

NATIONAL 15A TEAMS 2018

Wellington Bridge Club

Sat 17th Nov and Sun 18th Nov 2018

Format and Supplementary Regulations

During the course of this tournament, the Match Committee, or for reasons of expediency, the Director in Charge may make additions and/or alterations to the Format and Supplementary Regulations if it is considered in the best interests of the Tournament to do so.

There will be 8 rounds of 12-board matches in total

Saturday start 12:30pm (4 matches)

Match 1 start 12:30

Match 2 start 2:05

Break 3:25

Match 3 start 3:45

Match 4 start 5:15

A time of 80 minutes will be allowed for completion of each 12 board match. A warning will be given at 70 minutes.

No boards will be withdrawn*, but any pairs failing to finish the match and have their final result entered by the 80 minute time limit may be subject to 0.3VP penalty for each minute or part thereof over the time.

If you have concerns about timing at your table please draw attention to it early!

* If both pairs agree then boards may voluntarily be not played

Finish time for Saturday approx.. 6:35pm

Sunday start 9:00am (4 matches)

Match 5 start 9:00

Match 6 start 10:35

LUNCH 12:00

Match 7 start 12:30

Match 8 start 2:10

Finish play no later than 3:40pm

Official session starting times may be varied by the Match Committee / Director as necessary. It is intended to start matches as soon as practical after completion of the prior round.

Players are expected to be seated before the official (announced) starting times.

Scoring

Scoring will be done using Bridgemates and in accordance with NZ Bridge regulations, North or South is responsible to enter the score progressively and East or West shall confirm the accuracy of the data before sending.

Scores are to be entered at the completion of each board.

Both pairs have equal responsibility to ensure that ALL scores are entered and are correct before leaving the table at the end of the match.

Score changes will only be made with the agreement of the opponents. Requests for score changes must be made on the match result sheet, signed by the opponent (unless the change is to your detriment) and submitted to a director.

The correction period for score changes for Matches 1 to 6 shall be at the start of the session subsequent to receiving the match sheet. **For the final two sessions the correction period is 5 minutes after the match sheets are made available.**

Supplementary Regulations

- ♠ **System Cards:** In accordance with NZ Bridge Regulations 2016, all players must carry their own NZ Bridge or ABF System Card with all 4 pages fully completed. System cards must be available at the table for the opponents to reference.
- ♠ **Pre-alerts:** Players must pre-alert their opponents as to their basic system, strength and style of their 1NT opening, unusual self-alerting calls and any features which may take the opponents by surprise, including unusual leading and/or carding agreements.
- ♠ **Seating:** The HOME team is underlined in the draw. The HOME team should take their seats at which time the AWAY team may choose which pair they send to play EW at the opponent's table.
- ♠ **Cell Phones:** The obligations, restrictions and penalties set out in the NZ Bridge Regulations 2016 section D14 (page D33) will be in effect for this tournament.
- ♠ **Spectators:** Kibitzers are welcome subject to consent of the Director and all players at the table. They are subject to the Laws and must follow instructions of the Director.
- ♠ **Smoking:** This is now subject to regulation D13 of the NZ Bridge Regulations 2016. Players smoking outside the venue should stay well clear of the doorway.

Appeals: Notice of appeal must be made to the director within 15 minutes of the finishing time of the relevant round.

Appeals arising from the rounds 7 or 8 will only be heard if:

1. The result of the appeal will affect the winning or losing of the match
OR
2. The result of the appeal will affect the placing of a team within the top 10 placings overall

The Director in Charge may require that you consult with an appeals advisor before pursuing an appeal.