

Supplementary Regulations

COFFS HARBOUR GOLD CONGRESS

1. General

- 1.1 This event is conducted by the Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Inc as an agent of the NSWBA, under the auspices of the ABF.
- 1.2 Smoking is not permitted in areas defined by the Tournament Organiser as the playing area, scoreboard area, or any other area so designated.

2. Tournament Officials

The Tournament Organisers are Robyn Bingham and Phil Houlton.
The Senior Directors (STD) are Tony Howes and Laurie Kelso.
The Chief Scorer is Sean Mullamphy.
The Recorder is David Beauchamp.
The one-site ABF Representative is Therese Tully.
The Appeals Committee Coordinator is Phil Houlton.
The Appeals Consultant is Neville Francis.

3. Systems

- 3.1 The onus rests with all pairs to classify their system(s) as GREEN, BLUE, RED or YELLOW according to the ABF System Regulations as amended to April 2009. A pair in doubt about the classification of its system should consult a Director.
- 3.2 RED, BLUE and GREEN systems as well as BROWN STICKER conventions and treatments will be permitted, subject to adequate disclosure and protection, throughout all events.
- 3.3 YELLOW systems are not permitted in any of the Restricted events; or during the first three rounds of the Open Swiss Pairs or Teams. Thereafter the use of YELLOW systems will only be permitted against contestants with a current position in the top third of the field (decimals rounded up).
- 3.4 Pairs proposing to use YELLOW systems must provide an adequate copy of their system (including a *bona fide* suggested defence) to a Tournament Organiser on or before the 14th August 2010. Such systems will be made available for inspection.

4. Protected Pairs

- 4.1 A pair playing a GREEN system throughout the Restricted Pairs/Teams where both its members are below the rank of National Master or where one player is below the rank of Local Master may apply to a Director to be a PROTECTED PAIR identified by an ORANGE sticker.
- 4.2 Pairs playing BROWN STICKER conventions must ascertain before the start of each round whether their opponents are a PROTECTED PAIR. If so, the pair playing the BROWN STICKER convention/treatments must not employ them during that round.
- 4.3 Coloured stickers are available from Directors prior to each session.

5. Board duplication and Fouling

- 5.1 Pre-duplicated boards will be played across the field. The hands are computer generated using ABF approved software.
- 5.2 A ruling that a board was fouled (Law 87) must be sought within the correction period. A board that does not correspond to the hand record is not necessarily defined as "fouled".
- 5.3 In teams events the result of a fouled board will be cancelled and a substitute board 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 stanza. In these cases the board is cancelled and an artificial score of +3 IMPs is assigned to both contestants.
- 5.4 In an event where a pair's scores are compared against a datum the result of a fouled board will be cancelled and an artificial score of +2 IMPs is assigned to both contestants.

5.5 Should multiple boards in a match be fouled, then the same procedures as described above will apply, unless the number of valid comparisons falls below 50% of the total number of boards scheduled for that round, whereupon an artificial match result of 18 VP shall be assigned to each of the contestants involved.

6. Swiss Pairs

6.1 Open/Restricted Pairs Schedule (18th & 19th August 2010)

8 x 14-board rounds of Butler Swiss

Wednesday	10.00 am	Rounds 1 & 2
Wednesday	2.30 pm	Rounds 3 & 4
Thursday	10.00 am	Rounds 5 & 6
Thursday	2.30 pm	Rounds 7 & 8

6.2 The draw for the first round is of the form $1 \text{ v } (n/2)+1$.

6.3 The draw for subsequent rounds is according to rank: the pair ranked highest plays the pair ranked next that it has not played previously.

6.4 Seating positions will be displayed with the draw.

6.5 The WBF 12-board VP scale will be used

6.6 Pairs, which include one or more players who have accumulated more than 500 MP as of 30-6-2010, are ineligible to play in the Restricted Pairs.

6.7 Scoring in these events is by IMP against a datum, converted to VP by the appropriate WBF scale. The datum is calculated as the arithmetic mean of specified scores remaining after eliminating the two highest and two lowest scores. The specified scores are from all the tables for matches 1-2; the top 50% of the tables for matches 3-4 ("Leaders Butler"); the top 30% of the tables for matches 5-8. Fractions are rounded up.

7. Swiss Teams

7.1 Open/Restricted Teams Schedule (20th – 22nd August 2010)

8 x 14-board rounds of Swiss without a final

Friday	7.30 pm	Matches 1 & 2
Saturday	10.00 am	Matches 3 & 4
	2.30 pm	Matches 5 & 6
Sunday	10.00 am	Matches 7 & 8

7.2 The WBF 14-board VP scale will be used.

7.3 The draw for the first round is of the form $1 \text{ v } (n/2)+1$

7.4 The draw for subsequent rounds is according to rank: the team ranked highest plays the team ranked next that it has not played previously.

7.5 The respective captains may determine seating rights via the toss of a coin.

7.6 Teams comprising one or more pairs using a YELLOW system do not have seating rights. Teams using YELLOW systems shall post their seating 30 minutes before the start of the first match of a session. For the second match of a session, teams using YELLOW systems must advise a STD or his nominee of their seating immediately the draw is known. Yellow systems may be played only if the seating has been posted correctly within the period specified or with the agreement of the opposing captain and a STD.

7.7 To participate in the Restricted Teams each team member must possess no more than 500 MPs as of 30-6-2010.

8. Scoring

- 8.1** Results must be entered on the relevant electronic scoring unit / result slip / table record sheet, which is then left on the table at the end of the stanza. Players must record the score for each board after it is played and before the commencement of the next board.
- 8.2** Results recorded and/or posted incorrectly by the Organisers may be altered until 20 minutes after the posting of results for Match 8 of the Swiss Teams events and Match 8 of the Swiss Pairs events.
- 8.3** No change to the draw, once published, will be made if appeals or correction of errors subsequently alter the current ranking.
- 8.4** The correction (Law 79C) period in all other circumstances for Matches 1-7 of the Swiss Pairs/Teams shall expire 30 minutes after the scores have been posted for the following match.
- 8.5** The correction period for Match 8 of the Swiss Pairs/Teams shall be 20 minutes after the scheduled conclusion of that session.
- 8.6** It is an offence to leave the table at the conclusion of a Swiss Pairs/Teams 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.
- 8.7** An initial breach of Regulation 8.6 will attract an official warning. Further breaches will incur a procedural penalty of 1 VP.

9. Forfeits

- 9.1** In the case of a team forfeit, the score for the purpose of the draw will be non-offenders 18 VP and 13 IMP, offenders 15 VP and 0 IMP.
- 9.2** After Match 8 of each Open or Restricted event, the offenders score will be re-adjusted to 0 VP for the forfeited match.
- 9.3** The non-offenders score will be adjusted to which ever of the following is the highest:
18 VP **or**
The mean score of the non-offenders in all their completed matches **or**
30 VP minus the mean VP score for the completed rounds of the offending team (to a maximum of 25 VP).

10. Substitutions

- 10.1** Substitutions will be permitted for cause (with the consent of a STD) as follows:
Swiss Pairs: For up to half the total boards.
Swiss Teams: For a total of 3 matches. Teams may also augment up to a total of six players (with the consent of a STD).
- 10.2** In allowing substitutions, the rights of the other contestants and the integrity of the event will be considered.

11. Prizes

- 11.1** No team or pair will be awarded more than one prize in an event. If a pair/team qualifies for more than one prize, it will be awarded the prize of greater monetary value. If there is a tie between two or more units, then the total prize money will be divided equally unless one of the units is eligible to win another category prize.
- 11.2** In the Restricted Swiss Pairs/Teams, category prizes will be available within two different masterpoint stratifications (0-250 MPs; and 0-500 MPs).

12. Appeals

- 12.1** Requests for a Director's ruling or appeals against a Director's ruling (Law 92) must be notified within 30 minutes of the official posting of scores for any session or stanza.
- 12.2** Appeals must be lodged on the official Appeals form.
- 12.3** The Appeals Committee may apply a procedural penalty if it considers an appeal to be substantially without merit.

12.4 The penalty, if applied, will be 2.5 VP.

12.5 Any player in doubt about the appropriateness of an appeal should seek advice from the official Appeals Consultant.