

# **2021 VICTOR CHAMPION CUP FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE ONLINE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

## **1 General**

- 1.1 The Victor Champion Cup Festival of Bridge (VCCFB) comprises three events:  
Wally Scott Open Swiss Pairs (WSOSP),  
Victor Muntz Restricted Swiss Pairs (VMRSP),  
Victor Champion Cup Swiss Teams (VCC).  
The Swiss Pairs events will be held on December 2-3 and the VCC on December 4-5.  
These events are conducted by the Victorian Bridge Association (VBA) in conjunction with the ABF in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The competition will be held under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017. The ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) will apply as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations. In the case of any inconsistency, these Supplementary Regulations will take precedence.
- 1.3 The competition will be conducted on the RealBridge online platform. All events will be held on Normal mode.
- 1.4 Results on the RealBridge website are provisional only. The official results for the competition will be at TBA
- 1.5 Expressions used in these Regulations and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017). Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the ABF TR shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Regulations. In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning or the interpretation of the application of any regulation, the decision of the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) shall be final and conclusive.

## **2 Officials**

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser is Andrew Macready-Bryan.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Laurie Kelso.
- 2.3 The Reviewer is Matthew McManus.
- 2.4 The Review Consultants are TBA.
- 2.5 The Recorder is Chris Hughes.

## **3 Eligibility, Augmentation and Substitutions**

- 3.1 At the time of commencement of an event, each Australian resident entrant must be a financial member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and of an organisation affiliated to the ABF or to an Australian State Bridge Association. Overseas players become honorary members of the Foreign Players Club.
- 3.2 To be eligible for the VMRSP,
  - i) both members of the partnership must have fewer than 300 masterpoints as at 31-12-20;
  - ii) a player may not have won the VMRSP in a previous year;

iii) a player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction as the VMRSP or higher. Notwithstanding, a player who has already entered the VMRSP at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible for the VMRSP.

- 3.3 All players must individually meet the eligibility criteria to compete in events. This includes those events where players must be under the stated masterpoint range or age as of the dates specified. Masterpoints earned in another NCBO, irrespective of whether they have been transferred, shall be included for the purpose of determining a player's eligibility.
- 3.4 Overseas players may apply to enter events restricted by masterpoint status only if they are eligible to play in events with similar criteria within their own NBO. Entry to any such event will only be granted after the applicant's eligibility has been verified. The TO's decision in respect to such eligibility is final and not subject to appeal.
- 3.5 With the consent of the CTD, a team may augment until the conclusion of Match 4 up to a maximum of 6 players. Any player so added to the team must not have played previously in another team in the same event.
- 3.6 The CTD may approve a maximum of four substitutions per pair or team. In addition, the CTD may allow emergency substitutions for substantial cause and may impose any conditions in doing so and may take whatever other action is considered necessary to keep the tournament in motion.
- 3.7 To ensure the smooth running of the tournament, the TO may nominate a "house contestant" to compete in any event. The TO will make every effort to nominate eligible players, but is at liberty to nominate others in case of necessity. The conditions under which the "house contestant/s" compete will, subject to ABF TR 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD.

#### **4 Systems and Defences**

- 4.1 Subject to 4.3, GREEN and BLUE systems are permitted without restriction.
- 4.2 RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all events except for the VMRSP.
- 4.3 In the VMRSP, the CTD may also further restrict a pair from playing any method which the director judges may not be readily understood by a significant proportion of players in the field.
- 4.4 YELLOW systems will be not be permitted.

#### **5 Seating**

- 5.1 There shall be no seating rights in the VCC. Match-ups will be made as the players are seated at the starting time of each match. If a team has neither pair seated at start time, the CTD will randomly assign NS and EW to the two pairs. In the case of dispute, the CTD shall randomly assign directions to the four pairs in the match.
- 5.2 Once a match has started, a pair must continue to play at that table unless permitted by the CTD in the case of emergency or misadventure.

#### **6 Correction Period and Time of Appeal**

- 6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) and time for lodging a request for a review of a Director's ruling (Law 92B) expire 30 minutes after the conclusion of play on the day on which the relevant board was played.

## 7 Unplayed Boards

- 7.1 In the case of multiple unplayed boards where the Director awards an artificial adjusted score of average plus, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.
- 7.2 Where unplayed boards result in direct comparisons being available on fewer than one-half of the boards in the match, the match will be scored in accordance with ABF TR 15.1 (Forfeits).

## 8 Ties

- 8.1 Ties will be broken for first place only, in accordance with ABF TR 15, as described in the Appendices.

## 9 Event Formats

- 9.1 All events will be played as single field Swiss of 8 x 14 board matches, playing two matches per session.
- 9.2 Sessions on each day will commence at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm AEDT.
- 9.3 The draw for Round 1 will be random. Subsequent draws will be on the Swiss principle as determined by the RealBridge algorithm.
- 9.4 Swiss Pairs events will be scored by cross-IMPs with net IMPs in each match converted to Victory Points (VPs) using the ABF Scale for Swiss Pairs for 14 board matches.
- 9.5 Net IMPs in the VCC will be converted to VPs using the WBF continuous VP Scale for 14 board matches.

## 10 Playoff Qualifying Points

- 10.1 Eligible teams (and pairs in the WSOSP) are ranked for the award of Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP). Each eligible player in those teams (or pairs) receives an award as follows:

### 10.1.1 VCC

Place	1	2	3
PQP	18	9	4.5

- 10.1.2 To be eligible for PQP, a player must have played in at least four matches.

### 10.1.3 WSOSP

Place	1	2	3	4
PQP	12	9	6	3

- 10.1.4 To be eligible for PQP, a player must have played in at least four matches

- 10.2 Ties are not broken for PQP purposes. Any tied pairs or teams share the available points for the places involved in the ties.

## Appendices

## Tie-breaking

Significant ties are broken by (in order): sum of opponents' VPs, number of wins, net IMPs, lot.

## Calculation of multiple Average Plus awards during a session or match

Where the Laws require the Director to award an artificial adjusted score of average plus on more than one board in a session or match (as in the case of fouled or otherwise unplayable boards), the score awarded per board shall be:

IMP scored Teams events: an IMP score of  $3\sqrt{N}/N$

IMP scored Pairs events: an IMP score of  $2\sqrt{N}/N$

Matchpoint scored events: a percentage score equal to  $50 + 10\sqrt{N}/N$

where N is the number of unplayable boards.

In IMP scored events, the net IMPs in a match assigned due to these formulas will be rounded to the nearest IMP (0.5 IMPs rounded up).

In matches with multiple fouled boards resulting in the number of direct comparisons available being fewer than one half the number of boards, the match will be scored as a forfeit treating both units as non-offending. Forfeited matches are scored as 13 VPs for each side (assuming a 20 point VP scale is being used). Further adjustments at the end of the event may be appropriate in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulation 15. (<http://abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFTournamentRegs2021.pdf>)

The following table lists the IMPs to be assigned for each successive board in the case of multiple average plus boards:

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	IMPs assigned (Teams)	IMPs assigned (Pairs)
1	3	2
2	1	1
3	1	0
4	1	1
5	1	0
6	0	1
7	1	0