

NZBridge

Wellington Regional Teams 10A

Wellington Bridge Club

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June 2019

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

These Regulations are supplementary to The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and the 2016 NZ Bridge Tournament Regulations. During the course of this Tournament, and within the limits contained in the Tournament Regulations, the Match Committee may make additions and/or alterations to these Supplementary Regulations if it considers it in the best interests of the Tournament to do so.

Format

The Tournament shall be conducted over 2 days as a Swiss Teams event. 8 round of 12 Boards.

- Saturday 12.30 pm till approx. 7.45 pm
- Sunday 9.30 am till approx. 1.45 pm followed by lunch and prize giving

Match starting times may be varied at the Match committee's and /or Director's discretion.

Seating:

- Each team will have their own table corresponding to their team number
- 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.

The Draw: The first draw will be a random draw. 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 80 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.

Scoring

Match results will be calculated using Imps scoring converted to VPs, using the 20 VP scale for 12 board matches

Bridge Tablets will be in use. South is responsible to enter scores progressively, and East is responsible to verify the score entries.

Official Score Cards: Captains should carefully check the official score card distributed by the Scorer. The official score for each 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 the penultimate and last match will become final 10 minutes after the official score cards for the last match have been made available for inspection

Score Correction.

Requests for score corrections must be made on the official request form and will only be accepted with agreement of the opponents unless the correction is to your team's detriment

Timing and penalties:

- **Event Timetable.** The approximate start times and finishing times of the matches are set out in the timetable below. These may be varied at the discretion of the Director or Match Committee.
- **Playing time.**
12 board Match. Players have 72 minutes to commence the last board of the match and 78 minutes to complete and enter the last result in the Bridgetablets
The bridge tablets may, at the director's sole discretion be closed down after 78 minutes

- **Penalties for late arrival**

Pairs should be seated at the table at the scheduled starting time for each match
A warning given for slow play or punctuality at any stage of the event to any pair/s applies throughout the event

If a contestant delays the start of a match, a grace period will be allowed as follows:

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

Except under emergency circumstances accepted by the Director in charge, a disciplinary penalty of 1VP (3 imps)for every 5 minutes late will be applied.

- **Forfeited Matches**

As per 7.3.2 and 9.1 NZ Bridge Manual 2016, a pair which defaults or is more than 30 minutes late for the start of a round shall forfeit that round and score zero VP's and the minimum IMPs for a 20-0 VP loss

For the purpose of calculating final placings, the "non-offending team shall score
at least 13 VPs and the mean Imps for 13 VPs in a 12 Board match
or
the team's mean VP/IMP score whichever is higher .

For the purposes of making the next draw, the non-offending pair shall be allocated 13 VPs and the offending pair 10 VPs.

- **Delay in Play (Slow Play):**

No board may be started after 72 minutes have expired.

Both pairs at a table are responsible for ensuring their match finishes within the allotted time of 78 minutes.

At his sole discretion, and for a first time transgression, the director may allow one board to be completed after this time giving a 1VP penalty to the pair/s responsible for the slow play.

- **Withdrawn boards (slow play).**
Scores not entered within 78 minutes may result in that board/s being withdrawn from the match.
If only one pair is responsible for a board/s not being played then that pair will receive a penalty of 3 Imps per un-played board.

When boards are withdrawn by the Director or a match is not completed, both pairs will receive a warning. For subsequent infractions, a procedural penalty may be applied in accordance with NZ Bridge Tournament Regulation 7.4.2

Note: 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 apportion the prescribed slow IMP/VP penalties above accordingly to each team

General:

- **Allowable Systems.** There are no restrictions. However, teams using Hums (Yellow System) must notify the director before the start of the event and the director will inform them of their rights and obligations. Pairs playing HUMS must also provide two copies of a suggested defense to the HUM components of their system.
- **Mobile phones:** Mobile phones (and other electronic communication devices) are not permitted to be on (even in mute mode) in the playing room during session time. If a player's mobile phone sounds during session time, or if a player consults a mobile phone during session time, 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. Spectators may be asked to leave the playing room immediately and not return for the remainder of the event.
NZ Bridge officials involved in the tournament are authorized to use mobile phones for official purposes only provided they are on mute and not used for conversation in the playing room during the playing session
- **System Cards** All 4 players of a team must carry their own NZ Bridge System Card with all 4 pages fully completed. System cards must be available at the table for opponent's reference.
- **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.
- **Wellington Regional Committee special Prize.** A special prize will be awarded to the highest scoring team, with less than 750 combined rating points (as at 1 Jan 2019) not already receiving any prize money allocation .
- **Tie Breaking**
Final scores shall be considered tied when the difference between the scores is less than 0.01 of a VP
Ties for final placing will be broken by Swiss Points, then net IMPs of all matches, then toss of a coin

Appeals: Notice of appeal must be made to the director within 10 minutes of the finishing time of the subsequent round, except for appeals arising from rounds 7 or 8 which must be lodged within 10 minutes of the end of the respective round.

With due consideration of a timely prize giving and to minimize disruption to travel arrangements, unless the Chairperson of the on-site appeals committee or the Director determine otherwise, any appeals arising from matches 7 or 8 will be resolved off the paperwork at a later stage by an Appeals Committee appointed by the Match Committee

The Director may require that players consult with an Appeals Advisor before pursuing the appeal.

Substitutions: In the event of unexpected emergency a substitute may be allowed at the discretion of the Director in accordance with NZ Bridge regulations 2016.

Match Committee Mindy Wu Sandy McKirdy, Bridget Willcox, Allan Joseph

Recorder Dean Sole

Director Allan Joseph

Appeals Advisors Caroline Wiggins Patrick D'Arcy

Appeals Committee Three from Martin Reid (Chair) , Kate Davies, Michael Ware, Grant Jarvis, Mindy Wu, Nigel Kearney, John Skipper and others as necessary