

## **INTERSTATE TEAMS SELECTION** **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS - 2017**

These supplementary regulations are to be read in conjunction with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations.

### **The Events and Tournament Structure**

The Open Interstate Teams Selection (OITS) is conducted in three stages, Qualifying (Stage I), Semi-Final (Stage II) and Final (Stage III).

The Women's Interstate Teams Selection (WITS) is conducted in two stages on a single weekend, a 1-day Qualifying event followed by a 1-day Final.

The Seniors Interstate Teams Selection (SITS) is conducted in two stages, a 1-day Qualifying event followed by a 2-day Final.

The Youth Interstate Teams Selection (YITS) is conducted as a single stage event with no pre-qualification.

All events will be independent and scheduled to allow players to compete in all events for which they are eligible.

### **Eligibility and Entry**

Only players who are permanent residents of NSW or who are *bona fide* members of a club affiliated with the NSWBA are eligible for entry to OITS Stage II, the WITS and SITS. Any question regarding a player's eligibility shall be decided by the NSWBA Tournament Committee. Such decision will be appealable to the NSWBA Council whose decision will be final.

All players currently listed as ABF registered players are eligible to play in the OITS Stage I.

Only registered players who are female may play in the WITS.

Only registered players who were born before the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1959 may play in the SITS.

Players born in 1991 or earlier may play in the YITS with the permission of the Youth Councillor. Only registered players who were born on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1992 are eligible for the Youth Team.

The Director may, at his discretion, allow a pair, which is ineligible for any reason, to play in one or more sessions to complete a movement.

Advance entry is required. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Director.

All players playing in the OITS Stage II must be eligible and available to play in the OITS Final and the ANC Teams Championship, should they so qualify. All players playing in the WITS/SITS Qualifying must be eligible and available to play in the WITS/SITS Final and the ANC Teams Championship. The ANC Teams Championship will be held in Canberra from 16 - 21 July, 2017.

Non-contending pairs may enter the OITS Stage I. The Director must be informed of the non-contending status at the time of entry.

Subject to ratification by the Council, the pairs who finish in the first three places in the OITS, WITS, SITS and YITS will constitute the NSW Teams for the current year's ANC Teams Championship.

A player who has qualified for a team becomes ineligible to enter the OITS Stage II or the SITS.

Members of each team may be required by the Council to take part in promotional activities as members of the NSW representative teams.

### **Entry Fees**

Entry fees for the various stages of each event will be set by a sub-committee comprising the Treasurer of the NSWBA and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee. Such fees will be subject to approval by Council.

### **Grants**

Grants to attend the ANC are set by the Council each year and vary depending on the venue. A policy of providing an additional small grant to representatives who compete in the NSWBA's Teams of Three Congress was introduced in 2015.

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### Responsibilities of ANC Team Members

Players making the teams are obliged to comply with all ABF regulations concerning the submission of their system that will be played at the ANC.

Unless representing Australia or NSW in Bridge, all team members are required to play in the NSWBA's Team of 3 Congress on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### Substitutions

Substitutes in all stages of all events must be requested in accordance with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, *i.e.* by submitting the online form at <http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/substitute.asp> at least 5 days in advance. In cases of sudden illness or real emergency, ratification may be granted in fewer days or even retrospectively, but players are warned that the Substitution Regulations provide for significant penalties if the Tournament Committee rules that a substitute does not satisfy the criterion of equivalent standard.

### Scoring

In the WITS and SITS Finals and all stage of the OITS, for the purposes of Law 12C, average plus and average minus will be set at +3 IMPs and -3 IMPs respectively. In the WITS and SITS Qualifying stages and the YITS, average plus and average minus will be set at +2 IMPs and -2 IMPs respectively.

### Systems

Yellow Systems are permitted only in OITS, WITS and SITS Finals.

### Time Limits

For each match in the OITS, WITS and SITS Finals, a total time limit of 7 minutes per board will be allowed. If the players have not removed their cards from the board after the allotted time has elapsed, that board and any other unplayed boards will not be played. Penalties for slow play will be:

1<sup>st</sup> offence: warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> offence: 3 IMPs; 3<sup>rd</sup> offence: 6 IMPs; 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent offences: 9 IMPs

Where more than one board is unplayed, an additional fine of 2 IMPs per board unplayed will be imposed on a pair determined by the Director to be guilty of slow play.

### Seeding

Seeding of fields, when required, will be done by a committee appointed by the Chairman of the NSWBA Tournament Committee and chaired by the Director.

### Replacement of Team Member

Replacement applies when a player (or pair) withdraws from the team after completion of the OITS, WITS or SITS Finals due to circumstances such as death, illness, unavoidable personal problems, refusal of Council ratification or any other reason. In such cases, the affected pair will be replaced by the highest ranked pair available. Should no pair from the relevant Final be available, the NSWBA Council may take whatever action it considers necessary to fill the vacancy created.

### Unauthorised Withdrawals

Before starting play in the OITS Stage II, the WITS or the SITS, all players will be required to sign declarations of availability encompassing the remainder of the event and all days of the target ANC. Subject to recommendations from the Rules and Ethics Committee and reviews from Council, any subsequent withdrawal will result in the offending player(s) being denied entry to all 2018 ITS events, as well as other possible sanctions.

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### OITS Stage I

Stage I will consist of three sessions as specified in the NSWBA Programme.

The entrants will be seeded into two fields, which will be the North-South and East-West fields, sitting in these directions throughout Stage I. Seeding will be made to ensure that, as far as possible, an equal number of non-contending pairs are in each field, and that the overall strength of the two fields is equivalent. Mitchell or Appendix Mitchell movements will be used, arranged so that each pair plays against as many of the pairs in the other field as practicable. The movement shall be arranged so that each pair plays all the boards used in a session.

Scoring will be by "IMPs-against-median". For each board, each pair's score is computed by comparing its score with the middle score (median) according to the IMP scale.

### OITS Stage II

The number of tables in Stage II ( $T_2$ ) and in the Final ( $T_3$ ), are dependent on the initial entry of contending pairs ( $T_1$ ) as follows:

Size of Stage I, $T_1$ , # contending pairs	Number of tables, $T_2$ , that qualify for Stage II	Matches in Stage II	Size of Final, $T_3$
42 <sup>+</sup>	12 tables (24 pairs)	3 weeks x (4 matches x 7 boards)	5 tables (42%)
<42	9 tables (18 pairs)	3 weeks x (3 matches x 9 boards)	4 tables (44%)

Stage II will be played over three sessions as specified in the NSWBA Programme. The pairs shall be seeded into two fields, North-South and East-West. Seeding will be made to ensure that the overall strength of the two fields is equivalent. Carry-forwards from Stage I will be one factor considered in seeding the fields. A Mitchell movement shall be played, using "IMPs-against-median" scoring, as for Stage I.

### Qualification to Subsequent Stages

#### OITS Stage II

- The  $T_2$  highest scoring contending pairs in each field shall progress to OITS Stage II.

#### OITS Final

- The  $T_3$  highest scoring pairs in each field (NS and EW) of OITS Stage II shall progress to OITS Final.

### Ties in OITS Stages I and II

If two or more pairs from the same field finish with the same IMP totals, their relative rankings for the purpose of progression to the next stage of the competition shall be determined, in order, by:

1. in OITS Stage I, where an incomplete movement has been used, determining the total IMPs of all their opponents. The pair with the highest total shall be deemed to have had the most difficult draw and shall be placed highest;
2. in OITS Stage II only, the pair with the lowest carry-forward shall be placed highest;
3. counting the number of boards on which each of the equally ranked pairs has scored a positive number of IMPs. The pair with the greatest number of positive scores shall be placed highest;
4. counting the number of boards on which each of the equally ranked pairs has scored a negative number of IMPs. The pair with the least number of negative scores shall be placed highest;
5. lot.

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### Unauthorised Withdrawals

Pairs who qualify from Stage II, but then declare themselves unavailable may be subject to disciplinary action from the Rules and Ethics Committee. They will be replaced by the highest ranked available pair from the same Stage II field as the withdrawal.

### Carry-Forwards - Stage I to Stage II

For an n-table Stage II, all pairs (irrespective of contending status) will be assigned a “raw” carry-forward of one-third of the difference between their score and the (n+1)<sup>th</sup> placed pair.

In the field (NS or EW) with the highest raw carry-forward, all the raw carry-forward scores will be factored down so that the leaders’ carry-forward is the same in both directions – again irrespective of the contending status of the leaders.

### Carry-Forwards - Stage II to Final

For an n-table Final, all pairs will be assigned a carry-forward of one-quarter of the difference between their score at the conclusion of Stage II and that of the n<sup>th</sup> placed pair.

### OITS Final

The Final stage will be played as specified in the NSWBA Programme. Session times will be advertised in advance.

A 4-table final will play 7 x 16-board matches. Matches 1-3 on Saturday beginning at 10.00 am, matches 4-7 on Sunday beginning at 10.00 am. Multiple arrow-switches will be used, so as to provide perfect balance each round as well as overall.

A 5-table final will play 9 x 12-board matches. Matches 1-4 on Saturday beginning at 10.00 am, matches 5-9 on Sunday beginning at 10.00 am. Matches will be arranged so as to balance the NS and EW fields evenly for each round.

Scoring will be by standard cross-IMPs. For an n-table Final, each pair’s score on a board will be compared with the score at every table and the sum of all the IMPs generated will be divided by n.

The scores for all matches will be calculated in total IMPs. Maximum wins are capped at 32 IMPs for 16-board matches and 30 IMPs for 12-board matches. Maximum losses are capped at 40 IMPs for 16-board matches and 36 IMPs for 12-board matches.

For the purposes of applying the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, each match in the Final Stage is considered a separate session.

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### Ties in the Final Stage

Should there be a tie for third place (including a three-way tie for second place, etc), rankings will be determined, in order, as follows:

1. The pair with the smallest carry-forward to the Final will be ranked highest.
2. Pairs will be ranked according to the number of matches won (a draw is equal to ½ win) - those with more wins being ranked above those with fewer.
3. The totals will be recalculated by successively deleting the worst result of each of the pairs still ranking equally.
4. The pair with the greatest number of IMPs scored from matches that involve only those pairs involved in the tie will be ranked highest.
5. By lot.

### Withdrawal of Pair during OITS, WITS and SITS Finals

If possible, a substitute pair of equivalent standard will be found. Neither the withdrawn pair nor the substitute pair will have any claim on qualifying for the ANC team.

Should no suitable substitute pair(s) be available, then:

- (a) if the withdrawal occurs before the start of the n<sup>th</sup> match of an n-table final, all scores involving the withdrawn pair will be expunged and all the remaining scores shall be recalculated for all matches.
- (b) if the withdrawal occurs later, all scores involving the withdrawn pair shall stand. Pairs yet to play the withdrawn pair will be assigned scores under Clause 13.9 of the NSWBA Tournament Regulations.

### Substitutions

Players who are competing in the NEC Bridge Festival in Japan will be allowed substitutions on nights for which that event clashes with the OITS Stage I, but should note that any such substitution must be approved in advance by the NSWBA Tournament Committee, as specified above. Any further substitutions will be deemed a breach of the NSWBA Substitution Regulations and may result in disqualification of the pair involved.

In the OITS Stages I and II, the standard NSWBA Substitution Regulations will apply, viz a maximum of two (2) substitutions in each stage. In the OITS Final, each of the matches will be treated as a separate session and the maximum number of substitutions allowed is two (2).

**WOMEN'S INTERSTATE TEAMS SELECTION**  
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WITS Qualifying

All entries must be received by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the event.

The Qualifying stage will be played over 2 sessions, as specified in the NSWBA Programme, and played in either one or two seeded fields as shown in the following table. If an odd number of pairs enter, the NSWBA will provide a house pair. The exact format and number of boards per round will be determined depending on the number of entries. The movements shall be arranged so that each pair plays all the boards used in a session.

# Pairs	Movement	# Matches	# Boards per match
9	Howell	9	6
10	Howell	9	6
11	Howell	11	5
12	Howell	11	5
13	Howell	13	4
14	Howell	13	4
15	Howell	15	4
16	Mitchell	8	7
17	Mitchell	9	6
18	Mitchell	9	6

# Pairs	Movement	# Matches	# Boards per match
19	Mitchell	10	6
20	Mitchell	10	6
21	Mitchell	11	5
22	Mitchell	11	5
23	Mitchell	12	5
24	Mitchell	12	5
25	Mitchell	13	4
26	Mitchell	13	4
27-34	Mitchell	14	4
35+	Mitchell	18	3

In the case of two fields, the basis of scoring will be "IMPs-against-median", as for OITS Stage I.

In the case of one field, for each board the average of the middle scores is computed as the datum for the board. The highest and lowest 10% of scores (0.5 rounded up) will be deleted before calculating the datum. Each pair's score on a board is calculated by comparing their score with the datum by IMPs.

The scores for all matches will be calculated in total IMPs with a maximum win being capped at (4 x n) IMPs and a maximum loss at (5 x n) IMPs, where n is the number of boards.

Qualification to the WITS Final

If played as one field, the top 8 pairs will qualify. If played as two fields, the top 4 pairs in each field will qualify.

Ties

If two or more pairs from the same field finish with the same IMP totals, their relative rankings for the purpose of progression to the Final shall be determined, in order, by:

1. where an incomplete movement has been used, determining the total IMPs of all their opponents. The pair with the highest total shall be deemed to have had the most difficult draw and shall be placed highest.
2. counting the number of matches won (a draw is equal to ½ win) - those with more wins being ranked above those with fewer.
3. counting the number of boards on which each of the equally ranked pairs has scored a positive number of IMPs. The pair with the greatest number of positive scores shall be placed highest.
4. counting the number of boards on which each of the equally ranked pairs has scored a negative number of IMPs. The pair with the least number of negative scores shall be placed highest.
5. lot.

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Carry-Forwards

If a Mitchell movement has been used, all pairs will be assigned a carry-forward of one-quarter of the difference between their score and that of the 4<sup>th</sup> placed pair in their field.

If a Howell movement has been used, all pairs will be assigned a carry-forward of one-quarter of the difference between their score and that of the 8<sup>th</sup> placed pair.

WITS Final

The Final will consist of 7 x 8-board matches beginning at 10.00 am. Multiple arrow-switches will be used, so as to provide perfect balance each round as well as overall.

Scoring will be by standard cross-IMPs. Each pair's score on a board will be compared with the score at every table and the sum of all the IMPs generated will be divided by the number of tables.

The scores for all matches will be calculated in total IMPs with a maximum win being capped at 24 IMPs and a maximum loss capped at 30 IMPs.

For the purposes of applying the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, each match in the Final Stage is considered a separate session.

Substitutions

In the 2-session WITS Qualifying, the maximum allowance is one (1) substitution for one (1) session. No substitutions are allowed in the WITS Final.

**SENIORS' INTERSTATE TEAMS SELECTION**  
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SITS Qualifying

All entries must be received by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the event.

The Qualifying stage will be played over 2 sessions, as specified in the NSWBA Programme, and played in either one or two seeded fields as shown in the following table. If an odd number of pairs enter, the NSWBA will provide a house pair. The exact format and number of boards per round will be determined depending on the number of entries. The movements shall be arranged so that each pair plays all the boards used in a session.

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13	Howell	13	4
14	Howell	13	4
15	Howell	15	4
16	Mitchell	8	7
17	Mitchell	9	6
18	Mitchell	9	6
19	Mitchell	10	6

# Pairs	Movement	# Matches	# Boards per match
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21	Mitchell	11	5
22	Mitchell	11	5
23	Mitchell	12	5
24	Mitchell	12	5
25	Mitchell	13	4
26	Mitchell	13	4
27	Mitchell	14	4
28	Mitchell	14	4
29-34	Mitchell	15	4
35+	Mitchell	18	3

In the case of one field, for each board the average of the middle scores is computed as the datum for the board. The highest and lowest 10% of scores (0.5 rounded up) will be deleted before calculating the datum. Each pair's score on a board is calculated by comparing their score with the datum by IMPs. The scores for all matches will be calculated in total IMPs with a maximum win being capped at (4 x n) IMPs and a maximum loss at (5 x n) IMPs, where n is the number of boards.

In the case of two fields, the basis of scoring will be "IMPs-against-median", as for OITS Stage I.

Qualification to the SITS Final

The number of qualifiers will be as follows:

# Pairs	#qualifiers	Qualifiers % of field	Matches in Final
16	8	50	7 x 14 bds
17	8	47	7 x 14 bds
18	8	44	7 x 14 bds
19	8	42	7 x 14 bds
20	10	50	9 x 12 bds
21	10	48	9 x 12 bds
22	10	45	9 x 12 bds
23	10	43	9 x 12 bds
24	12	50	11 x 10 bds
25	12	48	11 x 10 bds

# Pairs	#qualifiers	Qualifiers % of field	Matches in Final
26	12	46	11 x 10 bds
27	12	44	11 x 10 bds
28	12	43	11 x 10 bds
29	14	48	13 x 8 bds
30	14	47	13 x 8 bds
31	14	45	13 x 8 bds
32	14	44	13 x 8 bds
33	14	42	13 x 8 bds
34	14	41	13 x 8 bds
35+	14	≤40	13 x 8 bds



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Ties

If two or more pairs from the same field finish with the same IMP totals, their relative rankings for the purpose of progression to the Final shall be determined, in order, by:

1. where an incomplete movement has been used, determining the total IMPs of all their opponents. The pair with the highest total shall be deemed to have had the most difficult draw and shall be placed highest.
2. counting the number of matches won (a draw is equal to ½ win) - those with more wins being ranked above those with fewer.
3. counting the number of boards on which each of the equally ranked pairs has scored a positive number of IMPs. The pair with the greatest number of positive scores shall be placed highest.
4. counting the number of boards on which each of the equally ranked pairs has scored a negative number of IMPs. The pair with the least number of negative scores shall be placed highest.
5. lot.

Carry-Forwards

If a Mitchell movement has been used: for an n-table Final all pairs will be assigned an interim IMP score,  $I_n$ , of one-quarter of the difference between their score and that of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  placed pair in their field.

If a Howell movement has been used: all pairs will be assigned an interim IMP score,  $I_n$ , of one-quarter of the difference between their score and that of the 8<sup>th</sup> placed pair.

Each  $I_n$  score will then be converted to a  $V_n$  score (using the same IMP to VP conversion scale used in the SITS Final) and a carry-forward of  $V_n-10$  VPs assigned to each pair.

SITS Final

For each board, the average of the middle scores is computed as the datum for the board. Each pair's score on a board is calculated by comparing their score with the datum by IMPs. The highest and lowest 10% of scores (0.5 rounded up) will be deleted before calculating the datum.

The net IMP score for 10 board matches will be converted to Victory Points using the following scale.

IMP diff	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs	IMP diff	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs	IMP diff	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs	IMP diff	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs
0	10.00	10.00	10	13.50	6.50	19	15.92	4.08	28	18.08	1.92
1	10.35	9.65	11	13.85	6.15	20	16.16	3.84	29	18.32	1.68
2	10.70	9.30	12	14.20	5.80	21	16.40	3.60	30	18.56	1.44
3	11.05	8.95	13	14.45	5.55	22	16.64	3.36	31	18.80	1.20
4	11.40	8.60	14	14.70	5.30	23	16.88	3.12	32	19.04	0.96
5	11.75	8.25	15	14.95	5.05	24	17.12	2.88	33	19.28	0.72
6	12.10	7.90	16	15.20	4.80	25	17.36	2.64	34	19.52	0.48
7	12.45	7.55	17	15.44	4.56	26	17.60	2.40	35	19.76	0.24
8	12.80	7.20	18	15.68	4.32	27	17.84	2.16	36 +	20.00	0.00
9	13.15	6.85									

For the purposes of applying the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, each match in the Final Stage is considered a separate session.

Substitutions

In the 2-session SITS Qualifying, the maximum allowance is one (1) substitution for one (1) session. Each of the matches in the SITS Final will be treated as a separate session. The maximum number of substitutions allowed is two (2) for 12 or 14-board matches, or three (3) for 8 or 10 board matches.

**YOUTH INTERSTATE TEAMS SELECTION**  
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The event will be played over 2 sessions as specified in the NSWBA Programme.

All entries must be received by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the event.

The exact format of the event, the number of boards per match and the method of datum calculation on each board will be determined by the Director once the number of entries is known. The event will likely be played as a round robin or double round robin with Butler scoring, each pair's score on a board being calculated by comparing their score with the datum by IMPs. The highest and lowest 10% of YITS scores (0.5 rounded up) will be deleted before calculating the datum. The Director may also include scores from the Seniors' ITS Final and/or the Swiss Pairs Congress being run simultaneously, with relative weightings at the Director's discretion, in the calculation of the datum scores.

For matches of 7 boards or more, the net IMP score for the match will be converted to Victory Points using an appropriate WBF continuous VP scale as determined by the Director. For matches of 6 boards or fewer, the scores for the matches will be calculated in total IMPs with a maximum win being capped at  $(6 \times n)$  IMPs and a maximum loss at  $(7 \times n)$  IMPs, where n is the number of boards.

The pairs finishing first, second and third will constitute the NSW Youth Team. Should any such pair(s) be unavailable for any reason, invitations will be offered in finishing order to lower placed pairs, with the proviso that the invited pair(s) finished in the top half of the field. If the team is still incomplete, the Chairman of the Tournament Committee may select any eligible Youth players (not confined to those who played in the YITS) to complete the team. Any such selection must still be ratified by the NSWBA Council.

Substitutions

No substitutions are allowed in the YITS.