

BARRIER REEF CONGRESS 2018 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Barrier Reef Congress (BRC) comprises four events: Open Pairs (OP), Restricted Pairs (RP), May 15, Open Teams (OT) and BRC 300 Teams (BR300), May 16-18. These events are conducted by the Townsville Contract Bridge Club. as an agent for the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA). They are held under the auspices of the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is Townsville Stadium, 40-48 Murray Lyons Crescent, Annandale, Queensland.
- 1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Tournament Organiser (TO). Players must record the score for each board after it is played and before the commencement of the next board. It is an offence to leave the table at the conclusion of a match without first confirming the completeness and validity of the data entered into the scoring unit. Every player present at the table is equally responsible for the accuracy of the scores.
- 1.4 Smoking will be permitted only in the designated smoking areas. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 6.3)
- 1.5 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. After one warning (see 6.3), breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty.
- 1.6 Mobile telephones, iPads and other electronic communication equipment may not be consulted or used during the session, unless a specific exception is permitted by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD). Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 6.3) in the first instance. In the case of further breaches by the same unit, the CTD will assess a more severe penalty, which may include forfeiture or disqualification.
- 1.7 The TO may grant permission for still or moving photographs to be taken during the course of the event. Players may only refuse to be photographed for religious or cultural reasons deemed valid by the TO or CTD.
- 1.8 Expressions used here that have not been assigned a specific definition will be interpreted by referring first to the ABF Tournament Regulations, thereafter to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017, and finally to their ordinary English meaning. In the event of doubt or dispute, the decision of

the CTD shall be final and conclusive.

2 Officials

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser is John Tredrea.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is Neville Francis.
- 2.4 The Appeals Consultants is Laura Ginnan.
- 2.5 The ABF On-site Representative is Ray Ellaway.
- 2.6 The Recorder is Richard Ward.

3 Eligibility, Augmentation and Substitutions

- 3.1 At the time of commencement of an event, each Australian resident entrant must be a financial member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and of an organisation affiliated to the ABF or to an Australian State Bridge Association. Overseas players become honorary members of the Foreign Players Club.
- 3.2 All players must individually meet the eligibility criteria to compete in events. This includes those events where players must be under the stated masterpoint range or age as of the dates specified. Masterpoints earned in another NCBO, irrespective of whether they have been transferred, shall be included for the purpose of determining a player's eligibility.
- 3.3 To be eligible to play in the RP, both members of the partnership must have fewer than 300 masterpoints as at 31-12-17. To be eligible to play in the BR300, the average masterpoints per player as at 31-12-17 must not exceed 300, nor may any individual player hold more than 500 masterpoints as at 31-12-17. In addition, team members who are Life Masters may not play together as a partnership.
- 3.4 To be eligible for the Novice prizes in the RP or BR300, all members of the partnership/team must have fewer than 100 masterpoints as at 31-12-17.
- 3.5 Entries from members of the Foreign Players Club to the RP or BR300 may be rejected at the discretion of the TO.
- 3.6 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment until the conclusion of Round 4 to bring the number of team members up to a maximum of 6. A player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event.
- 3.7 In all events, substitutes will be allowed with the consent of the CTD for up to 3 matches.
- 3.8 The TO may nominate a "house contestant" to compete in any event in order to ensure the smooth running of the tournament. The TO will make every effort to nominate eligible players, but is at liberty to nominate others in case of necessity. The conditions under which the "house contestant" competes will, subject to ABF TR 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD.

4 Systems and Defences

- 4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all events. YELLOW systems will be allowed in the OT from Match 3 onwards, but only in the top third of the Swiss draw. Pairs intending to play a YELLOW system must provide the TO with an adequately completed ABF standard system card and a bona fide defence at the same time that their entry is submitted.
- 4.2 In the RP, 'Protected Pair' status may be claimed by eligible pairs in accordance with ABF System Regulation 2.9. Opponents of a 'Protected Pair' may not employ BROWN STICKER conventions during that match. Pairs seeking 'Protected Pair' status must advise the CTD at least 30 minutes before the start of the relevant event.

5 Seating

- 5.1 Teams registering one or more YELLOW systems lose all seating rights in all stanzas against teams not employing a YELLOW system.
- 5.2 YELLOW systems may be played only if the seating is posted within 10 minutes of the publication of the draw.
- 5.3 In other cases, seating rights for each match will be determined by toss of a coin.

6 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties

- 6.1 In a Swiss movement penalties are included in the overall ranking, but the draw is determined by the scores excluding penalties.
- 6.2 The general provisions of ABF TR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
- 6.3 The disciplinary penalty for breach of regulations relating to smoking (1.4) and mobile phones, (1.5, 1.6) is 3 VPs.

7 Correction Period and Time of Appeal

- 7.1 The Correction Period for each match expires 15 minutes after the conclusion of the following match, except that for the last two matches, the Correction Period expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time for the last match.
- 7.2 The Time for lodging an Appeal against a Director's Ruling (Law 92B) expires 10 minutes after the scheduled finishing time of the session (or 10 minutes after the parties are advised of the director's ruling when the ruling is made after the session), unless the next match is scheduled to commence within that period. In that case it is extended to the expiration of the Time of Appeal for that next match.

8 Fouled Boards

- 8.1 In the OP and RP, a fouled board is scored by:
 - (a) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (3-7 results) or four (results >7) extreme scores, respectively; or
 - (b) proceeding as per 8.2 or 8.4 below.

- 8.2 In the OP and RP, at a table where an artificial adjusted score is awarded on a single board, the assigned IMP score is 2 IMPs for both sides.
- 8.3 In the OT and BR300, the result of a fouled board is cancelled and a substitute board is played at both tables unless the result of the match is known or any of the players has left the table at the conclusion of that round. In these cases where a single board is cancelled, a score of 3 IMPs is assigned for both sides unless Law 86B1 is applicable.
- 8.4 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.
- 8.5 For boards on which a result is unable to be obtained and the Director awards an artificial adjusted score of average plus, the provisions of 8.1 to 8.4 will apply.
- 8.6 Where due to the fouling of multiple boards, direct comparisons are available on less than one-half the boards in the match, the match will be scored in accordance with ABF TR 15.1 (Forfeits), treating both units as non-offenders.

9 Ties

- 9.1 At the conclusion of all events, ties will be broken for first place in accordance with ABF TR 15, detailed in the Appendices. Ties for other places will not be broken.

10 Event formats

- 10.1 **Open Pairs and Restricted Pairs** – Both of the OP and RP will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 8 x 7 board matches, played over 2 sessions.
- 10.1.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 10.1.2, 10.1.3 and 10.1.4. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF 5 board VP scale. Separate datums will be calculated for each event.
- 10.1.2 The datum will be the arithmetic mean of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest x/10 scores and lowest x/10 scores (0.5 rounded up) where x is the number of scores under consideration.
- 10.1.3 If there are fewer than 24 tables entered in an event, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables.
- 10.1.4 If 24 or more tables enter an event:
- for Matches 1-2, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;
 - for Matches 3-5, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top n/2 tables (0.5 rounded up), where n is the number of tables in play;
 - for Matches 6-8, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.
- 10.1.5 The session times are Tuesday, May 15, 9.30 am and 2.00 pm
- 10.2 **Open Teams and Barrier Reef 300 Teams** – Each of the OT and BR300 will be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 8 x 14 board matches, played over 4 sessions.
- 10.2.1 Each match will be scored using the WBF 14 board scale.
- 10.3 The session times are:
Wednesday, May 16, 2.00 pm

Thursday, May 17, 9.30 am and 2.00 pm
Friday, May 2, 9.30 am.

Each session consists of two matches.

10.4 The time allowed for each match will be announced by the CTD.

Appendices

Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

The penalties for Late Arrival and Slow Play under ABF TR 10 are:

0-5 mins	warning for first offence, then 1 VP (3 IMPs) for each subsequent offence
5-10 mins	1 VP (3 IMPs)
10-15 mins	2 VPs (6 IMPs)
15-20 mins	3 VPs (9 IMPs)
20-30 mins	5 VPs (15 IMPs)

For late arrival in excess of 30 minutes, the CTD may assess a more severe penalty including forfeiture of the match and/or disqualification from the event.

When boards are cancelled by the director due to a failure to complete them on time, the following penalties may be applied at the director's discretion:

One board	1 VP (3 IMPs)
Subsequent boards	2 VPs (6 IMPs)

Tie-breaking

Significant ties are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot.

Calculation of Multiple average plus awards during a session or match

Where the Laws require the Director to award an artificial adjusted score of average plus on more than one board in a session or match (as in the case of fouled or otherwise unplayable boards), the score awarded per board shall be:

IMP scored Teams events: an IMP score of $3\sqrt{N}/N$

IMP scored Pairs events: an IMP score of $2\sqrt{N}/N$

where N is the number of unplayable boards.

In IMP scored events, the net IMPs in a match assigned due to these formulas will be rounded to the nearest IMP (0.5 IMPs rounded up).

The following table lists the net IMPs to be assigned to units in the case of multiple average plus boards.

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	Net IMPs assigned (Teams)	Net IMPs assigned (Pairs)
1	3	2
2	4	3
3	5	3
4	6	4
5	7	5
6	7	5
7	8	6

Anticipated Finishing Times

The following times are provided solely as a guide to players and may change depending on event formats and other circumstances:

Pairs	Tuesday, May 15, 5.30 pm
Teams	Friday, May 18, 1.00 pm