

ITS SWISS PAIRS - 2018

(Open ITS Stage II side event)

Supplementary Tournament Regulations

This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, 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 three nights, parallel to Stage II of the Open ITS event, as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.

1.2 Matches will be the same length as the matches in the OITS Stage II.

1.3 Pair numbers will be allocated randomly, from 1 to n. In the first round, Pair 1 will play Pair $n/2 + 1$, Pair 2 will play Pair $n/2 + 2$, etc. The draw for subsequent rounds will be on the single-field Swiss principle.

1.4 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).

1.5 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	12	14.20 - 05.80	24	17.40 - 02.60
1	10.35 - 09.65	13	14.47 - 05.53	25	17.66 - 02.34
2	10.70 - 09.30	14	14.74 - 05.26	26	17.92 - 02.08
3	11.05 - 08.95	15	15.01 - 04.99	27	18.18 - 01.82
4	11.40 - 08.60	16	15.28 - 04.72	28	18.44 - 01.56
5	11.75 - 08.25	17	15.55 - 04.45	29	18.70 - 01.30
6	12.10 - 07.90	18	15.82 - 04.18	30	18.96 - 01.04
7	12.45 - 07.55	19	16.09 - 03.91	31	19.22 - 00.78
8	12.80 - 07.20	20	16.36 - 03.64	32	19.48 - 00.52
9	13.15 - 06.85	21	16.62 - 03.38	33	19.74 - 00.26
10	13.50 - 06.50	22	16.88 - 03.12	34 +	20.00 - 00.00
11	13.85 - 06.15	23	17.14 - 02.86		

2 Entry

2.1 Players do not need to be members of the NSWBA.

2.2 If an odd number of pairs enter, the NSWBA will provide a house pair.

2.3 Entries close at 10.00am on the day of the first session. Late entries will only be accepted with the Director's permission.

3 Systems

3.1 No yellow systems are permitted.

3.2 Eligible pairs may claim protected pair status against 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;
- by lot.

7 Prizes

First placed pair receives \$120.

Second placed pair receives \$60.

Third placed pair receives 2 bottles of wine.