

***ANC BUTLER PAIRS - 2017  
NSWBA QUALIFYING EVENT  
Supplementary Tournament Regulations***

This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as amended and these Supplementary Regulations. In case of conflict between these Supplementary Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations shall apply.

**1 The Event**

1.1 The event will be held over four nights as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.

1.2 Two 14-board matches will be played each night.

1.3 The field will be seeded into top and bottom sections. In the first round, one pair from the top section will be randomly drawn to play against a pair from the bottom section. The draw for subsequent rounds will be on the single-field Swiss principle.

1.4 The draw for the last  $n/3$  rounds will consist of women's pairs playing each other, where  $n$  is the number of pairs entered in the Women's event. If  $n$  is odd, the lowest place women's pair will play a pair in the open field.

1.5 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum, calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores at all tables after eliminating the highest and lowest 10% of scores (0.5 rounded up).

1.6 IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the following VP scale.

IMP diff	VP Score	IMP diff	VP Score	IMP diff	VP Score
0	10.00 - 10.00	14	14.20 - 5.80	28	17.27 - 2.73
1	10.30 - 9.70	15	14.42 - 5.58	29	17.48 - 2.52
2	10.60 - 9.40	16	14.64 - 5.36	30	17.69 - 2.31
3	10.90 - 9.10	17	14.86 - 5.14	31	17.90 - 2.10
4	11.20 - 8.80	18	15.08 - 4.92	32	18.11 - 1.89
5	11.50 - 8.50	19	15.30 - 4.70	33	18.32 - 1.68
6	11.80 - 8.20	20	15.52 - 4.48	34	18.53 - 1.47
7	12.10 - 7.90	21	15.74 - 4.26	35	18.74 - 1.26
8	12.40 - 7.60	22	15.96 - 4.04	36	18.95 - 1.05
9	12.70 - 7.30	23	16.18 - 3.82	37	19.16 - 0.84
10	13.00 - 7.00	24	16.40 - 3.60	38	19.37 - 0.63
11	13.30 - 6.70	25	16.62 - 3.38	39	19.58 - 0.42
12	13.60 - 6.40	26	16.84 - 3.16	40	19.79 - 0.21
13	13.90 - 6.10	27	17.06 - 2.94	41+	20.00 - 0.00

## **2 Entry and Eligibility**

- 2.1 Every player must be an active member of the Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint system.
- 2.2 Players do not need to be members of the NSWBA.
- 2.3 To be eligible for the Women's event, both members of the partnership and any substitutes used must be female.
- 2.4 If an odd number of pairs enter, the NSWBA will provide a house pair.
- 2.5 Entries close at 10.00am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Late entries will only be accepted with the Director's permission.

## **3 Systems**

- 3.1 All systems will be permitted.
- 3.2 Pairs wishing to play a system classified as Yellow must submit a copy of the system to the Tournament Committee by Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- 3.3 Eligible pairs may claim protected pair status against Yellow Systems and Brown Sticker conventions.

## **4 Fees**

The entry fee as specified on the official brochure must be paid in full on the first night.

## **5 Substitutions**

Substitutions are to be in accordance with the standard NSWBA substitution regulations.

## **6. Tie-breaks**

Ties for the awarding of prizes shall be broken by successively applying the following procedures until a winner is determined:

- the total VP score of all opponents shall be determined. The pair with the highest total shall be deemed to have had the most difficult draw and shall be ranked highest;
- the pair with the greatest number of wins in VPs (a draw is equal to ½ win) shall be ranked highest;
- the pair with the greatest positive or least negative IMP difference shall be ranked highest, with the positive net IMPs in each match capped at 35 IMPs and the negative net IMPs in each match capped at 42 IMPs;
- in the case of two-way ties, the winner of the match between the two equally scoring pairs (if such a match occurred) shall be ranked higher;
- by lot.

## **7 Prizes**

- 7.1 First place in each field, Open or Women's, will receive a refund of their entry fees to the corresponding 2017 Open or Women's Australian Butler Pairs Championship in Canberra.
- 7.2 Winning players do not have to play as a pair in Canberra. If only one member of the partnership plays in Canberra, the prize to the other partner is forfeited.
- 7.3 Should neither member of the winning partnership accept the prize, it will be offered in turn to the pairs that run second and third.
- 7.4 The prize is forfeited if no player in the top three pairs accepts it.