

SYSTEMS - TEAMS

Green, Blue and Red systems and Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments will be permitted in all State Championship Teams events including qualifying rounds except that in the lowest section of Graded Events Green and Blue systems only will be permitted. The QBA recommends that Clubs adopt the above policy for their congresses.

SUBSTITUTION - TEAMS

Subject to further regulation of specific events, a team may use a substitute for fewer than 50% of the boards scheduled for play in an event. This shall apply even to teams of 5 or 6. In addition, teams of 4 or 5 will be entitled to add to their numbers (after the start of the event) up to a maximum of 6 at the discretion of the Director. A player may not be a substitute for more than one other player during an event.

FORFEITS IN MATCHES - TEAMS

Where a team is required to forfeit a match, the forfeiting team will receive 0 VPs. Their opponents will receive the best of three options: (a) 18 VPs, or (b) the **complement of the average** of the forfeiting team's other matches or (c) their own average for all other matches. The score will not be known until the end of the event, when the final scores may be adjusted. For the purposes of a Swiss draw, the forfeiting team will receive 15 VPs and their opponents 18 VPs, but the forfeiting team will have the 15VPs subtracted from their final score.

LATE ARRIVAL PENALTIES - TEAMS

Teams without four players ready to start play at the advertised time for any session shall be penalised 1 VP for every 5 minutes or part thereof beyond the first 5 minutes unless there is adequate cause.

Match to be forfeited if 30 minutes or more late.

BREAKING OF TIES - TEAMS

1. Ties will not be broken for awarding cash prizes. The available prize money will be divided between the tying teams.
2. Ties will be broken in the finals of QBA Championship events for the purpose of deciding a championship or plate title. A tie will be broken on the following basis:

If matches are playing the same boards ties will be broken on 1. Total Imps difference 2. Head to Head.

If matches are not playing the same boards, ties will be broken on 1. Head to Head 2. Total Imps difference.
3. For masterpoint purposes, tie breaks will not affect the ranking.

FOULED BOARDS - TEAMS

1. A board is not necessarily fouled merely because it is different from that shown on the hand record.
2. Where boards are circulating around tables so that more than one match are playing the same physical set of boards: the Director will order a re-deal and the board re-played at both tables should time permit. Otherwise he will award an adjusted score. Note that, in no situation will a re-deal and re-play be ordered if the result to date in the match could be known to either side. If a re-deal is not possible, an adjusted score will be awarded. The equivalent at teams of a 60% score at pairs is +3 imps (or +2 imps for a match of fewer than 11 boards) unless further regulated for particular events.
3. Where boards are used exclusively by the match concerned:
 - (a) Both sides have contributed to the fouling: re-deal and re-play if time, regardless of the result at the other table; otherwise no result on the board.
 - (b) One side responsible for the fouling: +3 imps (or +2 imps for a match of fewer than 11 boards) to non-offenders, -3 (or -2 imps for a match of fewer than 11 boards) imps to offenders.
 - (c) Neither side responsible: re-deal and re-play (if time) with consent of both teams; otherwise +3 imps (or +2 imps for a match of fewer than 11 boards) to both teams.

The above principles will apply to any other situation (not otherwise covered by the Regulations or 2007 Laws) in teams play where a proper comparison of scores can not be made. The Director will give consideration to any highly favourable result gained by the non-offenders at the other table.

In aggravated circumstances the Director may impose a more severe penalty or a more generous indemnity.

REPORTING RESULTS FOR MASTERPOINTING - TEAMS

It is essential that the State Masterpoint Secretary be able to properly identify all players earning masterpoints. The minimum requirement for reporting is each player's surname, initial and ABF number. The preferred data are surname, first name, ABF number and club or club number. First names are essential where the surname is a common one and where husband and wife are both registered players.

REQUIREMENTS

Name and date(s) of congress.

Name(s) of Director(s): If more than 30 tables, the name of the assistant director should be provided.

Full description of the movement. For teams, the movement and number of boards per match, the VP scale used. Where the WBF VP scale is used, and there is not a specific scale for that number of boards, the actual scale used must be specified. For example, if playing 9 board matches, the director must specify whether the 8 board scale or the 10 board scale has been used.

Results must be listed in final rank order.

Masterpoint Entitlement

If matches are of less than 7 boards, as for pairs, but with awards going only to the top third of the field, (rounding up). If matches are of 7 boards or more: points allotted on wins or draws. Report number of wins/draws for each team, balancing the total to ensure **the** report is correct. Also some 16-14 results using the WBF VP scale may be draws for masterpoint purposes. All 16-14 wins and all 14-16 losses should include the imp's margin.

ILLEGAL SYSTEMS – TEAMS

When a pair is found using an illegal system the director may at his/her discretion impose a procedural penalty proportionate to the degree of damage/benefit reasonably suspected to have been caused/received in the event to date. This might range from 2 VP's (crossimping) and 3VP's (non crossimping) where no grounds for leniency exist and discovered early in the event to large points deductions for repeat offences or for particularly damaging illegal systems used by experienced tournament players and discovered well into an event. Furthermore if play of a board is in progress, the director may award an adjusted score in accordance **with Law 12.**

INCORRECT SEATING OF PAIRS DURING A MATCH

Both teams are deemed to be offenders when pairs have sat in the wrong direction at one table and Average Minus is awarded to both teams on each board for which a valid comparison cannot be made. When two pairs moving to away tables have sat at incorrect tables and have each therefore played the wrong team then, for each board for which a valid comparison cannot be made, Average is awarded to the seated team (deemed partly at fault) and Average Minus to the teams whose pairs moved to the wrong table.

In aggravated circumstances the Director may impose a more severe penalty or a more generous indemnity.

WRONG BOARDS PLAYED BY TEAMS

When wrong boards have been played by some portion of the field due to an official's error and this is not discovered until teams commence scoring up then:

- (a) If a valid comparison is obtained on more than half the boards regardless of whether some scores may be for correct boards and others may be for incorrect boards then Average Plus is awarded to both teams for each board for which a valid comparison could not be obtained.
- (b) The director may require a replacement match to be played when (a) cannot be applied.
- (c) If a valid comparison is not available on more than half the boards played and a replacement match is not to be played then the director proceeds as follows:
 - (i) Any valid scores are retained.
 - (ii) 50% of Average Plus is awarded to both teams for each board with an invalid score. Totals to be rounded up.
 - (iii) If a team's result reached by applying (i) and (ii) above is less than that team's average result for all other matches then the result for the flawed match is adjusted to that higher average after all matches in the event have been completed.

When wrong boards have been played by some portion of the field due to an official's error and this is discovered before teams commence scoring up then if time permits, the director should allow extra boards to be played so that valid comparisons are obtained for the correct number of boards or so that sufficient valid comparisons are obtained to allow (a) above to be applied otherwise (b) and (c) above should be applied.

If a new draw is required before calculations can be made then for the purpose of computing that draw, the director should award to each affected team either (a) the team's average score per match so far or (b) 18 VP. The director chooses the option and applies it to all affected teams

The director may cancel all results and replay the round when more than half the teams in the field are affected by a considerable number of incorrect boards being in play. This may mean fewer rounds than advertised will be played in the event.