

DICK CUMMINGS BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

Supplementary Regulations 2000

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1. General

1.1 The Dick Cummings Blue Ribbon Pairs (DCBR) is conducted by the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) in accordance with ABF Tournament Regulations as modified by these Supplementary Regulations. In any case of conflict these Supplementary Regulations prevail.

1.2 The ABF Tournament Sub-Committee reserves the right to vary these Supplementary Regulations as appropriate for the actual entry to accommodate a third venue (the NSWBA), accommodate an expanded Final and/or ensure the event runs smoothly.

1.3 The venues are the Sydney Vista Hotel (V), York Street, Sydney and Lindfield Bridge Club (L) Lindfield.

1.4 The Tournament Conveners are J.Mottram & F.Budai.

The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) is R.Grenside.

The Director at L is Tony Howes.

The Appeals Committees are chaired by I.Dahler (V) & D.Stern (L).

The Tournament Committee is chaired by E.Ramshaw.

The ABF Tournament Unit representative is E.Ramshaw.

The Recorder is J.Mottram.

The Chairman appoints Appeal Committee or Tournament Committee members and is the sole judge of his committee's quorum.

1.5 In accordance with ABF policy, smoking is not permitted in areas defined by the Convener as the playing area, the scoreboard area, the Vista stairwell and any other designated area.

1.6 ABF System Regulations (as amended to May 1998) and ABF Alert Regulations (as amended to May 1998) apply.

2. Venues and Session times

2.1 Qualifying sessions are played at V and L; pairs may nominate either as their preferred venue. Places are allotted in order of receipt of completed entry with fees except as noted in #2.2.

2.2 The Seeding Committee may direct the venue at which specified pairs play to maintain the balance of the qualifying fields and sections.

2.3 The Final, Plate and A Consolation are played at V. All other consolations are played at L.

2.4 Sessions are:

Session	Day	Date	Time
Qualifying-1	Saturday	11th November	2.00pm
Qualifying-2	Saturday	11th November	7.30pm
Final-1	Sunday	12th November	10.00am
Final-2	Sunday	12th November	2.00pm

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Players resident in Australia must be financial members of the ABF Masterpoint scheme.

3.2 Players who are GNOT Losing Semi-Finalists may enter directly into the Final, provided:

they are playing with other GNOT losing semi-finalists

and

their completed entry form and full prescribed entry fee is handed to the Convener (or his nominee) within 15 minutes of the time scheduled for completion of the GNOT semi-final.

3.3 Entries for all other players close at 6.00pm on Wednesday 8th November, 2000. Late entries are accepted only at the absolute discretion of the CTD.

3.4. Entry Fees (incl. GST) are \$80.00/player except GNOT losing semi-finalists (\$40.00/player).

3.5 All entrants are required to participate in the Finals and Consolations; failure to do so may incur sanction as unauthorised withdrawals.

4. Seeding

4.1 The Seeding Committee appointed by The ABF Tournament Sub-Committee and chaired by Eric Ramshaw consists of at least four of the CTD, Chris Diment, Ross Folkard, Warren Lazer, Matthew McManus and John McIlrath.

4.2 The Seeding Committee seeds manually at least the top one-third of the entrants and seats these pairs in sections balanced as evenly as possible. The remainder of the field is seeded automatically on a Masterpoint basis.

4.3 The Seeding Committee determines the order in which field(s) receive any residual places for the Final generated by the rounding process in #8.3.

5. Format

5.1 Boards will be preduplicated across all sections and venues.

5.2 The qualifying stage consists in principle of 13 or 14 table Mitchell movements (using a Web movement to accommodate extra pairs) with 13 x 2 board rounds.

5.3 Each venue consists of two fields, NS and EW.

5.4 Scores are matchpointed across the entire field in each venue.

5.5 Individual score cards are provided for all pairs at the completion of play. All results are posted at all venues and on the ABF Web site.

5.6 The correction period for any session at any venue expires 30 minutes after the completion of that session. Results become official at the later of that time or immediately upon recalculation (caused by errors or appeals) of scores.

5.7 The venue at which players compete for Final or Consolation sessions is posted at all venues and on the ABF Web site.

5.8 Final (14 or 15 tables) and Consolation (in principle 14 tables) sections use Barometer scoring.

6. Qualification

6.1 The size of the Final depends on the number of GNOT losing semifinalists that are seeded into it as follows:

GNOT Pairs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Qualifying Pairs	28	25	26	25	24	25	24
Final Pairs	28	28	28	28	28	30	30

6.2 The number of pairs taken from each of the four fields is calculated as:

$$N = PF/Q$$

where

N = number of pairs taken from a specified field

P = number of qualifying pairs required for the Final section

F = total number of pairs taken playing in the specified field

Q = total number of pairs playing in that direction in the qualifying sessions

6.3 The value of N rounded to a whole number is published for each field by the CTD as soon as the number of GNOT losing semifinalists that must be accommodated is known.

6.4 There is no carryforward from qualification to final.

6.5 The Plate & A Consolation are 14 table sections, in principle.

7 Systems

7.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED but not YELLOW systems are permitted.

7.2 A pair playing a GREEN system throughout the qualifying sessions of the DCBR that has both players below National Master or one player below Local Master may apply to the CTD to be a PROTECTED PAIR identified by a BROWN sticker on the front of its system card. Pairs playing a RED system must revert to a GREEN or BLUE system whenever their opponents are a PROTECTED PAIR.

7.3 Each pair must describe its system on two copies of the current ABF Standard system card.

8. Prizes and Ties

8.1 The winner receives the “The Herald” perpetual trophy. Ties are split according to #8.6.

8.2 Cash prizes are awarded as:

Place	Final	Plate	A cons	Other cons	Best<1000	Best<500	Best<300
1 st	800	400	240	160	240	240	240
2 nd	480	200	160				
3 rd	320	100					
4 th	240						
5 th	160						

Ties are not split; the available prizes are shared equally among the tied pairs.

8.3 Prizes for restricted categories are awarded to pairs whose combined Masterpoint holding at 31st October 2000 is less than 1000, 500 & 300 MP.

8.4 A pair is entitled to win only the prize with the highest monetary value.

8.5 Any prize not awarded according to #8.4 devolves to the next eligible pair.

8.6 Ties for qualification or the trophy are split in accordance with Law 81 of the 1975 Code.

9. Appeals and Substitutes

9.1 The CTD may reverse any of his or his assistant's decisions.

9.2 Appeals must be made in the approved format within the correction period defined in #5.6.

When an appeals committee judges that an appeal is without merit it may award a disciplinary penalty on the scale specified in the Appeals Regulations, against the appellant's score.

9.3 In cases of emergency the CTD may allow a pair one substitute for one player for a maximum of one session. In such cases the pair retains rights to qualification, trophy and prizes. The decision of the CTD is not appellable.

10. Punctuality and Slow Play

10.1 Players must be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Procedural penalties for late arrival, expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible score on one board, are:-

from 5 to 10 minutes late 10%

from 11 to 15 minutes late 20%.

10.2 Procedural penalties, at the discretion of the Director, for slow play in a match-pointed event, expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible score on one board, are:-

First offence warning

Subsequent offences 10%.