

BFACT State Open Teams Championship 2026

Timings

The Event will be conducted at Canberra Bridge Club at:

7:15 pm on Tuesdays 3, 10 and 17 March.

Final at 7:15 pm on Wednesday, 25 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 2 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, split round robin or Swiss teams movement determined by number of entries. The final will be played on a following Wednesday evening. 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. The two teams with the highest number of VPs will play in the final with the higher placed team starting the final with 0.1 IMPs. If the top 2 teams are equal, then flip of a coin to assign a 0.1 IMP start.

All posted scores will be provisional until data entry has been verified. Scores may be amended with the agreement of both teams 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 regulations and these Regulations. Where any of these conflict, priority will be given in order of listing.

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

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.

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.

Niek Van Vucht
BFACT Tournament Secretary
25 February 2026