

BFACT 2023 ANC OPEN FINAL

Timings

The final will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club on:

- a. 07:15 pm, Friday 21 April 2023
- b. 10:00 am, Saturday 22 April 2023
- c. 10:00 am, Sunday 23 April 2023

Venue

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

Eligibility

This event is for pairs that have qualified to play in the final. Pairs are expected to be contending to represent the ACT at the ANC.

Format

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

Scoring

The final will be scored using the Butler method. For each board, IMP scores will be calculated by removing outlier scores and comparing a pair's score with the average of the remaining scores. The number of outlier scores removed depends on the number of pairs entered. 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 afternoon: prior to the start of the next session
2. for Matches on Sunday afternoon: 30 minutes after the final round 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 Open Team

The three leading contending pairs will be invited, subject to ratification by BFACT, to form the ACT Open 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 \$130 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 Senior 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.**

Reviews

A player can seek a review of a Tournament Director's ruling which must be notified to the director within 30 minutes of the posting of results at the end of the session. The review will be conducted by the director providing details of the ruling to at least 2 accredited directors not involved in the ruling, also providing a copy of the details to the player. The player may add details to the reviewing directors, who will provide advice to the Tournament Director and Tournament Secretary who will decide if an adjustment is warranted.

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.

Covid Rules

The event will be held in CBC club rooms and players need to read and be familiar with "Covid-19 Safety Plan" and "Playing at the Club Checklist for Members" found in the CBC website: "<http://www.canberrabridgeclub.com.au/>". The event will be run within the requirements of these plans.

Niek Van Vucht
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