

Prize Money

The amount of prize money for Club events will be as decided from time to time by the Management Committee.

In the event of players being divided into sections, each section will be awarded prize money. In the event of a tie, the full prize money amount will be paid to each pair.

In sessions with 3½ tables or more - 1st and 2nd prizes will be awarded.

In sessions with 8½ tables or more in any section – 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded.

For less than 3½ tables only 1st prize will be awarded.

Club Championship Pairs and Novice Pairs

Format for the Championship Pairs and Novice Pairs is to be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Club Championship Pairs and Novice Pairs are restricted to home Club members.

To be eligible for the championship, the same pair must play in all sessions.

Club Championship Teams

Format for the Championship Teams is to be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Club Championship Teams are restricted to home Club members.

Teams may comprise 4, 5 or 6 players.

President's Trophy

Format for the President's Trophy is to be at the discretion of the President.

This event is restricted to home Club members.

To be eligible for the Trophy, the same pair must play in all sessions

Non-Playing Directors

Non-playing Directors will be appointed whenever possible for the following events:

Club Novice Pairs

Club Championship Pairs

Club Championship Teams

President's Trophy

GNOT Teams

Australia Wide Pairs & Queensland Wide Pairs

Other events as nominated by the Management Committee

Non-playing Directors will be paid a fee as determined by the Management Committee.



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Club Rules

COVID-19—Members must be conversant with and comply to the current Covid-19 plan during pandemic restrictions.

LAWS—All players must observe Law 74.

MOBILE PHONES—Must be switched off (unless prior approval from the Director).

SMOKING—Is not permitted in the building.

DRESS STANDARD—Respectable dress standards apply at all times.

SEATING—Players should be seated 15 minutes prior to the start of a session.

NOTICE BOARDS—No material to be posted on the notice boards without prior approval from the President or Secretary.

AIR-CONDITIONING—Any required alteration in temperature should be reported to the Director or President. No unauthorised person may adjust air-conditioner controls.

SYSTEM CARDS—A fully completed current ABF System Card is required for each pair at all Masterpoint sessions and Congresses.

COMPLAINTS—Any complaints (and accolades too) should be directed to the Director, President or Club Recorder and not discussed amongst members.

VISITORS—Permitted to pay Visitor session fee for up to 3 months without joining.

MEMBERSHIP—Members must immediately advise the Secretary of any change to their Membership details. Annual Subscriptions are due on 31st December and must be paid by 31st January.

PLAYING RULES

Players are expected to co-operate with Directors at all times.

Any infraction of the Laws including rudeness and unethical behaviour should be directed to the Director, President or Club Recorder and not discussed amongst members.

It is illegal for players to make rulings and apply penalties after an infraction instead of calling the Director. Players should not permit their opponents to make rulings at the table.

The ruling of the Director must be accepted without argument. However, if the Director's decision is disputed, players have 30 minutes after play ceases to lodge an appeal.

Averages may only be allocated by the Director.

Each pair may only have one average board (due to slow play) per session. Any other late boards will be allocated Average minus or zero matchpoints to the offending slow pair, with the opposition being given an Average or Average plus.

Players have 24 hours from when scores for a session are posted to bring scoring errors to the attention of the Director. Scoring errors made by officials may be corrected at any time up to the start of the corresponding session the following week.

Players should not move to the next table until the move has been called by the Director.

Players are expected to leave their last table and surroundings clean and tidy.

At the end of the session, the North-South pair is responsible for returning the boards and bridgemate while the East-West pair tidies their playing table.

BRIDGEMATES

Players must follow the Movement Director's instructions as to the use of Bridgemates.

Bridgemates should be operated in relative silence.

There should be no loud recitation of scores being entered or scores from other tables.

There should be no loud or prolonged discussion of scores or Post-Mortems.

TIME ALLOWANCE

Time allowed per board for a normal movement is 6 minutes plus one minute for the move.

Players should be conversant with start and finish times of all sessions and are expected to play all boards (emergencies accepted).

Day sessions should last around 4 hours (a break is included).

Night sessions should last around 3 – 4 hours (a break is usually included).

CLUB COMPETITIONS

General

Prior entry on the appropriate entry form with full payment of entry fee should be lodged with the Secretary by the closing date to ensure a place.

Conditions of entry, and in particular the scoring method to be used, must be determined prior to entries being accepted.

Club Championship Pairs, Novice Pairs, Championship Teams and President's Trophy are restricted to home Club members. All other events are open.

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Director.

Computer dealt hands are to be used in all Club competitions and events.

Members partnering a visitor are not eligible to win prizes.

No Club competition will be run with fewer than 3 full tables entered. Howell Movements shall be used when table numbers are less than five, particularly when a half-table is involved. Mitchell Movements may be used for five table movements if desired by the session Director.

In a two session event no substitute will be permitted.

In a three or more session event, one substitute will be allowed provided that the substitute is not a registered player in the event nor has substituted for any other player and is of a standard of play equal to or less than the player replaced.

If the substitute plays in the same partnership for two sessions (for any reason) he/she may become part of the original pairing at the discretion of the Director.

Players who fail to play all boards due to sickness or other valid reason will not be disqualified from the competition. Where a substitute is not available, unplayed boards will be scored as an Average minus or zero matchpoints to that pair, with the opposition being given an Average or Average plus.

Once the time allotted by the session Director for the playing of boards has expired, play shall not continue unless the opening lead has been faced.

In the event that a board has not been played, the Director will decide to allocate an average score to each pair or allow the play of the board at the end of the session.

