

ANC BUTLER PAIRS - 2016
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 Depending on the number of entries received, the event will be structured with separate Open and Women's divisions or as a single field.
- 1.3 Two 14-board matches will be played each night.
- 1.4 The field(s) will be seeded into top and bottom sections and one pair from each section will be randomly drawn to play against each other in the first round. The draws for subsequent rounds will be on the Swiss principle, having regard to 1.5.
- 1.5 Where the Open and Women's divisions are combined into a single field, the Swiss draw for rounds 7 and 8 will be modified so that, as far as practicable, pairs will be drawn to play opponents from their own division.
- 1.6 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).
- 1.7 Separate Open and Women's datums will be calculated if the event is run with separate fields.
- 1.8 IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the following VP scale.

IMP diff	VP Score
0	10.00 - 10.00
1	10.30 - 9.70
2	10.60 - 9.40
3	10.90 - 9.10
4	11.20 - 8.80
5	11.50 - 8.50
6	11.80 - 8.20
7	12.10 - 7.90
8	12.40 - 7.60
9	12.70 - 7.30
10	13.00 - 7.00
11	13.30 - 6.70
12	13.60 - 6.40
13	13.90 - 6.10

IMP diff	VP Score
14	14.20 - 5.80
15	14.42 - 5.58
16	14.64 - 5.36
17	14.86 - 5.14
18	15.08 - 4.92
19	15.30 - 4.70
20	15.52 - 4.48
21	15.74 - 4.26
22	15.96 - 4.04
23	16.18 - 3.82
24	16.40 - 3.60
25	16.62 - 3.38
26	16.84 - 3.16
27	17.06 - 2.94

IMP diff	VP Score
28	17.27 - 2.73
29	17.48 - 2.52
30	17.69 - 2.31
31	17.90 - 2.10
32	18.11 - 1.89
33	18.32 - 1.68
34	18.53 - 1.47
35	18.74 - 1.26
36	18.95 - 1.05
37	19.16 - 0.84
38	19.37 - 0.63
39	19.58 - 0.42
40	19.79 - 0.21
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 9th 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, 2nd 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 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 IMPs (a draw is equal to ½ win) shall be ranked highest;
- net 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.

6 Prizes

- 6.1 First place in each field, Open or Women's, will receive a refund of their entry fees to the corresponding 2016 Open or Women's Australian Butler Pairs Championship in Brisbane.
- 6.2 Winning players do not have to play as a pair in Brisbane. If only one member of the partnership plays in Brisbane, the prize to the other partner is forfeited.
- 6.3 Should neither member of the winning partnership accept the prize, it will be offered in turn to the pairs that run second and third.
- 6.4 The prize is forfeited if no player in the top three pairs accepts it.