

# **GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2010**

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### **1. General**

1.1 These events are conducted by the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) as the Tournament Organising body (Law 80) under the auspices of the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulations as modified by these Supplementary Regulations.

1.2 The venue for all events is the Gold Coast Convention Centre, Gold Coast Highway, Broadbeach, Queensland.

1.3 Smoking is prohibited within the Gold Coast Convention Centre complex as well as in the external surrounds. The Tournament Organiser has designated one outside area on the western side of the complex where smoking is permitted. This smoking area is delineated by YELLOW markings.

1.4 The use of mobile phones, pagers, laptop computers and other electronic communication devices is not permitted in the playing areas during session time. Entrants with a bona fide 'on-call' need may lodge such items with the Bridge Administration desk. Breach of this regulation, after one warning, will incur an automatic, non-discretionary penalty (see 19.1). Audible disturbances from such devices will be similarly penalised.

1.5 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".

1.6 Overseas players may apply to enter senior, intermediate, restricted and novice events but only if they are eligible to play in events with similar criteria within their own NBO. Entry to any event restricted by age or masterpoint status will only be granted after the applicant's eligibility has been verified. The Tournament Organiser's decision in respect to such eligibility is final and not subject to appeal.

1.7 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Tournament Organiser (Bridge Base on-line webcast, written bidding, bidding boxes, pick-up slips, table record sheets, electronic scoring units etc.)

## **2. Tournament Officials**

The Tournament Organiser is Therese Tully (as Chair of the QBA Gold Coast Congress Management Committee).

The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) is Laurie Kelso.

The Appeals Committee Co-ordinator is Richard Grenside.

The Chief Scorer is Matthew McManus.

The Recorders are John Brockwell, Keith McDonald and Noel Woodhall.

The Appeals Consultants are Ted Chadwick, Neville Francis, Kim Morrison, David Stern and Tony Treloar.

The ABF Tournament Committee representative is Kim Morrison.

## **3. Board duplication and Fouling**

3.1 Pre-duplicated boards will be used in all events. The hands are computer generated using ABF approved software. Identical boards are used for concurrent events.

3.2 A ruling that a board was fouled (Law 87) must be sought within the correction period (see 5.5). A board that does not correspond to the hand record is not necessarily defined as "fouled".

3.3 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, except for a match with multiple stanzas in which case a substitute board must be played in the next stanza.

3.4 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

3.5 Should multiple boards in a Swiss qualifying match of a teams event 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 teams involved.

## **4. Systems**

4.1 Each pair shall have two current ABF approved, systemically identical (standard or simple) system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of each round. Additional WBF system cards may also be brought to the table. (For YELLOW systems – see 4.5)

4.2 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. A pair in doubt about the classification of its system should consult a Director.

4.3 BLUE, GREEN and RED systems as well as BROWN Sticker conventions may be used during the Open Pairs, Senior's Pairs and Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs subject to protection (note: protection will not be available for the major final of the Open Pairs).

Only BLUE and GREEN systems may be used during the Restricted Pairs, Novice Pairs, Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs and Novice Teams.

GREEN, BLUE and RED systems as well as BROWN Sticker conventions are permitted in the Restricted Teams (with protection) as well as the Intermediate and Mixed Teams.

4.4 YELLOW systems will not be permitted in the Seniors/Intermediate/Restricted/Novice/Mixed Teams or any Pairs event; or during the first three rounds of the Open Swiss Teams. Thereafter the use of YELLOW systems is not permitted against teams with a current position in the lower two thirds of the Open field (decimals rounded up).

4.5 Teams proposing to use YELLOW systems must provide an adequate copy of their system (including a *bona fide* suggested defence) to the CTD before 1:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. Such systems will be made available for inspection. The use of the WBF system card (with not more than 2 supplementary A4 sheets, typed or written in black ink on one side) is mandatory, in addition to the ABF card, for teams wishing to use YELLOW systems.

4.6 In the event of a dispute concerning the classification of a convention or system, the decision of the ABF Tournament Committee representative is final.

## 5. Scoring

5.1 Pair results (matchpoint and IMP) must be entered on the relevant electronic scoring unit / barometer pickup slip / table record sheet, which is then left on the table when the move is called. Players must record the score for each board after it is played and before the commencement of the next board.

5.2 Pairs qualifying events are scored across the field.

5.3 Team 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.

5.4 Results recorded and/or posted incorrectly by an official may be altered until 60 minutes after the posting of results for Session 2 of the Pairs Qualifying, Session 3 of the Pairs Finals and Session 3 of the IMP Pairs.

5.5 The (Law 79C) correction period in all events expires for the session in which the error was made, at the times itemised below. (See also 9.1)

Open, Senior's, Restricted and Novice Matchpoint Pairs

Qualifying One: Midnight Saturday

Qualifying Two: Midnight or one hour after scores posted (whichever is later)

Final One: Midnight Sunday

Final Two: 2:00 pm Monday

Final Three: One hour after scores posted

#### Open Teams

Matches 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9:	One hour after the conclusion of the next even numbered match
Matches 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10:	At the commencement of the next even numbered match
Match 12:	8:30 pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification. Midnight for all other corrections

#### Seniors' Teams

Matches 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9:	One hour after the conclusion of the next even numbered match
Matches 2, 4, 6, & 8:	At the commencement of the next even numbered match
Match 10:	8:30 pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification. Midnight, Thursday, for all other corrections

#### Intermediate, Restricted and Novice Teams

Matches 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9:	One hour after the conclusion of the next even numbered match
Matches 2, 4, 6, & 8:	At the commencement of the next even numbered match
Match 10:	3:00 pm Thursday for corrections affecting Final series qualification. Midnight, Thursday, for all other corrections

#### Open and Restricted Butler Swiss Pairs

Matches 1-4:	Midnight Friday
Matches 5-6:	Midday Saturday
Matches 7-9:	One hour after the scores for Match 9 are posted

#### Mixed Teams

Matches 1-3:	5:00 pm Friday
Matches 4-6:	One hour after the scores for Match 6 are posted

Graded Pairs: One hour after scores are posted

Walk-In Pairs/Teams: 30 minutes after scores are posted

At the conclusion of these score correction periods, scores become final and no further changes can be made.

5.6 Penalty points will only be deducted at the conclusion of the current stage of any Swiss format event for which they were assessed.

5.7 With the exception of the final round, no change to a Swiss draw, once published, will be made if appeals or correction of errors subsequently alter the current ranking.

5.8 Notwithstanding 5.7, the CTD may, at his absolute discretion, alter individual pairings in order to retain the integrity of an event.

5.9 The Tournament Organiser may nominate a 'house' contestant for any event. A 'house' contestant:

- Consists of any number of players, including ineligible players
- Is ineligible to place or win a prize
- Is awarded match and sessional masterpoints according to their actual result

## **6. Ties**

6.1 Ties will not be broken for final places or the awarding of prize money. The total prize money available to the affected places will be divided amongst the tying contestants.

6.2 Ties will be broken for the purposes of qualification into the Pairs finals. The loser of the tiebreak will assume the next lower rank. For ties within the same direction, every board that each tied contestant played is counted in breaking the tie, irrespective of whether the tied contestants played the same or different boards. On the boards played by two or more tied contestants, 2 points are awarded to a tied contestant for each board on which his/her match-point score is higher than that of another tied contestant. On boards played by but one tied contestant, comparison of scores against average will apply. Should the tie still be unbroken, it will be decided by the drawing of lots.

6.3 If it is necessary to break a tie between two or more units for Open Teams Round-of-Four/Semi-Final or Seniors/Intermediate/Restricted/Novice Teams Final qualification, it will be broken first by calculation of the total VP scores of each unit's opponents, then by total number of wins (in VPs), then by total net IMPs and then by lot.

## **7. Substitutes**

7.1 Substitutes will be permitted for cause (with the consent of the CTD) as follows:

Pairs Qualifying: For up to half the total boards

Pairs Finals: For up to half the total boards

Swiss Teams (Open): For a total of 5 matches

Swiss Teams (Non-Open): For a total of 4 matches

Swiss Butler Pairs: For a total of 4 matches

Teams Round-of-Four: For a maximum of 12 boards

Teams SF/Final: For a maximum of 24 boards

7.2 A substitute may not be an entrant in the current stage of an event, but may be an entrant who was eliminated in a previous stage.

7.3 In allowing substitutes, the rights of the other contestants and the integrity of the event will be considered.

## **8. Augmentation**

8.1 Teams may augment up to a total membership of six players (with the consent of the CTD). Any additional player must not have been a previous entrant in the event.

8.2 To be eligible to play in the Round-of-Four, Semi-finals and Final or for prize entitlements, each team member must have played, including those augmented, the following minimum number of boards. (For PQP requirements – see 20.3).

Qualifying Swiss (10 Rounds): 42 boards

Qualifying Swiss (12 Rounds): 56 boards

Round-of-Four: 12 boards

Semi-Finals: 12 boards

Open Final: 12 boards

Senior's Final: 12 boards

Intermediate/Restricted/Novice Final: 14 boards

## **9. Appeals and Rulings**

9.1 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. Appeals must be lodged on the official Appeals form.

9.2 The Appeals Committee may apply a procedural penalty if it considers the appeal to be substantially without merit. The penalty, if applied, will be 2.5 VP in a Swiss teams/pairs match, 8 IMP in a knockout match or half a top in a matchpointed pairs event.

9.3 Any player may consult an official Appeal Consultant for advice as to the question of whether an appeal would have a chance of success. The role of the advisor is to assist those contestants with limited tournament experience.

## **10. Open Pairs**

10.1 There will be two qualifying sessions and three final sessions. The size of the qualifying sections will be decided by the CTD when the full entry is known.

10.2 For the major finals the top half of the field will comprise 14 table barometer movements. Section finals in the lower half of the field will also be barometer movements of unspecified size (9-16 Tables).

10.3 Schedule:

Saturday	1.00 pm	Pairs Qualifying 1
	7.30 pm	Pairs Qualifying 2
Sunday	1.00 pm	Pairs Finals 1
	7.30 pm	Pairs Finals 2
Monday	1.00 pm	Pairs Finals 3

10.4 Should pairs withdraw after the qualifying rounds, but before the final starts, those with the next best qualifying scores from the same direction will replace them. Withdrawals require the prior consent of the CTD.

## **11. Senior's, Restricted and Novice Pairs**

11.1 These events will be run concurrently with the Open Pairs using approximately the same format.

11.2 The Senior's Pairs is open only to those pairs in which both players were born prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1951. The Restricted Pairs is open only to pairs in which neither player has attained 300 masterpoints as of 30-9-2009. The Novice Pairs is open only to pairs in which neither player had 100 masterpoints as of 30-9-2009. (For overseas residents - see 1.6)

11.3 The detailed format of these events will be decided when the size of the entry is known, but there will be five sessions as with the Open Pairs event. The Tournament Organiser reserves the right to amalgamate the lower consolation sections of an event if this is necessary for a satisfactory finals format. However, the restricted and novice fields will still be treated as separate flights, scored across the section, for prize purposes.

11.4 Should pairs withdraw after the qualifying rounds, but before the final starts, those with the next best qualifying scores from the same direction will replace them. Withdrawals require the prior consent of the CTD.

## **12. Ivy Dahler Open and Restricted Swiss Butler Pairs**

12.1 Scoring in these events is by IMP against a datum, converted to VP using the WBF 8-board scale. The datum is calculated as the arithmetic mean of those scores remaining after eliminating the four highest and four lowest scores.

12.2 When scores are missing (due to unplayed or cancelled boards) the datum is calculated from the available scores (see also 3.4).

12.3 The Open Swiss event will comprise two fields (N/S & E/W). Pairs from one field will be drawn (as per 12.7) against pairs from the other field. Overall rankings will be determined separately for each field and prizes awarded accordingly. The Ivy Dahler Shield will be awarded to the pair with the highest percentage total Victory Points, relative to the average in their direction.

12.4 The Restricted event is a single-field Swiss open to pairs where both players have not attained 300 masterpoints as of 30-9-2009. (For overseas residents - see 1.6)

12.5 Each Swiss-format match will consist of 8 boards. The duration of a match is based upon seven minutes per board or such other period as the Director announces.

12.6 Schedule:

Friday	1:30 pm	Matches 1 - 4
	8:00 pm	Matches 5 - 6
Saturday	10:30 am	Matches 7 - 9

12.7 The draw for the first round is of the form  $1 \text{ v } (n/2)+1$ . The draw for subsequent rounds is according to rank: the pair ranked highest plays the pair ranked next that it has not played previously.

## **13. Teams Events**

13.1 The Open Swiss Teams event will be played within a single field. There will also be one field for each of the Senior and the Intermediate/Restricted/Novice events. The Seniors' Teams is open only to teams in which all members were born prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1951. The Intermediate Teams is open only to teams in which no member has attained 500 masterpoints as of 30-09-2009. The Restricted Teams is open only to teams in which no member has attained 300 masterpoints as of 30-09-2009. The Novice Teams is open only to teams in which no member had 100 masterpoints as of 30-09-2009. (For overseas residents - see 1.6)

13.2 Each Swiss-format match will consist of 14 boards. The duration of a match is based upon seven minutes per board or such other period as the Director announces.

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

13.4 Schedules:

### Open

Tuesday	1:00 pm	Matches 1 & 2
	7:30 pm	Matches 3 & 4
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Matches 5 & 6
	7:30 pm	Matches 7 & 8
Thursday	10:30 am	Matches 9 & 10
	3:30 pm	Matches 11 & 12

### Seniors

Tuesday	1:00 pm	Matches 1 & 2
	7:30 pm	Matches 3 & 4
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Matches 5 & 6
Thursday	10:30 am	Matches 7 & 8
	3:30 pm	Matches 9 & 10

### Intermediate/Restricted/Novice

Tuesday	1:00 pm	Matches 1 & 2
	7:30 pm	Matches 3 & 4
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Matches 5 & 6
	7:30 pm	Matches 7 & 8
Thursday	10:30 am	Matches 9 & 10

13.5 The draw for the first round is of the form  $1 \text{ v } (n/2)+1$ . The draw for subsequent rounds is according to rank: the team ranked highest plays the team ranked next that it has not played previously.

13.6 At the end of Match 12, the leading two teams from the Open Swiss will progress to the Semi-Finals. Those teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will progress from the Swiss to play in the Round-of Four.

At the end of Match 10, the leading two teams from each of the Senior's, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice fields will progress from their respective Swiss's to play the Finals.

13.7 Those teams qualifying for a berth in the Finals series of the Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice events do so only on the condition that they are willing and available to progress to the conclusion of their respective events.

13.8 Those teams eliminated from the Round-of Four will, for prize purposes, share fifth and sixth places respectively. The losing Open Teams Semi-finalists will share third and fourth places. There will be no further playoffs, other than for the first two places of each event. All other awards in the Open, Senior's, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice events will be based on the final ranking at the end of the Qualifying Swiss.

13.9 The McMahon/Seres Mixed Teams is a single field Swiss event comprising six 9-board matches. For all matches the team must contain at least one man and one woman. The WBF 8-board VP scale will be used.

### Schedule:

Friday	10:30 am	Matches 1 - 3
	3:20 pm	Matches 4 - 6

## **14. Seating**

14.1 The respective captains will determine seating rights via the toss of a coin.

14.2 Teams comprising one or more pairs using a YELLOW system do not have seating rights during the Swiss Qualifying stage of the event. 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 the CTD 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 the CTD.

## **15. Written Defences**

15.1 During the auction, pairs may use written notes of a defence or counter-defence to a YELLOW system (or BROWN STICKER convention) providing they comply with the regulations below.

15.2 Defending against a YELLOW system, a pair may change any facet of its system, including opening calls, but may not use a YELLOW system themselves unless it has been submitted in accordance with 4.5 above.

15.3 A written defence must be typed or written in black ink on one side of an A4 sheet and be identical for each player. It must be approved by and lodged with the CTD at least 15 minutes before the scheduled session time, or immediately before the start of the second match of the session.

15.4 A written counter-defence must be approved by and lodged with the CTD and two copies submitted to the opponents at the start of the match.

15.5 A pair using a YELLOW system is not permitted to change its opening calls for a defence or counter-defence.

15.6 During the play period, a player's own notes may be used only to answer a question from the opponents.

15.7 Teams drawn against a team playing YELLOW systems for the second match of the session will be entitled to a grace period of 10 minutes to discuss their defence. They will also be entitled to seating rights.

## **16. Forfeits**

16.1 In the case of a team forfeit, the score for the purpose of the draw will be non-offenders 18 VP and 13 IMP, forfeiting team 15 VP and 0 IMP.

16.2 After the last round of the Qualifying Swiss the offender's score will be re-adjusted to 0 VP and 0 IMP for the forfeited match. The non-offender's score will be adjusted to which ever of the following is the highest:

\* 18 VP (13 IMP) **or**

\* The mean score of the non-offender's 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). The non-offender's IMP score is the mean of the range of the VPs allocated.

## **17. Category, Sectional and Special Prizes**

17.1 The following category prizes will be awarded:

Open Pairs:

Best Women's Pair: Both players must be female.

Open Teams:

Best Women's Team: All members of the team must be female.

Best Mixed Team: At least one man and one woman must play in every match.

Best Country Team from within Australia: All members of the team must reside outside of a capital city.

Best Men's Team: All members of the team must be male.

Best Youth Team: All members must be born after 01-01-1984.

Best Overseas Team: All members must be eligible for honorary membership of the "ABF Foreign Players Club".

Senior's Teams:

Best Mixed Team: At least one man and one woman must play in every match.

Best Unmixed Team: All members of the team must be of the same gender.

Intermediate Teams:

Best Mixed Team: At least one man and one woman must play in every match.

Best Unmixed Team: All members of the team must be of the same gender.

Restricted Teams:

Best Mixed Team: At least one man and one woman must play in every match.

Best Unmixed Team: All members of the team must be of the same gender.

Novice Teams:

Best Mixed Team: At least one man and one woman must play in every match.

Best Unmixed Team: All members of the team must be of the same gender.

17.2 All of the category team prizes will be awarded on the final rankings at the end of either 12 or 10 matches respectively after eliminating those teams that progress to the final series. No team may nominate for more than one category prize. For a prize to be awarded there must be at least eight eligible teams nominated.

17.3 If teams tie for a prize, the prize money will be divided, unless any of the tied teams also qualifies for a sectional prize, in which case the team qualifying for the sectional prize will receive that prize and will be excluded from those teams sharing a category prize.

17.4 Teams/Swiss Pairs Sectional prizes

17.4.1 At the end of six matches, the Open field will be divided into at least four sections as close to equal in size as possible, based on current ranking. At the end of six matches, each of the Senior's, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice fields will similarly be divided into sections, based on current ranking. At the end of three matches the Mixed field will also be divided into sections, based on current ranking.

17.4.2 Thereafter the Swiss movement will continue across each entire field, but the sections so defined will constitute the basis for the sectional prizes.

17.4.3 Units finishing highest in rank in their section (except for the first section) will be awarded sectional prizes.

17.4.4 Category prizes will be allocated first. Category prize winners are ineligible for sectional prizes.

### 17.5 Special Prizes

17.5.1 Special prizes may be awarded to contestants in addition to either outright, category or sectional prizes.

17.5.2 There will be a special prize for the most improved team in each of the Open, Seniors, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice events. It will be awarded to the team with the largest (+ve) comparative difference between allocated seed number and final rank. At least three members of the team must be Australian residents.

17.5.3 Contestants who enter an event less than 3 days prior to its scheduled commencement are ineligible for a special prize.

## **Appendices (18-20)**

### **18. Teams Finals**

18.1 Screens and bidding boxes will be used in the Open Round-of-Four, Open semi-finals and the Open/Senior's final. Screens will not be used during the Intermediate Final, the Restricted Final, or for the Novice Final.

18.2 For every match of the Finals series (i.e., Round-of Four, Semi-Finals and all Finals), a carry forward of one half of an IMP shall be credited to the team that finished higher in the Swiss.

18.3 The Round-of-Four will consist of 24 boards divided into two stanzas.

18.4 The team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the conclusion of Round 12 of the Open Swiss will choose their Round-of-Four opponent from the teams placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

18.5 The team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the conclusion of Round 12 of the Open Swiss will choose their Semi-Final opponent from the teams who progress via the Round-of Four.

18.6 The semi-final matches will consist of 48 boards divided into four stanzas.

18.7 The Open final will consist of 48 boards divided into four stanzas. The Seniors' final will consist of 48 boards divided into four stanzas. The Restricted and Novice finals will consist of 28 boards divided into two stanzas.

### 18.8 Schedule (Open Teams)

Friday	9:30 am	Rd-of-Four	Boards 1-12
	11:15 am		Boards 13-24
Friday	2:00 pm	Semi-finals	Boards 1-12
	3:40 pm		Boards 13-24
	7:30 pm		Boards 25-36
	9:00 pm		Boards 37-48
Saturday	9:00 am	Final	Boards 1-12
	10:40 am		Boards 13-24
	1:30 pm		Boards 25-36
	3:00 pm		Boards 37-48

### Schedule (Senior's Teams)

Friday	10:00 am	Final	Boards 1-12
	<i>11:40 am</i>		Boards 13-24
	<i>2:00 pm</i>		Boards 25-36
	<i>3:30 pm</i>		Boards 37-48

### Schedule (Intermediate/Restricted/Novice Teams)

Thursday	3:30 pm	Final	Boards 1-14
	<i>5:15 pm</i>		Boards 15-28

*\* Italicised times may be varied by an agreement between the teams involved and the CTD (Subject to approval by the Tournament Organiser)*

18.9 The winning captain of a coin toss will have the choice of exercising seating rights for either the odd or the even numbered segments.

18.10 In the event of a tie, the title(s) shall be shared.

18.11 The use of the ABF standard system card (with not more than 2 supplementary A4 sheets) is mandatory except if Yellow Systems are employed, when the WBF System card is required

## 19. Procedural penalties

19.1 Use of an electronic communication device during session time:

First offence: warning

Subsequent offences

Pairs: 50% of the MP top on a board

Swiss Events: 3 VPs

Knockout Teams: 9 IMPs

19.2 Any board not commenced by the expiration of the allocated time in a Swiss Teams or Pairs event is removed and not played.

19.3 Late arrival/Slow play during the Swiss Teams or Pairs events:

Average plus / average minus will be awarded in lieu of each board lost due to either offence if the Director assesses only one contestant to be at fault. Where no such assessment can be made, a score of 0 IMPs (or 50% of the available matchpoints) is awarded.

#### 19.4 Slow play in Teams Round-of-Four / Semi-finals / Finals:

First offence (<10 minutes)	warning
First offence (>10 minutes)	0.5 IMPs per minute or part thereof beyond 10 minutes
Subsequent offences	1 IMP per minute or part thereof

The penalty is apportioned according to the Director's assessment of each team's responsibility for slow play.

#### 19.5 Late arrival for a match or stanza in Teams Round-of-Four / Semi-finals / Finals:

First offence (<10 minutes)	warning
First offence (>10 minutes)	0.5 IMPs per minute or part thereof beyond 10 minutes
Subsequent offences:	
5 to <10 minutes late	3 IMPs
10 to <15 minutes late	6 IMPs
15 to <20 minutes late	9 IMPs
20 to <30 minutes late	15 IMPs
Over 30 minutes late	a more severe penalty, including possible disqualification

### 20. Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP)

20.1 All ABF playing members are eligible provided that they were born in Australia or have Australian citizenship or have made Australia their legal and physical residence for at least the period determined by the ABF and have not represented or attempted to represent another NCBO in a WBF event. The ABF reserves the right to declare as "eligible" a player in breach of these requirements.

20.2 To receive PQP at least one member of a pair or two members of a team must be eligible and the player must comply with all regulations concerning eligibility and board requirements.

20.3 Each player must play at least 5 rounds of the Open Swiss or 4 rounds of the Seniors' Swiss and, as applicable, 1 stanza of the round-of-four, 2 stanzas of the semi-final and 2 stanzas of the final.

20.4 PQP awards for the various events are shown in the Table for placings determined after ineligible units are removed. When removal of ineligible units requires placings to be determined by the Swiss, they are determined on the placings after round 12 (Open) or round 10 (Seniors).

Event/Place	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Open Pairs	32	24	16	8
Senior Pairs	24	18	12	6
Open Teams	36	18	5	5
Senior Teams	36	18	9	

20.5 Detailed information about PQP and the mode of entry to the Playoff for Australian team selection is published on the ABF website at [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au).