

## ACT Knockout Teams 2023

### Timings

The Event will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club at:

7:15 pm on Thursdays 15, 22, 29 June and 6 July for the qualifying matches.

7:15 pm on Thursday 27 July for the preliminary final, and 3 August for the final.

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

### Venue

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

### 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 14 June 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 knockout teams event with a repechage for teams knocked out of the main draw. The first evening will reduce the main draw to 8 teams by eliminating the teams with the largest losses. The fourth evening will have the last knockout match with the winner proceeding to the final; and the loser proceeding to the preliminary final, playing against the winners of the repechage.

**Repechage:** 14 board matches in a Danish movement (a Swiss movement which allows for teams to play a second time if the draw warrants it). The losing teams from the knockout join the repechage movement with 80% of the possible VPs but not exceeding the score of the leading repechage team, and, a score such that they are not more than 4 VPs behind the leading team.

### Conditions of Contest

#### Scoring

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

All posted scores will be provisional until data entry has been verified. Scores may be amended with the agreement of both teams until the end of the next

day and half an hour after the last session, subject to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017.

## **Breaking Ties**

In the knockout draw, a tie will be broken by playing an extra 4 boards to determine the winner. If still tied, a toss of the coin will determine the winner. In the repechage, ties will be broken by the later entering team winning; if both teams in a match entered from the same knockout stage, the team with the smaller loss from the knockout will win; if both teams entered the repechage with the same loss at the same time, then a toss of the coin will determine the winner.

## **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. Each pair is required to make available two identical completed Standard ABF System Cards.

## **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.

## **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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