

ANC RESTRICTED BUTLER PAIRS - 2024

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 online using the RealBridge platform over two nights as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.

1.2 It is a requirement that all players on RealBridge have working video and audio connections. Players may only turn off their camera with the permission of the Director. Players in breach of this regulation will not be eligible for any prizes.

1.3 A complete round robin playing 4 boards against every other pair will be played.

1.4 Scoring will be by cross-IMPs and calculated by the RealBridge software.

2 Fees

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

3 Entry and Eligibility

3.1 Every player must be an active member of the Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint system and a member of a club affiliated with the NSWBA.

3.2 Entries close at 10.00am on Tuesday 19th March. Late entries will only be accepted with the Director's permission.

4 Systems

4.1 Yellow systems and Brown Sticker conventions are not permitted. The Director may also prohibit the use of any Red system that he considers particularly unusual and requiring special defensive agreements.

5 Substitutions

Substitutions are permitted only in emergency and only to keep the movement going. Any pair that uses a substitute is ineligible to win any of the prizes offered.

6 Score Correction Period

The correction period ends at midday on the Thursday immediately following each session.

7. Tie-breaks

Ties for the awarding of prizes shall be broken by successively applying the following:

1. for ties involving 2 or more pairs, IMP the score on every board against all the other tying pairs. The pair with the greatest number of IMPs will be placed highest;
2. 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;
3. 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;
4. in the case of two-way ties, the winner of the match between the two equally scoring pairs shall be ranked higher;
5. by lot.

8 Prizes

8.1 Only players with a Home Club affiliated with the NSWBA are eligible to claim prizes.

8.2 First place will receive the ABF grant to attend the Restricted Butler Championships at the ANC in Orange on 13-14 July 2024. The winning pair must play as a pair in Orange. The ABF grant may not be claimed by any player who has won the grant previously. Such players may claim the prize for second place.

8.3 Second place will receive free entry to any restricted masterpoint event at the 2024 Spring Nationals in Sydney. There is no requirement to play with the same partner in the SN.

8.4 Third place will receive half-price entry to any restricted masterpoint event at the 2024 Spring Nationals in Sydney. There is no requirement to play with the same partner in the SN.

8.5 Any prize won by an ineligible pair will devolve to the next placed pair.