

BFACT 2026 ANC YOUTH TEAM SELECTION

Timings

The event will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club on:

- a. 10:00 am, Sunday 8 March 2026

Venue

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

Eligibility

All current financial youth members of a bridge club affiliated to BFACT, or members of the ABF Youth club who are not attempting to qualify to an ANC team for another state or territory, will be eligible to play. Youth players are players born after 31st December 2000.

Entrants are not required to be intending to represent the ACT at the ANC but if "non-contending" are asked to indicate that status to the director. Players who are not youth but wish for a game may play as non-contending.

Entry

Entry is required by midnight on Wednesday, 4 March 2026, and can be made using the MyABF system, see:

"<https://www.myabf.com.au/events/>", click on "Calendar" and select "State" "ACT" to make it easier to find. After that time, entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Secretary and only if the integrity of the event is not impacted.

Format

Matches will be determined based on the number of entries. The objective is to play a significant number of boards against all other entrants. Please see addendum regarding matches.

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

If necessary, extra non-youth pairs may be asked to play to ensure a viable movement.

Scoring

The event 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 with a minimum of 1 top and 1 bottom score being removed.. 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 that are not the last scheduled match: prior to the start of the next session
2. for the last scheduled Match: 30 minutes after the final round scores are made available for inspection.

Critical Ties

Only critical ties (ties involving third place) 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 Youth Team

The three leading contending pairs will be invited, subject to ratification by BFACT, to form the ACT Youth 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 \$30 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 Interstate Teams) allows YELLOW systems.

YELLOW systems shall be submitted to the Tournament Director at least 24 hours 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 a match. 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.

Niek Van Vucht
BFACT Tournament Secretary
5 February 2026

Addendum

The following paragraphs detail matches in terms of the number of pairs entering. Each match will be played over the same number of boards.

For 4 pairs entering, a double round robin of 6 matches of 8 boards: 3 in morning and 3 in afternoon (note this will be scored using CrossIMPs).

For 6 pairs entering, a double round robin of 10 matches of 5 boards: 5 in morning and 5 in afternoon.

For 8 pairs entering, 14 matches of 4 boards: 7 in morning and 7 in afternoon.