

BARRIER REEF CONGRESS 2017 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Barrier Reef Congress (BRC) comprises four events: KBSC/LSC Open Pairs (OP), Brittany Lauga Restricted Pairs (RP), April 28-29, Harvard Wealth Open Teams (OT) and LiveLife Pharmacies BRC 300 Teams (BR300), April 29-May 1. These events are conducted by the Yeppoon 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 the St Ursula's College, Queen St, Yeppoon, 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 is not permitted on the school grounds or within 5 metres of the school boundary. 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, 2007, 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 Campbell Macrae.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is Richard Ward.
- 2.4 The Appeals Consultant is Ray Ellaway.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representative is Therese Tully.
- 2.6 The Recorders are George Finikiotis and Kim Ellaway.

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 To be eligible to play in the RP, both members of the partnership must have fewer than 300 masterpoints as at 31-12-16. To be eligible to play in the BR300, the average masterpoints per player as at 31-12-16 must not exceed 300, nor may any individual player hold more than 500 masterpoints as at 31-12-16. In addition, team members who are Life Masters may not play together as a partnership.
- 3.3 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 31-12-16.
- 3.4 To be eligible for the Under 20 prize in the RP, both members of the partnership must have fewer than 20 masterpoints as at 31-12-16.
- 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) cancelling one or more of its results and awarding a score of 2 IMP to those contestants whose score was cancelled.

- 8.2 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 match. In these cases the board is cancelled and a score of 3 IMPs assigned for both sides.

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 OT 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:

- a) for Matches 1-2, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;
- b) 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;
- c) 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
Friday, April 28, 7.00 pm
Saturday, April 29, 9.30 am

- 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:

- Saturday, April 29, 2.30 pm
- Sunday, April 30, 9.30 am and 2.00 pm
- Monday, May 1, 9.00 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.

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	Saturday, April 29, 1.30 pm
Teams	Monday, May 1, 12.30 pm