

# State Open Teams Championship 2024

## Timings

The Event will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club at:

7:15 pm on Tuesdays 12, 19 and 26 March.

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 Monday 11 March to enable preparation for running the event. Entries can be made using the MyABF system, see: "<https://www.myabf.com.au/events/>". 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. Depending on the number of entries, a final may be played on the last evening or a subsequent agreed time. At the beginning of the first session, the format will be announced.

## Conditions of Contest

### Scoring

Matches will be scored as IMPs and converted to VPs using the appropriate ABF Victory Point scale. Depending on entry numbers, the team with the highest number of VPs will be the winners, or a final series may be played on the last evening.

All posted scores will be provisional until data entry has been verified. Scores may be amended with the agreement of both pairs until the beginning of the next session and half an hour after the last session, subject to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017.

### 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. 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.

Niek Van Vucht  
BFACT Tournament Secretary  
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