

NZBridge

Wellington Region

Main Centre Teams 10A 28-29 October 2017

Wellington Bridge Club

Conditions of Contest, Format and Supplementary Regulations

These regulations are supplementary to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and the NZ Bridge General Tournament Regulations.

During the course of this event, the Match Committee may make additions and/or alterations to these Supplementary Regulations if it considers it in the best interests of the event to do so.

Start/Finish Times	Saturday 28 October: start play 12:30 pm, finish play approximately 7:30pm Sunday 29 October: start play 9:30am, finish play approximately 1:30pm
Playing Format	The event will be conducted as a Swiss teams event of 8 x 10 board matches, 5 played on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. This format may vary depending on the number of entries.
Teams	Teams of up to 6 players must pre-register for the event. In the event of unexpected emergency a substitute may be allowed at the discretion of the Director and/or Match Committee in accordance with NZ Bridge Tournament Regulations 2016.
Draws	The first draw will be a seeded draw and thereafter all draws will be a live Swiss draw except when, for unforeseen circumstances, the director in his sole discretion is required to do otherwise. At the end of each match the director may do the draw for the next round from 75 minutes after the official start of the match, irrespective of any outstanding score entries, score corrections, pending appeals, or any other issues which in the director's opinion may delay the start of the next match.
Seating	Each team will have their own table corresponding to their team number. Teams must sit NS at their own table and EW at the other table. The Captain of the AWAY team sits NS at his /her own table, and sends his/her other pair to sit EW at the opponents table. The HOME team has the choice of opponents.
Match Timing	Players have 67 minutes from the official start of each match to start their last board and 72 minutes to have all scores entered via the table device. If after 72 minutes match results are not received because players are still playing then the Director at his discretion may allow play to continue; HOWEVER scores entered after 72 minutes will be subject to the penalties outlined in the SLOW PLAY paragraph of these regulations. Should the Director determine not to allow play to continue after 72 minutes this will result in that board/s being withdrawn from that match and scored in accordance with Law 86.

<p>Scoring and Score Corrections</p>	<p>Match results will be calculated using Imps converted to Victory Points, using the WBF scale for 10 board Matches.</p> <p>Bridgetabs will be in use, and in accordance with NZ Bridge regulations, South is responsible to enter scores progressively, and East shall confirm the accuracy of the data.</p> <p>Both sides have the shared responsibility to ensure that ALL scores are entered before the “close off” time (see below).</p> <p>Repeated failure to enter or verify the score entry in accordance with these regulations may result in a procedural penalty of 1VP</p> <p>Boards not played Boards removed from play under direction of the Director shall be scored in accordance with Law 86.</p> <p>Score Changes Score changes shall only be made with agreement of the opponents using the official score change request form available from the Director. The requirement for opponent agreement may be waived by the Director if the correction is obvious and in favour of the opponents.</p> <p>Score Finalisation Results for a match will become final after the subsequent break i.e. the results from match 1 will become final at the start of match 3. Results for matches 7 and 8 shall become final 10 minutes after the official match scores/results for match 8 have been made available for inspection.</p>
<p>Tie Breaking</p>	<p>Ties for any of the top 4 places will not be broken for the purposes of trophies and masterpoints, but will be broken only to determine prizes using this procedure: Swiss Points, net IMPS of all matches, followed by net IMPS of the head to head match (if any). If teams remain tied after this, then prizes will be shared.</p>
<p>Slow Play</p>	<p>Both pairs at a table are responsible for ensuring their match finishes and the scores entered within the allotted (close off) time of 72 minutes.</p> <p>The procedural penalties for failing to complete a match and/or failing to have scores entered and sent within 72 minutes are as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First offence (1 board): Warning Second and each subsequent offence or more than 1 board: 3 imps per board not played.</p> <p>Based on his own observation, the Director is empowered to assess the extent to which each team is responsible for failing to maintain the required rate of play and apply the prescribed slow imp penalties above accordingly to each team.</p>
<p>Penalties for Delaying a Match or Forfeited Matches</p>	<p>Players shall be in their seats ready to commence play 5 minutes prior to the official start time of each match.</p> <p>If a contestant delays the start of a match, a grace period will be allowed as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">First offence: A grace period of up to 5 minutes plus a warning A subsequent offence: No grace period Arrival after 5 minutes: No grace period</p>

	<p>Except under emergency circumstances accepted by the Director in charge, a disciplinary penalty of 3 imps for every 5 minutes late will be applied.</p> <p>A Team which defaults or is more than 25 minutes late for the start of a match shall forfeit that match and score zero Imps and zero VP's. The "winning" team shall score at least 13 VP's in accordance with the 2016 NZ Bridge Tournament Regulations.</p>
System Cards	NZ Bridge System cards must be fully filled in and be available at the table for opponent's reference. Each player must carry their own system card.
Allowable Bidding Systems	<p>All bidding systems are permitted subject to the restrictions on Yellow Systems below.</p> <p>Teams using Hums (Yellow System) must make two copies of their fully completed system card available to the Director prior to the start of the event, along with a suggested defence to the HUM components of their system for their opponents to use. A copy of these notes must be given to the opponents and is considered to be part of the HUM pair's system card; therefore, it may be consulted by the HUM pair's opponents during the auction period and during the play period only for the purpose of responding to a question from the pair using the HUM.</p> <p>A pair opposing a pair using a HUM is also allowed to prepare its own notes detailing a defence to the Yellow system (not exceeding one A4 sheet).</p> <p>Psychic Bidding Psychic bidding must be registered by the player making the psyche bid within 15 minutes of the end of the match; see the Director for the registration form.</p> <p>Protection against Hums In the first 3 matches, teams with combined total rating points below 750 will be protected against opponent teams using HUMS in that the team using Hums will have to modify their system to exclude all Hum components for these matches.</p>
Alerting, Pre-Alerting and Stop Cards	<p>Players are reminded that as per NZ Bridge policy, the principle of full disclosure should be followed.</p> <p>At the start of each match, 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</p> <p>The partner of a player who makes a 1C or natural 1NT opening bid shall promptly alert their opponents by announcing their systemic agreement.</p> <p>Stop Cards must be used before making skip bids, including opening skip bids.</p>

<p>Appeals</p>	<p>Notice of appeal must be made to the director by the Captain of the team within 15 minutes of the finishing time of the subsequent match, except for matches 7 and 8 when notice must be lodged within 10 minutes of the end of the respective match.</p> <p>Appeals will be held at the end of play on Saturday or at lunch time on Sunday.</p> <p>With due consideration of a timely prize giving and to minimize disruption to travel arrangements, unless the Chairperson /Covenor of the on-site appeals committee or the Director in Charge determine otherwise, any appeals arising from matches 7 or 8 will be resolved off the paperwork at a later stage either by an Appeals Committee appointed by the Wellington Regional Committee or by the Chief Director of NZ Bridge, Murray Wiggins, or a committee appointed by him.</p> <p>The Director may require that the Captain consult with an Appeals Advisor before pursuing the appeal.</p>
<p>Mobile Phones</p>	<p>Spectator's or player's mobile phones and other electronic communication devices are not permitted to be on (even in mute mode) in the playing room during match play time.</p> <p>If a player's mobile phone sounds while a match is in progress, that player will be subject to a warning for the first offence and a non-discretionary disciplinary penalty of 3VP for each subsequent offence. Players are entitled to only one warning per contestant.</p>
<p>Spectators</p>	<p>Spectators are welcome but are subject to consent of the players at any table and subject to the director's discretion. A spectator whose mobile device rings while a match is in progress may be asked to leave the playing room immediately and not return for the remainder of the event.</p>
<p>Graded Prize</p>	<p>The Wellington Regional Committee will award a prize for teams with less than a total of 750 Rating points (as per NZ Bridge Masterpoint database as at 1st January 2017).</p> <p>This prize will be presented to the top ranked eligible team which is not in the main prize group.</p> <p>If such a team is the main prize group, this prize will be presented to the next ranked such team.</p>
<p>Event Officials</p>	<p>Match Committee Heather Jared, Allan Joseph, Kevin Walker</p> <p>Tournament Secretary Bridget Willcox</p> <p>Director Allan Joseph</p> <p>Chief Scorer/ 2nd Director Cathy Nijman</p> <p>Appeals Committee Conveners Stephen Henry</p> <p>Appeals advisors Martin Oyston Patrick Darcy Evelyn Hurley</p> <p>Wellington Regional Recorder Dean Sole</p>