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.

## **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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