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1 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

"SABF" shall mean the South Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated.

"SA Bridge" shall mean The South Australian Bridge Association Incorporated.

"ABF" shall mean the Australian Bridge Federation.

"WBF" shall mean the World Bridge Federation.

"Management Committee" shall mean the Management Committee of the SABF.

"Special events" shall mean events such as, but not limited to:

- all weekend congresses,
- state championship events,
- the State Masters Pairs,
- sessions run in conjunction with the Autumn National Open Teams (ANOT) or any other ABF event.

"Ordinary club session" shall mean sessions that are conducted by affiliated clubs other than special events.

"Tournament Committee" or "TC" shall mean the tournament sub-committee appointed by the SABF Management Committee.

"Convenor" shall mean the convenor of the Tournament Committee.

"Chief Tournament Director" or "CTD" shall mean the Chief Tournament Director appointed by the Tournament Committee.

"Tournament Director" or "TD" means the Chief Tournament Director or an assistant tournament director.

"Appeals Committee" shall mean the appeals sub-committee appointed by the SABF Management Committee (#).

"Club rooms" shall mean the playing venue.

"IMP" shall mean International Match Points.

"V.P." shall mean Victory Point.

2 APPLICABLE LAW

All bridge events and sessions conducted under the auspices of the SABF shall be conducted in accordance with the International Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, the regulations published herein in the "South Australian Bridge Federation Tournament Regulations", supplementary regulations for specific events promulgated by the TC and other regulations promulgated by the TC. The International Laws of Duplicate Bridge shall apply to all areas not specifically covered by these regulations.

The International Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge shall mean the latest edition of the International Laws held in the clubrooms at the time of the event, and which shall be available for perusal by any member.

Any event may be conducted with rules that differ from these regulations, provided that such rules are approved by the TC and are notified in advance of the start of the competition.

The SABF Management Committee shall have the power to publish amendments or additions to these rules and to vary any condition.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the SABF Management Committee may at any time make any determination concerning the conduct of any bridge events or sessions, provided always that if any event is already in progress such determination shall be limited to dealing with an issue which is either not covered, or not adequately covered, by these regulations.

3 GENERAL REGULATIONS

In accordance with these regulations, the TC shall determine the form of all competitions and publish any supplementary conditions of play before each event begins.

The TC may call for nominations in advance of any event and publish a closing date for nominations. When there is a call for nominations, late entries may only be accepted at the discretion of the TC.

The TC shall:

- decide handicaps in any handicap events,
- determine seeding where necessary, including into sections,
- supervise the draw for any competition.

The TC may delegate any of its functions to the CTD, who may in turn delegate to one of more assistant tournament directors.

4 SYSTEMS

4.1 Classification of Systems

Systems shall be classified as green, blue, red or yellow in accordance with the regulations made by the ABF and applying in ABF events, subject to any system or convention specifically being classified below. The applicable ABF regulations shall be available in the clubrooms

The CTD shall classify systems. In the event of a dispute concerning the classification of a system the decision of the TC shall be final, but until such classification by the TC shall have taken place the decision of the CTD shall be enforced.

4.2 System Restrictions

4.2.1 Green, Blue and Red Systems

Green, blue and red systems are permitted without restriction in all events.

4.2.2 Yellow Systems

Yellow systems are permitted only in teams and Butler pairs matches of 14 or more boards duration.

Yellow systems are permitted only if a SABF approved system card (with no more than two A4 supplementary sheets, typed or written black ink on one side) has been lodged with the CTD at least one week before the commencement of the event in which it is to be played. The CTD shall maintain a register of yellow systems for perusal by other players.

For Swiss events, yellow systems may not be played in the first round, or in the second round where round two is played in the same session as round one. In addition, they may not be played in matches involving a team in the lower 50% of the field (decimals rounded down), except with the consent of the opposing team or pair, provided always that consent is obtained prior to the commencement of the match and is notified to the TD. Because of the above- mentioned provisions, yellow systems need only be lodged at the start of any Swiss event in which they are permitted to be played.

Any team including a pair playing a yellow system in a single session match shall forfeit seating rights whenever the yellow system is in use.

4.2.3 Defences

When playing against a yellow system an opposing pair may prepare a written defence. A written defence against the defence is also permitted in the case of yellow systems.

A pair's notes of their defence or "defence against the defence" may be written on one side of an A4 sheet, typed or hand written legibly in black ink.

Notes may be used during the auction period provided that they are:

- lodged with the CTD 15 minutes before the scheduled session times and approved by the CTD,
- identical for each player, and
- available to the opponent's during the auction and play.

During the play a player's own notes may only be used to answer a question from the opponents. (No player may refer to the written bidding after the first trick.)

For defence against a yellow system pairs using green, blue or red systems may change any facet of their system but pairs using a yellow system may not change their opening calls. For defence against the defence pairs are not permitted to change any of the highly artificial aspects of their yellow system.

4.2.4 Brown Sticker Conventions

Certain two and three level conventional openings, together with some forms of overcalls have been placed in a category called "Brown Sticker". Any partnerships using one or more "Brown Sticker" conventions must individually list them on their system cards (and/or supplementary sheets) and have a brown sticker on their cards. Written defences to "Brown Sticker" conventions will be allowed at the table, but written defences to "Brown Sticker" defences are not permitted.

"Brown Sticker" conventions are not permitted in match pointed pairs events, or teams or Butler pairs events where matches are shorter than 10 boards.

4.3 Playing the Same System

Both members of a partnership must play the same system, including bidding and card play agreements. Where as a matter of style members frequently adopt different styles from each other, the pair must prepare and make available a properly completed system card as per these regulations, and disclose those differences in style. Note section 5.1.

4.4 Breaches of System Regulations

Any pair found guilty of breaching these system regulations should be liable to disciplinary action.

Any team for which such pair was playing shall be liable to penalties that may include (but not be limited to) forfeiture of the match, or V.P. fines applied either immediately or at the conclusion of the event.

4.5 Change of System

No pair may play two different yellow systems during the course of an event without the express permission of the CTD.

4.6 Psychic Calls

Intentional psychic calls made against players under National Master ranking are not permitted.

Should such a call be made in a duplicate scoring event then the offending pair shall get 0% on that board, their opponents getting 60% or their actual score, whichever is the greater.

If instead such a call be made in an imps scoring event then the offending pair shall be debited three imps on that board, or their actual score, whichever is the less favourable, their opponents to receive the complement.

5 **ADEQUATE DISCLOSURE, SYSTEM CARDS AND SUMMARIES**

5.1 Adequate Disclosure

Players must disclose fully the meaning of their conventional agreements, particularly conventions and treatments that may require extensive or unusual defensive preparation by opposing pairs.

To satisfy the principle of adequate disclosure, the onus is on each pair to prepare for the information of opponents an accurate and reasonably comprehensive system card. In addition to the appropriate system card, pairs may use supplementary sheets, where necessary, to achieve the objective of adequate disclosure.

5.2 System Cards

In all sessions, all pairs (except as exempted below) must prepare system cards as specified below, and have two system cards for the use of their opponents during all sessions. Every player will be granted a grace period for presentation of his/her system card. Should a pair sit down to play without a system card available at all, then the grace period for that pair will expire. If, however there is one system card available, then only one grace period shall expire. Grace periods will be reinstated at the commencement of the next event. Once the grace period for any pair expires, procedural penalties will be enforced.

The TC may designate sessions or events for which pairs playing a green or blue system with opening bids at the one level consistent with Acol, Standard American or Precision are not required to prepare a system card.

System cards shall be prepared legibly, properly identified with the names of the pair and coloured sticker showing the classification of system under

these regulations. Supplementary sheets shall be typed or written legibly in black ink on one side of A4 paper.

Only system cards that conform to the layout of the ABF system card may be used.

After withdrawing the cards from a board and, until they are restored to the board at conclusion of its play, a player may not consult the pair's own system card except when specifically permitted under these regulations.

5.3 More Comprehensive Description of Systems

In the interests of full disclosure, and for the pairs' own protection in the case of disputes, a pair may submit a copy of a more comprehensive description of their system to the CTD before the start of any event or before any single session event. A TD and the Appeals Committee shall consult any comprehensive system descriptions that have been submitted when making rulings or determinations.

6 ALERTING AND EXPLANATIONS OF THE AUCTION

All sessions and events shall use alerting regulations made by the ABF, subject to any changes noted below.

The following modifications to the ABF regulations shall apply:

- where there is no written bidding, alerts must be indicated by saying "alert" out loud, tapping the table not being sufficient, and
- Where there is written bidding, alerts must be indicated by a circle around the call.

Inadequate disclosure may attract procedural penalties and/or disciplinary penalties including but not limited to immediate suspension from the session and/or score adjustment. Repetition may result in a report to the Ethics Committee.

7 APPEALS

Notice of an appeal against a ruling given by a TD, as provided in the International Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, shall be made in writing on the form proscribed by the TC for that purpose and presented to the TD within 30 minutes of the scheduled finish of play, signed by one member of the pair.

On receipt of an appeal on the prescribed form that lies within the jurisdiction of the Appeals Committee, the TD shall:

- complete the form giving all reasons for the ruling,
- forward a copy of the appeal with confirmation of the ruling to a member of the Appeals Committee, and
- make a copy of the appeal available to the respondents to the appeal forthwith, but in any case within 24 hours of the ruling being made.

The Appeals Committee shall hear the appeal as soon as reasonably practicable after the lodging of the appeal, at a time and place nominated by the convenor of the Appeals Committee and notified to the parties thereto. If all parties cannot agree to an earlier time, then the appeal shall be held in seven days time, half an hour before the start of play.

Appeals Committee members who are directly involved in any dispute shall not participate in the hearing of that dispute.

The respondents may add their arguments in writing to the prescribed form. Appellants may then add counter arguments in writing to the prescribed form.

The Appeals Committee shall allow parties to the appeal to present arguments in person.

In the course of the appeal hearing, the Appeals Committee may reverse a TD's decision, where that decision was based on a point of fact or in the exercise in the TD's discretionary power.

The TC may impose a fine of up to three Victory Points, or a full top if match points, if the Appeals Committee determines that the appeal was frivolous.

Players have the right of further appeal to the Management Committee against any decision of the Appeals Committee.

Appeals against the scorer's decisions (as distinct from TD's rulings) may be lodged within one week of the scores being posted on the club scoreboard.

Note: The SABF Appeals Committee will only hear appeals from State Championship and Selection events.

8 CORRECTION OF SCORES

Correction of errors on the original score cards and/or results sheets may be up to 24 hours after the posting of the results. Result sheets shall be kept in the Clubrooms and be freely available for inspection.

9 BIDDING

9.1 Spoken Bidding

Spoken bidding may be allowed by the CTD in certain circumstances. Where written bidding is used:

- If a player is incapable of writing a bid, any other player may repeat the spoken call in writing.
- A player who cannot read the written bidding may request that bids be repeated aloud.

9.2 Written Bidding

The first bid made whether spoken or written shall be treated as a legal call, but must be repeated in writing, or if required, repeated aloud.

A written bid, if made simultaneously with a different spoken bid, shall prevail unless the written bid was inadvertent.

Should a player begin to write a bid out of turn, without completing it, it is not treated as a call out of rotation, but there may be unauthorised information.

A player may change a partly written bid without penalty, provided the full bid has not been completed, but the unauthorised information law may apply.

If there is any dispute concerning any bid, the written record shall take precedence.

9.3 Bidding Boxes

Bidding boxes are now generally used in SABF events, and may be used by affiliated clubs at their discretion.

Regulations similar to those concerning written bidding above shall apply to the use of bidding boxes.

9.4 Stop Cards

Stop cards aren't being used at SABF events.

10 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

10.1 Smoking

The International Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge do not allow players to leave the table needlessly (Law 74, part c, paragraph 8). Leaving the table to smoke is not considered sufficient reason and penalties consistent with slow play may be applied, even if play was not delayed.

A player may leave the table to smoke only with the permission of all other players at the table. However, this permission shall not prevent penalties being applied if play is delayed, for example, if a move is called while a player is absent.

10.2 Eating at the table

There is to be no eating of food of any kind while a hand is being played (from the cards being removed from the board to the cards replaced in the board). Players may eat between boards, however all Covid hygiene standard must be met, in particular hands must be sanitised before any further cards are touched. *[Medical emergencies are the only exception.]*

10.3 Covid-19 Regulations

- All players are to abide by SA Department of Health regulations and/or directions.
- All players are to abide by the Covid protocols published by the SABF from time to time.
- All players must follow the directions given by any Covid Marshal.
- Any breach of these regulations will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offending player. Ignorance of the present SABF protocols will not excuse any breach of these regulations.

11 MATCHPOINT PAIRS EVENTS

11.1 Nominations

Conditions of play shall specify whether entry to an event is restricted to pairs nominating by a specified closing date, or whether the event is open to players on a walk-in basis. Conditions of play may also specify that some or all sessions of an event are available for play on a walk-in basis, notwithstanding whether entry in advance is required for the event.

After nominations have closed, a member of a nominating pair may be replaced only with the permission of the TC. This power is delegated to the TD.

11.2 Late Arrival

Any pair arriving for an event less than five minutes before the scheduled starting time may be refused admission to the tournament at the discretion of the TD. Nevertheless, the TD will make every effort to accommodate pairs.

Where one player of a pair arrives on time and the pair is included in the movement, but the second player is late, or if both players of a pair arrive late for an event (such as a final) where they are required to be present or represented at each session, the pair may be liable for the following procedural penalties:

Player(s) late by	Procedural Penalty
Less than 5 minutes	Warning for first occurrence. For second or subsequent offence in the same multi-session event - 10% of a top.
5 to 10 minutes	15% of a top
11 to 15 minutes	25% of a top
16 to 20 minutes	40% of a top
21 to 30 minutes	100% of a top

Beyond 30 minutes, or after the completion of the first round, the TD may assess a more severe penalty, including disqualification from the session or the event.

11.3 Scoring

Percentages for each duplicate pairs session shall be calculated to the nearest two decimal places.

The winning pair of any standard pairs competition shall be that pair which gains the highest aggregate of sessional percentage scores at the completion of the stipulated number of rounds, subject to the further rules herein.

11.4 Scores Gained with Substitutes

For the purpose of determining a score within these rules, a single substitute for one member of a pair in one session shall be regarded and referred to as a substitute. Stand-ins playing in place of both members of a pair in the same session are not regarded as a substitution in a duplicate event, and the absent pair will score "0" for that session (except as laid down in section 11.5).

If a substitute is used by a pair in any session, the score for that session used in the calculation of the competition aggregate shall be the score gained by the substitute, except that it may not exceed the average score gained in sessions played by the nominated pair. Further, it may not be less than the minimum of (90% of the nominated pair's average, or 50%, whichever is the lower), with the following exceptions.

If a substitute is used because either member of the nominated pair is absent representing South Australia at an ANC event or the GNOT finals (or any other representative event approved by the SABF), participating in a national team selection event, or representing Australia, then the score for that session used in the calculation of the competition aggregate shall be 100% of the nominated pair's average. This rule shall apply to all events.

The scores obtained by substitutes shall stand for the calculation of sessional results and master points awarded for the session.

11.5 Scores Gained by Absent Pairs

Pairs absent because both players are representing South Australia at an ANC event or the GNOT finals (or any other representative event approved by the SABF), participating in a national team selection event, or representing Australia shall be treated as having had valid substitutes and the 100% provisions of Section 11.4 shall be applied.

Pairs absent because both members are competing in another National Championship shall be treated as having valid substitutes and shall receive 90% of their average score. This rule does not apply to the State Pairs Final.

Scores gained by absent pairs for the purpose of determining a valid score only apply when the entrant pair is eligible for a final placing.

11.6 Eligibility for a Final Placing

To be eligible for a final placing the nominated pair (including one player substitutes) must have played in at least 75% (decimals rounded up) of the required number of rounds, whilst the nominated pair must themselves have played in more than half the number of rounds.

11.7 Ties

A tie shall exist for a final placing when two or more pairs have aggregates within 0.03% of each other. Ties shall be broken when necessary on the following basis in turn:

In favour of the pair playing the most sessions.

In favour of the pair gaining most scores above 60%.

In favour of the pair gaining most scores above 55%.

In favour of the pair gaining most scores above 50%.

Master points awarded are not affected by the breaking of ties; the tied pairs shall share the available master points for the positions.

11.8 Players' Responsibilities

During any competition in which a movement card is available both pairs are responsible for checking that the correct boards are about to be played. In the absence of such cards, the sitting pair shall be responsible. (A movement card is always available for a Howell movement. In a Mitchell movement NS usually remain seated and the boards move to the next lower numbered table in sequence.)

It is the responsibility of the player sitting South to fill in the score card correctly at the end of each hand, and it is the responsibility of all players at the table to check the details.

11.9 Fouled Boards

Where a board has been fouled such that it is unplayable at the next table, the offending pair(s) may be fined up to half-a-top. Innocent pairs shall receive a 60% score for the hand in question, or their average score for the session, whichever is the greater.

11.10 Fines

In addition to penalties for late arrival, fines may be applied for various offences at the discretion of the TD. The following maximum fines may apply:

- Mis-scoring: 1% deducted from the final score for each pair.
- No score entered: 40% of a top on the board for both pairs.
- Slow play: Half a top for the third and subsequent offence.

Players should be warned about their slowness after each of the first two offences.

11.11 Seating

Seating in SABF events shall be determined by the Tournament Committee (TC). The TC may delegate that responsibility to the TD for some events.

12 BUTLER PAIRS EVENTS

Pairs events that use Butler scoring are considered teams events and the regulations in sections 13, 14 and 15 shall apply, with the following exceptions:

- teams shall consist of a single pair,
- the VP scale for Butler pairs is different to that of normal teams events
- to be eligible for a final placing the entrant pair must have played together for at least two thirds of the sessions (rounded up), and to have been represented for all the other scheduled sessions.

12.1 Butler Averages – Round Robin Competitions

For Round Robin events the average is taken from all scores if less than 6 tables are in play.

If there are six or more scores then the top and bottom 16.67% of the scores, rounded down, are excluded from the average calculation.

12.2 Butler Averages – Swiss Draw Competitions

For the first two rounds all scores will be included in the calculation, removing the top and bottom one sixth (rounded down).

For subsequent rounds the following shall apply:

No of tables	Top No of scores counted	No removed from top and bottom
13 to 16	8	1
17 to 20	10	1
21 to 24	12	2
25 to 28	14	2
29 to 32	16	2

12.3 Fouled Boards in Butler Competitions

To determine the datum for a fouled board the TD will decide between the following treatments:

- The fouling was of no consequence and one or more of its results be included in the calculation
- The different forms of the board be treated as a separate entities and datums calculated for each separate entity after eliminating the two extreme scores for 3 or more results
- One or more of its results be cancelled. A score of 2 IMPs is assigned to those contestants whose score is cancelled.

12.4 Attendance at Butler Competitions

Unless specified otherwise, a pair competing in a Butler Pairs competition is expected to be represented at all sessions. Failure to attend, or to provide a substitute, may result in the player concerned being barred from the rest of that competition, and the one following.

12.5 Eligibility for a final Placing in a Butler Competition

1. To be eligible for a final placing in a Butler event the entrant pair is allowed the following maximum number of player absences.
 - 4 sessions for a 13 session weeknight event
 - 2 sessions for a 13 session weekend event
 - 4 sessions for a 12 session weeknight event
 - 2 sessions for an 11 session weekend event
 - 4 sessions for an 11 session week night event
 - 4 sessions for a 10 session weeknight event
 - 2 sessions for a nine session weekend event

Substitutions need to be advised at least 15 minutes prior to the start of play, either via the SABF website, or else directly to the Convenor or the Tournament Director.

13 TEAMS EVENTS - GENERAL

13.1 Nominations

Nominations for teams events shall close at the time specified in the supplementary regulations for the event. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the TC.

If the number of nominated teams for any event produces an impractical or unworkable event and the necessary number of additional teams cannot be found, the TC shall have the right to reject any nominated team(s), the first team to be rejected being the last team to nominate, and so on in sequence.

13.2 Format of Events

Teams events may be conducted as Swiss, Round-Robin, Simultaneous or any other suitable format.

The length of matches shall be specified in supplementary regulations for the event.

Unless specified in supplementary regulations, finals matches (if part of an event) shall be conducted according to the "Final Five" system described in section 16.3.

Unless specified in supplementary regulations, the grand final of an event shall be double the duration of the other rounds and/or finals.

13.3 Additions and Replacements

Teams shall consist of no more than six players. A player may be added to a team on application from the team captain, provided that they are not already a member of another team in that competition, and intend to play at least 40% of the boards. Should a player join a team and then not play 40% of the boards then the matches actually played shall be treated as with a substitute, which may then be liable for adjustment.

13.4 Substitutes

The use of a substitute requires prior approval to be obtained through the Tournament Director. Substitutes should wherever possible be of a similar or lesser standard to the replaced player. For State Team Selection finals substitutes must be of a similar standard, unless an emergency situation. Coming substitutions need to be advised to the tournament director or convenor as soon as possible, preferably at least two days before the session concerned. They will be assessed by three or more members of the Assessment Panel (a group formed solely for that purpose), the substitution will then either be accepted (with or without an adjustment)

or rejected. If rejected, assistance will be provided towards finding a more suitable alternative. Decisions of the Assessment Panel are final, and may not be appealed.

Even though a substitution has been approved, with the replacement player being of a similar standard, a score adjustment may still apply if it is felt that the substitution significantly improves the partnership, e.g. when the new pairing has substantial partnership experience.

Score adjustments may also apply when the player has not allowed sufficient time to find a more suitable replacement.

Where an adjustment is required, the following guidance (in imps) is provided:

Level of Improvement	10 board match	12 board match	14 board match
Some	4-6	4-7	5-7
Significant	7-9	8-12	8-13
Substantial	20(10)	24(12)	28(14)

In the case of a substantial improvement, the opposing side shall receive half of the shown amount.

During an event, failure to provide prior notice of a known coming new substitution as soon as possible before the session will result in a warning being issued, second offence a 2 VP fine, third and subsequent 5 VP and possible expulsion from the next SABF event .

A schedule of all substitutions and their respective adjustments will be maintained.

13.5 Eligibility for Finals Matches

Team members who have played fewer boards than the percentage specified in 16.2 during the qualifying rounds require the approval of the TC to participate in any major (finals) round match.

In events where teams qualify for finals through more than one qualifying event, such as the State Teams Championship when a double qualifying event is used, this rule shall be interpreted as meaning forty per cent of the boards in the event where qualification was achieved.

The TC shall grant such permission only if, in its opinion, there are other appropriate circumstances that justify the inclusion.

13.6 Seating

In all teams matches the home team shall be decided by lot.

Where a match has two or more stanzas the home team shall take up its position at the tables first at the beginning of the first session of play. The visiting team shall take up its position at the tables first at the beginning of the second session of play, and seating shall rotate in turn for all sessions of the match. The team sitting second may seat its pairs at either table.

13.7 Pair Changes

Pair changes may be made only at the end of any period of play.

13.8 Dealing

Hands shall be pre-dealt for all sessions unless otherwise specified in supplementary regulations.

Where hands are pre-dealt, they shall be generated by an SABF approved computer program and hand records shall be available at the end of each session.

13.9 Scoring

Scoring shall be by Imps.

Except in finals matches and as provided in supplementary regulations, scores shall be converted to VP's using the WBF scale appropriate for the number of boards. The scales applicable to matches of various lengths are contained in Appendix 1.

When a team receives a forfeit, the score in that match shall be determined after the last minor round match (but see section 14.2 that provides for an interim score in Swiss events for the purpose of making a draw). The offending team shall receive 0 VP's. The score of the non-offending team shall be the greatest of:

- +12 imps, or
- its mean VP score after all rounds (not including forfeited matches), or
- the mean score gained by the opponents of the offending team in matches played against the offending team (that is, 20 minus the offending team's average), not counting forfeited matches.

If table scorers aren't in use then the winning captain must provide the scorer with the result signed by both captains on an official score slip. A result recorded and/or posted incorrectly by the scorer can be altered up to 30 minutes after the posting of the results for the last round.

When a match has to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances for which no fault can be attributed, the team that is present shall receive the score for a forfeit, whilst their opponents shall receive their mean VP score, or the complement of the VP score of their opponents, whichever is the greater.

13.10 Breaking of Ties - Other than in Finals Matches

Ties shall be broken to determine the final places in a teams event without final rounds (including each of two qualifying stages of the State Teams Championship), or rankings for determining qualification for finals in events with finals, on the following basis in turn:

- Total VPs,
- Total VPs after the removal of fines,
- Opponent's total VPs, and
- Number of matches won.
- Net Imps

Ties to determine rankings for the Finals Round of the State Teams Championships shall be broken as specified in Section 16.2.

13.11 Carry Forwards in Finals Matches – Four Teams

For a final four event a carry forward of 0.1 impes shall be given in each match, being awarded as follows:

- For the first and second Semi Finals the advantage shall go to the better performed team in the qualifying competition
- The loser of the second Semi Final shall have the advantage in the Preliminary Final
- The winner of the second semi-final shall have the carry forward in the Grand Final. .

13.12 Carry Forwards in Finals Matches – Five Teams

For a final five event a carry-forward of 0.1 impes shall go to:

- The more highly placed team in the Qualifying and Elimination finals
- The Qualifying final losers in the First Semi Final
- The top qualifiers in the Second Semi Final
- The Second Semi Final losers in the Preliminary Final
- The winner of the second semi-final shall have the carry forward in the Grand Final.

13.13 Responsibilities of Captains

Every team shall nominate a captain, who shall be responsible for determining line-ups in each match, and, if table scorers aren't in use, agreeing the score with the opposing captain, and handing in an agreed result slip.

13.14 Late Arrival

If one or more members of a team arrive late for a session without having informed the TD or taken reasonable steps to inform the TD at the earliest opportunity, the team will be liable for procedural penalties as follows:

Player(s) late by	Procedural Penalty
Less than 5 minutes	Warning for first occurrence. For second or subsequent offence in the same multi-session event - 1/2 VP.
5 to 10 minutes	1 VPs
11 to 15 minutes	2 VPs
16 to 20 minutes	3 VPs
21 to 30 minutes	5 VPs

13.15 Slow Play

Whether or not caused by one or both teams arriving late for a session, any boards not commenced more than 5 minutes before the scheduled end of play shall be cancelled from the match. Both teams shall then be debited 1 VP for each board missed, with the proviso that there shall be no deduction for the first offence by a team in the competition. If failure to complete all boards is caused by slow play that can, to the satisfaction of the TD, be attributable to one team, then that team alone shall be liable for the VP penalties.

13.16 Permissible Time Allowed

The maximum allowed time shall be 7.5 minutes per board, with no further boards permitted to be started within the final five minutes. Tables failing to complete their final board by the full time mark shall be liable for a slow play penalty, however the hand shall be completed.

13.17 Attendance

Unless specified otherwise, each team is expected to be represented at all sessions. Failure to attend, or to provide a substitute, may result in the player or players concerned being barred from the rest of that competition, and the one following.

13.18 Match Abandoned due to Illness

If a match has to be abandoned due to illness, or other unforeseen circumstance, then the pair or team concerned shall receive their average VPS, or the complement of their opponents' VPS, whichever is the lesser. The opposing side will receive the greater of their average, or the complement of their opponents' average.

14 TEAMS EVENTS - SWISS TEAMS

14.1 The Draw

Teams seeded in the top and bottom "quarters" shall be drawn randomly to play against teams seeded in the two middle "quarters" for round one.

Alternatively, for the first round the top half of the field plays the bottom half, i.e. if there are N teams then each team plays the team numbered N/2 more or less than them.

The draw for subsequent rounds (made as soon as practicable) shall pair the team having the highest rank with the next highest team that has not played previously and so on down the field. If a clash ensues, adjustments are made to ensure that no team is drawn to play a team that it has already played, beginning with match of the lowest ranked team and then progressively up the field until a valid draw is determined. If there is an odd number of teams participating, then three teams with similar scores (not including the top half of the field) should be selected to play in a share match, the seating being:

Table 1: A v B; Table 2: C v A; Table 3: B v C.

A draw made during a session cannot be altered if an appeal or correction due to scorer error changes the rankings. However a draw made at the end of a session will be altered if a scoring change affects a contestant's results by at least 2.00 VPS.

For the purpose of making a draw in Swiss events, ties shall be broken by the sum of all opponents VPS, then by net Imps.

15 TEAMS EVENTS - ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

15.1 The Draw

The draw for teams events shall be based on the appropriate Howell movement with numbers allocated at random.

15.2 Qualifying Round

If a qualifying round is necessary, it shall be in a form determined by the TC, which shall ensure that any separate sections are evenly seeded.

15.3 Minor Round

The minor round shall be in a round-robin form with the length of matches specified in Supplementary Regulations for the event.

16 TEAMS FINALS

16.1 Forfeits

Any team that does not present itself for a match at the scheduled date and time shall be deemed to have forfeited the match.

If neither of the two teams to contest a match are present at the scheduled date and time the match shall be abandoned and there shall be no winner of that match. If such an abandoned match is a qualifying final, semi-final or preliminary final, the team that would have played the winner or loser of the abandoned match shall receive a forfeit. If the abandoned match is the Grand Final, there shall be no winner of the event.

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In exceptional circumstances (such as one or more players representing Australia or South Australia in an official bridge competition), the Management Committee may reschedule any match and make any necessary consequential changes to the schedule for other matches.

16.2 Eligibility

To be an eligible team member during a qualifying event a player must play 60% of the boards if in a four person team, 50% if in a five person team, or 40% if a six person team.

Should that team then play in the Finals then each eligible player needs to play the above percentages overall (i.e. counting the qualifying and final) as well as one full session (28 or 30 boards) of the final.

16.3 Late Arrival and Slow Play - Teams Finals

If one or more members of a team arrive late for a final without having informed the TD or taken reasonable steps to inform the TD at the earliest opportunity, the team will be liable for procedural penalties as follows:

Player(s) late by	Procedural Penalty
Less than 5 minutes	Warning for first occurrence. For second or subsequent offence in the same finals series - 2 IMPs
5 to 10 minutes	3 IMPs
11 to 15 minutes	5 IMPs
16 to 20 minutes	7 IMPs
21 to 30 minutes	10 IMPs

Should one or more members of a team arrive more than 30 minutes late, the non-offending team shall be declared the winner of that final by forfeit. If both teams are more than 30 minutes late without notifying the TD, the Tournament Committee may disqualify both from the rest of the finals series.

The time allowed for finals matches shall be 7.5 minutes x the number of boards to be played in the session. The scheduled completion time for a match shall be determined on the basis of total playing time allowed plus a 10 minute break. Any boards not commenced more than 5 minutes before the scheduled completion time of the session shall not be played, and hence not scored. If the non-completion of boards is caused by the late arrival of any member(s) of one of the teams, the late arrival penalties above are applied. If it can be established, to the satisfaction of the TD (e.g. called to the table and appoints a monitor), that the non-completion of boards is caused by the slow play of one of the teams, then slow play penalties shall be applied at the same rate as late arrival penalties above.

16.4 Scheduling for Finals Matches, Changes of Schedule and Abandoned Matches

Dates for finals matches will be published in the SABF calendar and in the supplementary regulations for the event. All matches shall be under the supervision of a State TD. Matches may only be postponed if a competitor in playing in a National Championship or Selection Event – matches must not be postponed for any other reason. Matches can only be played at an earlier date than scheduled if a State tournament director is available.

16.5 Substitutes

Teams are permitted just the one substitution, being a player for a full session or day or evening, or a pair for half a day or evening. As a consequence, a team needing more than this should withdraw from the finals, and be replaced by the next qualified team.

Any additional use of substitutes shall make the team ineligible and, if the need for extra substitutes was known prior to the event, then all team members shall be excluded from that Final in the coming year.

17 STATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

17.1 Format

The State Teams Championship shall be conducted as a multiple Swiss event. The qualifying rounds shall be composed of two separate stages, each run as a Swiss Teams event according to the regulations published herein. Each qualifying stage shall be held over not less than 5 nights with two matches per night. Teams may enter for either or both stages with 4, 5 or 6 members.

17.2 Qualification for Finals

The results of each of the two stages shall determine which teams may contest the Championship finals round. Finals qualifying points shall be awarded in each stage as follows:

1 st team	6 points
2 nd team	4 points
3 rd team	3 points
4 th team	2 points
5 th team	1 point

The aggregate finals qualifying points for both stages determine the teams ranking. Any ties shall be broken on the following basis in turn:

- by the VP totals (from both phases),
- by the VP totals (from both phases) after the removal of fines,
- by net IMP totals (from both phases), and
- by lot.

A team in stage two that has more than half of its players in common with a stage one team may accrue points over both stages. The team members that have played in both stages may select their finals team-mates from members of their team that played in one stage only, provided the team scored at least one point in that stage and the team-mates played in at least forty per cent of the matches in that stage.

If a team scored points in just the one stage, and has different personnel in the other, then they may add a player from that stage. This is provided that the extra person played at least 60% of the boards in the other stage, and that the number of team members does not now exceed six.

Teams which do not score finals qualifying points are not eligible to play in the finals rounds.

The top five ranked eligible teams shall contest the final rounds according to the "Final Five" system described in section 17.3.

17.3 The "Final Five" System

Finals rounds for teams events shall be conducted according to the "Final Five" system described herein, unless otherwise specified in Supplementary regulations or elsewhere in these regulations.

17.3.1 Week One

The first Qualifying Final shall be contested between the teams ranked fourth and fifth. The loser is eliminated and the winner proceeds to the first semi-final.

The second Qualifying Final shall be contested between the teams ranked second and third. The winner proceeds to the second semi-final and the loser proceeds to the first semi-final.

17.3.2 Week Two

The first semi-final shall be contested between the winner of the first Qualifying Final and the loser of the second Qualifying Final. The loser of the first semi-final is eliminated, and the winner proceeds to the Preliminary Final.

The second semi-final shall be contested between the team ranked first after the qualifying rounds, and the winner of the second Qualifying Final. The loser of the second semi-final proceeds to the Preliminary Final, and the winner proceeds to the Grand Final.

17.3.3 Week Three

The Preliminary Final shall be contested between the loser of the second semi-final and the winner of the first semi-final. The loser of the Preliminary Final is eliminated and the winner proceeds to the Grand Final.

17.3.4 Weeks Four & Five

The Grand Final shall be contested between the winner of the Preliminary Final and the winner of the Second semi-final. The winner of the Grand Final is the winner of the event.

17.4 Schedule for Finals Matches, Changes of Schedule and Abandoned Matches

The qualifying final, semi-final, preliminary final and grand final matches shall be played on the scheduled date and at the scheduled time, unless both captains agree to play the match at an earlier date and/or time, which is acceptable to the TD. The first match must be played on or by the evening of Wednesday week after State Teams Phase 2 finishes, and each subsequent match on the following Wednesday, missing the weeks of Spring National Open Teams the National GNOT Finals, and the National Team Playoffs, if necessary. Matches must not be postponed for any other reason.

18 STATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

18.1 State Open Pairs

18.1.1 Qualifying

The event will generally be run over 6 rounds, the first 3 of which are qualifying rounds. The number of rounds may be varied via Supplementary Regulations. To qualify for the final, a pair must play in all 3 qualifying rounds, except that they may have a one player substitution in one round.

The carry-over into the final will be the average of a pair's three scores in the qualifying event, provided that they played every round together.

If there was a one player substitution in a round then the score from that round used to calculate the carry-over will be the score gained with the substitute, except that it may not exceed the average of the nominated pair's other two scores. Further, it may not be less than the lower of (90% of the average of the nominated pair's other two scores, and 50%).

If both members of a pair are absent due to their participation in the Spring Nationals, and they played as a pair in the other two qualifying rounds, then they shall be given 90% of their average score, and shall be eligible to play in the Final.

18.1.2 Final

The final will be played as a three round 7 table Howell event, provided that the average number of pairs playing in the qualifying event is at least 30 – otherwise the final will be played as a three round 5 table Howell event.

Pairs taking their place in the final must undertake to be represented at each session, and to be eligible for a final placing, i.e. they may have a substitute for at most one round. If a substitute is used, the score obtained for that round will be the score gained with the substitute, except that it may not exceed the average of the qualified pair's other two scores. Further, it may not be less than the lower of (90% of the average of the qualified pair's other two scores, and 50%).

If a member of a State Pairs Final pair is competing in the National Playoffs on that day, then they shall be entitled to a score of 55% or their average, whichever is the greater.

18.1.3 Plate

The Plate will be played as a standalone event, with no qualifying requirements, and no carry-over score from the qualifying rounds. The regular rules for a non-eclectic match point pairs event apply for this competition.

19 STATE SELECTION EVENTS

19.1 General Rules

The selection of all state teams shall be subject to the ratification of the SABF Management Committee.

Each state team shall consist of six players, selected as three pairs, using the selection procedures outlined in this section.

Nominations shall be called for Open, Women's, and Senior Butler Trials, with a closing date for each.

Entry to state selection events shall be open only to players who are members of a bridge club affiliated with the SABF or the ABF Youth Players' Club.

19.2 Eligibility for State Teams

19.2.1 Qualifying Events

Open Team Qualifying Events

To be eligible for qualifying points, players must satisfy the following conditions:

1. Butler Pairs Events

A pair must be playing in their nominated pairing for at least two thirds of matches.

2. Teams Events

- A. In a four (4) person team, a player must play at least 60% of boards in the event.
- B. In a five (5) person team, a player must play at least 50% of boards in the event.
- C. In a six (6) person team, a player must play at least 40% of boards in the event.

19.2.2 Butler Finals

To be eligible for an overall placing and possible selection in a State Team, a pair must play at least two thirds of the matches in the final in the nominated pairing.

19.3 Responsibility Of Players Likely To Be Ineligible For State Teams.

A pair should not enter trials events for the selection of State Teams, nor accept their place in the final of the Open Trials if they are unlikely to meet the requirements of section 19.2. Players are asked to cooperate in conforming to the spirit of this rule. Pairs that become ineligible for state team selection through 19.2 may be refused entry in the following year, unless the Management Committee is satisfied that sufficient excuse has been given.

19.4 Non-Contending Pairs

Non-contending pairs will only be allowed to play if the number of eligible nominations is odd, and less than 12. Further, whilst each match played by a non-contending pair will be valid for masterpoint purposes, and for calculation of averages, their opponents each round shall receive an average score when the final placings are being determined.

19.5 Withdrawing From a State Team

Should any player or pair win a spot in a State Team, and then subsequently withdraw, then that position will then be filled by the next available pair from the respective Butler Trials. Should the withdrawn pair or player not provide a reason acceptable to the SABF Management Committee, then that person or persons will be ineligible to participate in any State Team Selection events for the next 12 months.

19.6 Replacing a pair or player in a State Team.

Should a pair withdraw from the team then they shall be replaced by the next placed available pair, provided that the withdrawal is advised on or by June 30th. Should there be a later withdrawal it may be appropriate to replace just the one player, the new team member preferably coming from the fourth placed pair in the qualifying competition.

19.7 Conditions of Play in Trials Events

The maximum allowed time shall be 7.5 minutes per board, with no further boards permitted to be started within the final five minutes.

Tables failing to complete their final board by the full time mark shall be liable for a slow play penalty, however the hand shall be completed.

Fines for boards excluded in this manner shall be applied at the rate of 3 VPs per 10 minutes or part thereof, however, in neither case shall a fine be applied for the first offence.

Boards shall be pre-dealt.

Fines may be awarded for late arrival, misconduct, and failure to have two system cards at the table.

Frequent mis-scoring may incur a fine of up to 3 VPs per match.

Should a match start more than 10 minutes late then the offending pair shall be fined unless a sufficient excuse is given. The required finishing time shall be not be amended.

Should a pair, or a member of a pair, arrive more than 30 minutes late then the match shall be forfeited unless a sufficient excuse is given.

19.8 VP Scales

All results shall be converted to victory points. Supplementary regulations may set the point scale to be used. Where this is not the case, the scales contained in Appendix 1 shall be used from January 1st 2014.

19.9 Substitutes

The provisions of Section 13.4 shall apply, except that “teams” shall be replaced by “pairs”. To maintain the integrity of selection trials, a substitute player must be of a similar standard to the person being replaced. When a pair knows they will require a substitute prior to any selection event commencing they should seek approval for the substitute beforehand.

19.10 Captaincy

Each team shall elect a captain as soon as practicable after the composition of each team is known. The captain shall be the principal interface between the team and the Teams’ Manager and Assistant Manager, both to be appointed by the SABF committee.

All captains will be members of their respective teams. All decisions on team seating shall be the responsibility of the Manager and Assistant Manager, usually after consultation with the Team Captain. The Manager and Assistant Manager shall also be responsible for all administrative matters.

19.11 Women’s & Senior’s Team Trials

19.11.1 Women’s & Senior’s Trials – Qualifying

The Trials for each event shall be restricted to a field of 12 pairs. To be immediately eligible for the Final, a pair must satisfy at least one of the following:

- (a) Both members of the partnership have Open Trials Playoff points for the previous year.
- (b) Both members of the partnership played in a respective South Australian team in the previous year, and that team finished first or second. Should just one member of a partnership be in this category, then that player shall be credited with 30 Playoff points.
- (c) Both members of the partnership played in a respective South Australian team in the previous year, and that team did not reach the Final.

If the team finished:

- 3rd then each player shall receive 15 PQP
- 4th then each player shall receive 10PQP
- 5th then each player shall receive 5 PQP

- (d) Players may also earn Women's & Senior's PQP's in the following competitions:
1. Open Trials Consolation: (The competition held immediately prior to the Women's & Senior's Playoffs, rather than that in the previous calendar year).
10 for a top 5 finish
5 for 6th to 10th
 2. Swiss Pairs Championship & Open Trials Qualifying
10 for placings 11th to 15th
5 for placings 16th to 20th
 3. State Teams One & Two, Open GNOT Qualifying (Thu)
10 for 8th.
7.5 for 9th.
5 for 10th.
- (e) Players may also earn Senior's PQP's in the Seniors Pairs Championship.
10 for 1st
7 for 2nd
5 for 3rd
- (f) Where a nominating pair has earned qualifying points as a pair, or as team-mates, each player will be credited with the qualifying points so earned.
- (g) Where a player has earned qualifying points in another partnership, or in an event where the nominating pair were not team-mates, that player shall be credited with weighted qualifying points equal to one half of the qualifying points so earned.
- (h) Each Open PQP shall be worth three Women's/Seniors PQPs

Pairs without PQP's will be ranked on their placing in the Open Trials Consolation, being the lower placing if they played in different partnerships. Where there is a tie for the last place in the final, then it shall be broken on the basis of their respective placings in the Open Consolation. If the members of the partnership played separately then this shall be the lower of their two placings.

In exceptional circumstances the Tournament Committee may include a pair in which one or both players has not had the opportunity to compete in the Qualifying events. There shall be a limit of one such pair in a competition. If the competition has 11 or 12 entrant pairs then a round robin of 12 board matches shall be played. If instead there are a fewer number then a round robin of 14 board matches will be played.

19.11.2 Women's Trials Qualifying.

If there are at least eight qualifiers then top eight qualifiers will go directly to the Women's Trials Final, with the remaining four positions (or fewer if there is a tie for the 8th placing) being determined by a one day qualifying event on an earlier weekend. This competition will take the format of a Butler Pairs event, ideally of a round robin rather than Swiss format.

If there are less than eight qualifiers then the remaining positions in the final will be awarded to the top placegetters in in the Women's Trials Qualifying
If there are an odd number of entrants remaining then the best placed pair in the Open Trials Consolation shall be promoted. If a pair played in two different partnerships then the lesser placing shall apply.

Note: Where an entrant pair has a player with less than 10 ppps then, unless an exemption has been granted (see 19.11.1), or there are an odd number of competitors in the Qualifying, that pair must compete in the Qualifying competition.

19.11.3 Closing date for Entries to the Final

When a Qualifying event is being held, nominations for the Final and the Qualifying shall close at the same time. Pairs may subsequently withdraw from the Final, however the players concerned may not then enter in a new partnership.

19.11.4 Breaking Of Ties in the Butler Trials

Should a tie occur for third place in the Butler Trials, then it shall be broken on the following basis in turn:

- by Total VPs,
- by Total VPs after the removal of fines,
- by number of matches won
- by net IMP totals, and
- by lot.

19.11.5 Selection of the Women's Team

The selected Women's State Team shall consist of the three highest placed pairs from the Women's Butler trials who are available for the team.

19.11.6 Selection of the Seniors' Team

All entrants to the qualifying shall be of an age in accordance with the ABF age requirements prevailing at the time of entrance. Entrants must be the correct age on the first day of the qualifying event.

The selected Seniors' State Team shall consist of the three highest placed pairs from the Seniors' Butler trials who are available for the team.

19.12 Youth Team Trials

The Youth State team will be selected by an SABF panel. A number of criteria, including participation and performance over the previous twelve months, will be taken into account with the results of the Youth Trials being the principle determinant.

- Depending on the number of entries the Youth Trials will be a Butler Pairs event, played as a single or double round robin and held in conjunction with the Seniors Trials Qualifying, using the same boards. In the event that there are fewer than four tables, the Seniors

Trials averages will be used as well as the Youth Trials scores to provide datums.

- Normal substitution rules will apply with no absolute requirement that substitutes be of eligible age. However strict penalties will apply whenever the director deems that a substitute is of substantially better quality than the missing entrant player.

19.13 Open Team Trials

After the conclusion of the selected qualifying events, players will be invited to nominate as pairs for the Open Trials Final. The top fourteen nominating pairs, on the basis of the highest number of qualifying points, will be accepted for the event.

Qualifying points shall be weighted as follows:

- Where a nominating pair has earned qualifying points as a pair, or as team-mates, each player will be credited with the qualifying points so earned.
- Where a player has earned qualifying points in another partnership, or in an event where the nominating pair were not team-mates, that player shall be credited with weighted qualifying points equal to one half of the qualifying points so earned.
- Each player filling a top placing in the following selected events will be awarded (subject to having played prerequisite minimum number of boards) the corresponding number of qualifying points shown in the list below:

Daytime Teams Championship – first 30, second 20, third 10.

Swiss Pairs Championship – first 60, second 45, third 40, fourth 35, fifth 30, sixth 25, seventh 20, eighth 15, ninth 10, tenth 5.

Open Teams Championship phase one – first 60, second 40, third 30, fourth 20, fifth 15, sixth 10, seventh 5.

Open Teams Championship phase two – first 60, second 40, third 30, fourth 20, fifth 15, sixth 10, seventh 5.

State Teams Final – first 60, second 40, third 20, fourth 15.

SABF GNOT Qualifying Thursday nights - first 60, second 40, third 30, fourth 20, fifth 15, sixth 10, seventh 5.

State Pairs Championship – first 30, second 20, third 10.

Open Trials Qualifying – first 60, second 45, third 40, fourth 35, fifth 30, sixth 25, seventh 20, eighth 15, ninth 10, tenth 5.

Note: A pair finishing first, second, or third in the Open Trials Qualifying will be given automatic entry into the Open Butler Trials, provided that it nominates in the same partnership.

An additional 60 points for first, or 40 points for second, will be awarded to SA players who are members of teams that earn positions (1st or 2nd) at the **Autumn National Open Teams**.

An additional 60 points will be awarded to all members of the previous year's Open State Team if they came first at the **Australian National Championships**.

30 points will be awarded to Open, Women's and Seniors National Team members, provided that they have played in at least one SABF qualifying event. Further, points earned through membership of Women's or Seniors' National team can only be used towards qualification for the same State Team. Note: this only applies where the players have qualified for the National Team by coming first or second in a National Selection tournament.

Awards for all team events will be reduced by 20% for five person teams, and by one third for six person teams.

Qualifying points will only be awarded to players who meet the criteria detailed in clause 18.2.1.

To be eligible for the Open Butler Trials a player must earn sufficient qualifying points in that year's selected events to be ranked at least 42nd on the basis of these points. Should there be less than 12 pairs nominating in any year the SABF Management Committee may extend the minimum ranking required for player eligibility.

If there is a tie for the last berth to gain entry into the Open Butler Trials, then it shall be broken by applying the following criteria, in order, from the respective pairs' results in the selected events for that year, until the tie is broken.

- Total qualifying points of the nominating pairs
- Number of first placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team-mates.
- Number of second placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team-mates.
- Number of third placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team-mates.
- Number of fourth placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team-mates.
- Number of fifth placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team-mates.
- Doubling the qualifying points earned in the Butler Trials Qualifying.
- By lot.

The selected Open State Team shall consist of the three highest placed pairs from the Open Butler trials who are available for the team.

20 SABF SPECIAL EVENTS

20.1 GNOT – Open and Regional State Finals

20.1.1 Event Format – Open GNOT Qualifying

To be conducted as a Swiss Teams event over 5 Thursday nights to qualify teams for the GNOT National Finals. The number of places available depends on total entries, and currently stands at two, with the qualifying places being awarded to the highest placed teams at the conclusion of the event. If a qualifying team is not available to take up its place in the finals, the place is offered to the next team in the final ranking, and so on, until two available teams are selected.

20.1.2 Club Qualifying events for the GNOT Regional Final

The other SABF GNOT Qualifying event will be for regular players for clubs other than SA Bridge, also for players with less than 500 masterpoints. Further, club representatives from the metropolitan area (i.e. not Gawler) must have less than 1500 masterpoints, however these players are allowed to play in their local club qualifying sessions. A team of all youth players will be permitted to attend, whilst players from two or more country clubs will also be permitted to enter a combined team. Clubs that don't hold qualifying sessions will be permitted to have at most one team in the State Final, others can have up to 40% representation, i.e. 2 teams for each five tables.

The type of qualifying event is the responsibility of the club, but must meet the masterpoint requirements of the GNOT. There will be an entry fee payable to the SABF for each team playing in the qualifying event.

20.1.3 GNOT Regional Final

The SABF will choose a Convenor for the Regional Final, who will then be responsible to the SABF Tournament Sub-committee

All registered members of the ABF are eligible to play in any number of qualifying events, however all members of a qualifying team for the Regional Final must be bona-fide members of the club that they represent. It is the responsibility of the club to impose any regulations with regards to membership of its qualifying teams.

Clubs that do not hold a Qualifying Event will be entitled to just one place in the Final, while clubs that hold such events will be entitled to a minimum of two places, and up to 40% (rounded up) of the number of teams that played in the Qualifier. The convenor may then add a further team to provide an even number of contestants.

Players with less than 500 masterpoints at June 30th will also be permitted to form teams and compete, and even win, this competition.

Prior to the start of play contestants will need to indicate whether their team is contending, i.e. if they win, whether or not they intend to take the position in the National final.

Subsequently the winning team may add eligible players, however only one player may be replaced, except in exceptional circumstances in which case the approval of the SABF Committee will be required.

Should the first placed team withdraw then the position will be offered to contending teams in order of placing until one agrees to participate.

The SABF will meet the cost of entry into the National Final for the representative team.

20.1.4 Player Eligibility for GNOT Qualifying Events.

All contestants in GNOT Qualifying Events must be registered with the ABF. Players who have already qualified for the National Final cannot play in subsequent Qualifying Competitions.

20.2 Daytime Teams Championship

This event is conducted on Wednesday mornings at SA Bridge, and gets State competition masterpoints at 75% of the full rate. Entry is restricted to an even number of teams, with the format being either a round robin, if 10 teams or less (with three shorter matches on the first day, and two per day thereafter), or else a Swiss teams, two 14 board matches each session. At the conclusion of the round robin the top four teams compete in the Finals, as follows:

Week 1 1st versus 2nd, 3rd versus 4th.

Week 2 loser of 1st v 2nd versus the winner of 3rd v 4th

Weeks 3 and 4. Winner of 1st v 2nd versus the winner from week 2

28 boards are played each day of the Finals.

Open Playoff Points are awarded for this competition.

20.3 Mixed and Seniors' Pairs Championship

To be conducted as one day matchpoint Swiss Pairs competitions. A Restricted event will be held if there are a sufficient number of entries. The field is not to be divided during the day's play..

21 APPENDICES

21.1 Teams VP Scales from January 1st 2014

Teams VP Scales from January 1 st 2014									
	Boards per Match								
Margin	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	16
0	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1	10.50	10.47	10.44	10.41	10.39	10.37	10.36	10.33	10.31
2	10.99	10.92	10.86	10.81	10.77	10.74	10.71	10.66	10.61
3	11.46	11.35	11.27	11.20	11.14	11.09	11.05	10.97	10.91
4	11.90	11.77	11.67	11.58	11.50	11.43	11.38	11.28	11.20
5	12.33	12.18	12.05	11.94	11.85	11.77	11.70	11.58	11.48
6	12.75	12.57	12.42	12.29	12.18	12.09	12.01	11.87	11.76
7	13.15	12.94	12.77	12.63	12.51	12.41	12.31	12.16	12.03
8	13.53	13.31	13.12	12.96	12.83	12.71	12.61	12.43	12.29
9	13.90	13.65	13.45	13.28	13.14	13.01	12.90	12.71	12.55
10	14.25	13.99	13.78	13.59	13.43	13.30	13.18	12.97	12.80
11	14.59	14.32	14.09	13.89	13.72	13.58	13.45	13.23	13.04
12	14.92	14.63	14.39	14.18	14.00	13.85	13.71	13.48	13.28
13	15.24	14.93	14.68	14.46	14.28	14.11	13.97	13.72	13.52
14	15.54	15.22	14.96	14.74	14.54	14.37	14.22	13.96	13.74
15	15.83	15.50	15.23	15.00	14.80	14.62	14.46	14.19	13.97
16	16.11	15.78	15.50	15.26	15.05	14.86	14.70	14.42	14.18
17	16.38	16.04	15.75	15.50	15.29	15.10	14.93	14.64	14.39
18	16.64	16.29	16.00	15.74	15.52	15.33	15.15	14.85	14.60
19	16.89	16.53	16.23	15.97	15.75	15.55	15.37	15.06	14.80
20	17.12	16.77	16.46	16.20	15.97	15.76	15.58	15.26	15.00
21	17.35	16.99	16.68	16.42	16.18	15.97	15.79	15.46	15.19
22	17.58	17.21	16.90	16.63	16.39	16.18	15.99	15.66	15.38
23	17.79	17.42	17.11	16.83	16.59	16.37	16.18	15.85	15.56
24	17.99	17.62	17.31	17.03	16.78	16.57	16.37	16.03	15.74
25	18.19	17.82	17.50	17.22	16.97	16.75	16.55	16.21	15.92
26	18.38	18.01	17.69	17.41	17.16	16.93	16.73	16.38	16.09
27	18.56	18.19	17.87	17.59	17.33	17.11	16.91	16.55	16.25
28	18.73	18.36	18.04	17.76	17.51	17.28	17.08	16.72	16.42
29	18.90	18.53	18.21	17.93	17.67	17.45	17.24	16.88	16.58
30	19.06	18.69	18.37	18.09	17.84	17.61	17.40	17.04	16.73
31	19.22	18.85	18.53	18.25	17.99	17.77	17.56	17.19	16.88
32	19.37	19.00	18.68	18.40	18.15	17.92	17.71	17.34	17.03
33	19.51	19.15	18.83	18.55	18.30	18.07	17.86	17.49	17.17
34	19.65	19.29	18.97	18.69	18.44	18.21	18.00	17.63	17.31
35	19.78	19.43	19.11	18.83	18.58	18.35	18.14	17.77	17.45
36	19.91	19.56	19.24	18.97	18.71	18.48	18.28	17.90	17.59
37	20.00	19.68	19.37	19.10	18.84	18.62	18.41	18.04	17.72
38		19.80	19.50	19.22	18.97	18.74	18.54	18.16	17.84
39		19.92	19.62	19.34	19.10	18.87	18.66	18.29	17.97
40		20.00	19.73	19.46	19.22	18.99	18.78	18.41	18.09
41			19.85	19.58	19.33	19.11	18.90	18.53	18.21
42			19.95	19.69	19.44	19.22	19.01	18.65	18.33
43			20.00	19.80	19.55	19.33	19.13	18.76	18.44
44				19.90	19.66	19.44	19.23	18.87	18.55
45				20.00	19.76	19.54	19.34	18.98	18.66

46					19.86	19.64	19.44	19.08	18.76
47					19.96	19.74	19.54	19.18	18.87
48					20.00	19.84	19.64	19.28	18.97
49						19.93	19.73	19.38	19.06
50						20.00	19.83	19.47	19.16
51							19.92	19.56	19.25
52							20.00	19.65	19.34
53								19.74	19.43
54								19.83	19.52
55								19.91	19.60
56								19.99	19.69
57								20.00	19.77
58									19.85
59									19.92
60									20.00

21.2 ABF Butler VP scales from 01/10/2019

IMP diff	# boards						
	14	12	11	10	9	8	7
0	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1	10.30	10.33	10.34	10.35	10.36	10.39	10.41
2	10.60	10.66	10.68	10.70	10.72	10.78	10.82
3	10.90	10.99	11.02	11.05	11.08	11.17	11.23
4	11.20	11.32	11.36	11.40	11.44	11.56	11.64
5	11.50	11.65	11.70	11.75	11.80	11.95	12.05
6	11.80	11.98	12.04	12.10	12.16	12.34	12.46
7	12.10	12.31	12.38	12.45	12.52	12.73	12.87
8	12.40	12.64	12.72	12.80	12.88	13.12	13.28
9	12.70	12.97	13.06	13.15	13.24	13.51	13.69
10	13.00	13.30	13.40	13.50	13.60	13.90	14.10
11	13.30	13.63	13.74	13.85	13.95	14.29	14.51
12	13.60	13.96	14.08	14.20	14.30	14.58	14.82
13	13.90	14.29	14.37	14.45	14.65	14.87	15.13
14	14.20	14.62	14.66	14.70	15.00	15.16	15.44
15	14.42	14.84	14.90	14.95	15.25	15.45	15.75
16	14.64	15.06	15.13	15.20	15.50	15.74	16.06
17	14.86	15.28	15.36	15.44	15.75	16.03	16.37
18	15.08	15.50	15.59	15.68	16.00	16.32	16.68
19	15.30	15.72	15.72	15.92	16.25	16.61	16.99
20	15.52	15.94	16.05	16.16	16.50	16.90	17.30
21	15.74	16.16	16.28	16.40	16.75	17.19	17.60
22	15.96	16.38	16.51	16.64	17.00	17.48	17.90
23	16.18	16.60	16.74	16.88	17.25	17.76	18.20
24	16.40	16.82	16.97	17.12	17.50	18.04	18.50
25	16.62	17.04	17.20	17.36	17.75	18.32	18.80
26	16.84	17.26	17.43	17.60	18.00	18.60	19.10
27	17.06	17.48	17.66	17.84	18.25	18.88	19.40
28	17.27	17.69	17.89	18.08	18.50	19.16	19.70
29	17.48	17.90	18.11	18.32	18.75	19.44	20.00
30	17.69	18.11	18.34	18.56	19.00	19.72	

31	17.90	18.32	18.56	18.80	19.25	20.00		
32	18.11	18.53	18.79	19.04	19.50			
33	18.32	18.74	19.01	19.28	19.75			
34	18.53	18.95	19.23	19.52	20.00			
35	18.74	19.16	19.46	19.76				
36	18.95	19.37	19.68	20.00				
37	19.16	19.58	19.84					
38	19.37	19.79	20.00					
39	19.58	20.00						
40	19.79							
41	20.00							

21.3 Six Board Teams Matches

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	8	13.53	16	16.11	24	17.99	32	19.37
1	10.50	9	13.90	17	16.38	25	18.19	33	19.51
2	10.99	10	14.25	18	16.64	26	18.38	34	19.65
3	11.46	11	14.59	19	16.89	27	18.56	35	19.78
4	11.90	12	14.92	20	17.12	28	18.73	36	19.91
5	12.33	13	15.24	21	17.35	29	18.90	37	20.00
6	12.75	14	15.54	22	17.58	30	19.06		
7	13.15	15	15.83	23	17.79	31	19.22		

21.4 Seven Board Teams

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	9	13.65	18	16.29	27	18.19	36	19.56
1	10.47	10	13.99	19	16.53	28	18.36	37	19.68
2	10.92	11	14.32	20	16.77	29	18.53	38	19.80
3	11.35	12	14.63	21	16.99	30	18.69	39	19.92
4	11.77	13	14.93	22	17.21	31	18.85	40	20.00
5	12.18	14	15.22	23	17.42	32	19.00		
6	12.57	15	15.50	24	17.62	33	19.15		
7	12.94	16	15.78	25	17.82	34	19.29		
8	13.31	17	16.04	26	18.01	35	19.43		

21.5 Eight Board Teams

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	9	13.45	18	16.00	27	17.87	36	19.24
1	10.44	10	13.78	19	16.23	28	18.04	37	19.37
2	10.86	11	14.09	20	16.46	29	18.21	38	19.50
3	11.27	12	14.39	21	16.68	30	18.37	39	19.62
4	11.67	13	14.68	22	16.90	31	18.53	40	19.73
5	12.05	14	14.96	23	17.11	32	18.68	41	19.85
6	12.42	15	15.23	24	17.31	33	18.83	42	19.95
7	12.77	16	15.50	25	17.50	34	18.97	43	20.00
8	13.12	17	15.75	26	17.69	35	19.11		

21.6 Nine Board Teams

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	10	13.59	20	16.20	30	18.09	40	19.46
1	10.41	11	13.89	21	16.42	31	18.25	41	19.58
2	10.81	12	14.18	22	16.63	32	18.40	42	19.69
3	11.20	13	14.46	23	16.83	33	18.55	43	19.80
4	11.58	14	14.74	24	17.03	34	18.69	44	19.90
5	11.94	15	15.00	25	17.22	35	18.83	45	20.00
6	12.29	16	15.26	26	17.41	36	18.97		
7	12.63	17	15.50	27	17.59	37	19.10		
8	12.96	18	15.74	28	17.76	38	19.22		
9	13.28	19	15.97	29	17.93	39	19.34		

21.7 Ten Board Teams

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	10	13.43	20	15.97	30	17.84	40	19.22
1	10.39	11	13.72	21	16.18	31	17.99	41	19.33
2	10.77	12	14.00	22	16.39	32	18.15	42	19.44
3	11.14	13	14.28	23	16.59	33	18.30	43	19.55
4	11.50	14	14.54	24	16.78	34	18.44	44	19.66
5	11.85	15	14.80	25	16.97	35	18.58	45	19.76
6	12.18	16	15.05	26	17.16	36	18.71	46	19.86
7	12.51	17	15.29	27	17.33	37	18.84	47	19.96
8	12.83	18	15.52	28	17.51	38	18.97	48	20.00
9	13.14	19	15.75	29	17.67	39	19.10		

21.8 11 Board Teams Matches

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	11	13.58	22	16.18	33	18.07	44	19.44
1	10.37	12	13.85	23	16.37	34	18.21	45	19.54
2	10.74	13	14.11	24	16.57	35	18.35	46	19.64
3	11.09	14	14.37	25	16.75	36	18.48	47	19.74
4	11.43	15	14.62	26	16.93	37	18.62	48	19.84
5	11.77	16	14.86	27	17.11	38	18.74	49	19.93
6	12.09	17	15.10	28	17.28	39	18.87	50	20.00
7	12.41	18	15.33	29	17.45	40	18.99		
8	12.71	19	15.55	30	17.61	41	19.11		
9	13.01	20	15.76	31	17.77	42	19.22		
10	13.30	21	15.97	32	17.92	43	19.33		

21.9 Twelve Board Teams

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	11	13.45	22	15.99	33	17.86	44	19.23
1	10.36	12	13.71	23	16.18	34	18.00	45	19.34
2	10.71	13	13.97	24	16.37	35	18.14	46	19.44
3	11.05	14	14.22	25	16.55	36	18.28	47	19.54
4	11.38	15	14.46	26	16.73	37	18.41	48	19.64
5	11.70	16	14.70	27	16.91	38	18.54	49	19.73
6	12.01	17	14.93	28	17.08	39	18.66	50	19.83
7	12.31	18	15.15	29	17.24	40	18.78	51	19.92
8	12.61	19	15.37	30	17.40	41	18.90	52	20.00
9	12.90	20	15.58	31	17.56	42	19.01		
10	13.18	21	15.79	32	17.71	43	19.13		

21.10 Fourteen Board Teams Matches, Twenty Board Butler VP Scale

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	12	13.48	24	16.03	36	17.90	48	19.28
1	10.33	13	13.72	25	16.21	37	18.04	49	19.38
2	10.66	14	13.96	26	16.38	38	18.16	50	19.47
3	10.97	15	14.19	27	16.55	39	18.29	51	19.56
4	11.28	16	14.42	28	16.72	40	18.41	52	19.65
5	11.58	17	14.64	29	16.88	41	18.53	53	19.74
6	11.87	18	14.85	30	17.04	42	18.65	54	19.83
7	12.16	19	15.06	31	17.19	43	18.76	55	19.91
8	12.43	20	15.26	32	17.34	44	18.87	56	19.99
9	12.71	21	15.46	33	17.49	45	18.98	57	20.00
10	12.97	22	15.66	34	17.63	46	19.08		
11	13.23	23	15.85	35	17.77	47	19.18		

21.11 Fifteen Board Teams Matches VP Scale

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	12	13.38	24	15.88	36	17.74	48	19.12
1	10.32	13	13.61	25	16.06	37	17.87	49	19.22
2	10.63	14	13.85	26	16.23	38	18.00	50	19.31
3	10.94	15	14.07	27	16.40	39	18.12	51	19.40
4	11.24	16	14.29	28	16.56	40	18.25	52	19.49
5	11.53	17	14.51	29	16.72	41	18.36	53	19.58
6	11.81	18	14.72	30	16.88	42	18.48	54	19.67
7	12.09	19	14.93	31	17.03	43	18.59	55	19.75
8	12.36	20	15.13	32	17.18	44	18.70	56	19.83
9	12.62	21	15.32	33	17.33	45	18.81	57	19.91
10	12.88	22	15.51	34	17.47	46	18.92	58	19.99
11	13.13	23	15.70	35	17.60	47	19.02	59	20.00

21.12 Sixteen Board Teams Matches VP Scale

Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS	Margin	VPS
0	10.00	13	13.52	26	16.09	39	17.97	52	19.34
1	10.31	14	13.74	27	16.25	40	18.09	53	19.43
2	10.61	15	13.97	28	16.42	41	18.21	54	19.52
3	10.91	16	14.18	29	16.58	42	18.33	55	19.60
4	11.20	17	14.39	30	16.73	43	18.44	56	19.69
5	11.48	18	14.60	31	16.88	44	18.55	57	19.77
6	11.76	19	14.80	32	17.03	45	18.66	58	19.85
7	12.03	20	15.00	33	17.17	46	18.76	59	19.92
8	12.29	21	15.19	34	17.31	47	18.87	60	20.00
9	12.55	22	15.38	35	17.45	48	18.97		
10	12.80	23	15.56	36	17.59	49	19.06		
11	13.04	24	15.74	37	17.72	50	19.16		
12	13.28	25	15.92	38	17.84	51	19.25		

21.13 Matchpoint Swiss Pairs VP Scales

VP scales for pairs matches: normally only used in Swiss pairs VP								
Matches of 4 boards or fewer	5-6 boards	7-9 boards	10-13 boards	14-19 boards	20-27 boards	28-39 boards	40-55 boards	
% of available match points not exceeding								
10 – 10	50.92	50.78	50.65	50.54	50.45	50.38	50.32	50.27
11 – 9	52.80	52.39	51.98	51.65	51.38	51.16	50.97	50.81
12 – 8	54.71	54.02	53.33	52.78	52.32	51.94	51.63	51.37
13 – 7	56.70	55.72	54.74	53.95	53.30	52.77	52.32	51.95
14 – 6	58.80	57.51	56.23	55.19	54.34	53.63	53.04	52.56
15 – 5	61.08	59.45	57.83	56.53	55.45	54.57	53.83	53.21
16 – 4	63.63	61.62	59.64	58.04	56.71	55.62	54.71	53.95
17 – 3	66.61	64.17	61.75	59.80	58.18	56.85	55.74	54.82
18 – 2	70.36	67.37	64.40	62.01	60.03	58.40	57.04	55.91
19 – 1	75.95	72.13	68.35	65.30	62.78	60.71	58.97	57.53
20 – 0	More than 75.95	More than 72.13	More than 68.35	More than 65.30	More than 62.78	More than 60.71	More than 58.97	More than 57.53

21.14 SABF APPEALS FORM

MATCH NUMBER _____ **BOARD NUMBER** _____

North _____

S _____

H _____

D _____

C _____

West _____

East _____

S. _____

S. _____

H. _____

H. _____

D. _____

D. _____

C. _____

C. _____

South _____

S. _____

H. _____

D. _____

C. _____

AUCTION (INCLUDING HESITATIONS AND BIDDING EXPLANATIONS):

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT DETAILS

DIRECTOR'S RULING

GROUNDS OF APPEAL

Signature of appellant _____

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Signature of Director _____

SUBMISSION OF RESPONDENTS (Including additional or disputed facts)

ARGUMENTS IN REPLY TO APPELLANT'S SUBMISSIONS

Signature of respondent
DECISION OF APPEALS COMMITTEE

Signature of Chairman
(Names of committee members, including any dissenting views)

21.15 Butler Round Robin Draw for Twelve pairs

Rd	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	Seed	Pair #
1	12	6	7	5	4	8	9	3	10	2	11	1	1	1
2	12	4	5	3	2	6	7	1	8	11	9	10	2	7
3	12	10	11	9	8	1	2	7	3	6	4	5	3	2
4	12	3	4	2	1	5	6	11	7	10	8	9	4	3
5	12	5	6	4	3	7	8	2	9	1	10	11	5	10
6	12	9	10	8	7	11	1	6	2	5	3	4	6	12
7	12	1	2	11	10	3	4	9	5	8	6	7	7	11
8	12	11	1	10	9	2	3	8	4	7	5	6	8	5
9	12	7	8	6	5	9	10	4	11	3	1	2	9	4
10	12	8	9	7	6	10	11	5	1	4	2	3	10	9
11	12	2	3	1	11	4	5	10	6	9	7	8	11	8
													12	6

21.16 Butler Round Robin Draw for Fourteen pairs

Rd	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS	EW	Seed	Pair #
1	14	2	7	6	9	3	10	1	4	12	8	5	13	11	1	10
2	14	5	10	9	12	6	13	4	7	2	11	8	3	1	2	8
3	14	13	5	4	7	1	8	12	2	10	6	3	11	9	3	11
4	14	12	4	3	6	13	7	11	1	9	5	2	10	8	4	3
5	14	6	11	10	13	7	1	5	8	3	12	9	4	2	5	6
6	14	7	12	11	1	8	2	6	9	4	13	10	5	3	6	4
7	14	3	8	7	10	4	11	2	5	13	9	6	1	12	7	14
8	14	8	13	12	2	9	3	7	10	5	1	11	6	4	8	1
9	14	9	1	13	3	10	4	8	11	6	2	12	7	5	9	5
10	14	11	3	2	5	12	6	10	13	8	4	1	9	7	10	9
11	14	10	2	1	4	11	5	9	12	7	3	13	8	6	11	7
12	14	4	9	8	11	5	12	3	6	1	10	7	2	13	12	13
13	14	1	6	5	8	2	9	13	3	11	7	4	12	10	13	12
															14	2

arrowswitch at half-way point in each match at Table