

TASMANIAN GOLD SWISS PAIRS 2021 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The Tasmanian Gold Swiss Pairs (TGSP) comprises eight events: Welcome Open Matchpointed Pairs (WOMP), Welcome Restricted Matchpointed Pairs, (WRMP), Welcome Novice Matchpointed Pairs (WNMP), Tasmanian Gold Open Swiss Pairs (TGOSP), Tasmanian Gold Restricted Swiss Pairs (TGRSP), Tasmanian Gold Novice Swiss Pairs (TGNSP) and the Rookie Pairs - Sessions 1 and 2 (RP1 and RP2). These events are conducted by the Tasmanian Bridge Association Incorporated (TBA) in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations (ABF TR) as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations.
- 1.2 The venue is the Elwick Function Centre, Glenorchy, Tasmania.
- 1.3 Players must use the methods and equipment in the manner specified by the Tournament Organiser (TO). Players must record the score for each board after it is played and before the commencement of the next board. It is an offence to leave the table at the conclusion of a match without first confirming the completeness and validity of the data entered into the scoring unit. Every player present at the table is equally responsible for the accuracy of the scores.
- 1.4 Smoking is not permitted inside the venue, nor within 3 metres of any external door. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.5 Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing room during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty (see 5.3)
- 1.6 Mobile telephones, iPads, iPods and other electronic communication equipment must be switched off during session time. Breach of this regulation incurs a disciplinary penalty, after one warning (see 5.3)
- 1.7 Mobile telephones, iPads and other electronic communication equipment may not be consulted or used during the session, unless a specific exception is permitted by the CTD. Breach of this regulation incurs an automatic disciplinary penalty (see 5.3) in the first

instance. In the case of further breaches by the same unit, the CTD will assess a more severe penalty, which may include forfeiture or disqualification.

- 1.8 In all events, if the number of entrants is fewer than twice the number of rounds to be played, the modified Swiss format may be implemented (see Appendices). Alternatively, or in addition to, the TO may elect to combine fields in concurrently running events to ensure the efficacy of the movement and the validity of the competitions.
- 1.9 The TO may grant permission for still or moving photographs to be taken during the course of the event. Players may only refuse to be photographed for religious or cultural reasons deemed valid by the TO or CTD.
- 1.10 Expressions used here that have not been assigned a specific definition will be interpreted by referring first to the ABF Tournament Regulations, thereafter to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017, and finally to their ordinary English meaning. In the event of doubt or dispute, the decision of the CTD shall be final and conclusive.

2 Officials

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser is Katherine Marsden.
- 2.2 The Chief Tournament Director is Simon Edler.
- 2.3 The Reviewer is Phil Gue.
- 2.4 The Review Consultants are Jodi Tutty & James Coutts.
- 2.5 The ABF on site representative is Geoff Chettle.
- 2.6 The Recorders are Dallas Cooper & Hilton Francis.

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 to play in the WRMP or TGRSP, both members of the partnership must have fewer than 300 masterpoints as at 31-12-20.
- 3.3 To be eligible to play in the WNMP or TGNPS, both members of the partnership must have fewer than 100 masterpoints as at 31-12-20.
- 3.4 To be eligible to play in the RP1 or RP2, both members of the partnership must have fewer than 10 masterpoints as at 31-12-20.
- 3.5 Overseas players may apply to enter the events restricted by masterpoints 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.

- 3.6 A maximum of two substitutions per pair will be permitted in the TGOSP, TGRSP and TGNSP. 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 The TO may nominate a “house contestant” to compete in any event in order to ensure the smooth running of the tournament. The TO will make every effort to nominate eligible players. The conditions under which the “house contestant” competes will, subject to ABF TR 1.9, be at the discretion of the CTD.

4 Systems and Defences

- 4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in the WOMP and TGOSP. In the events restricted by masterpoints, only GREEN and BLUE systems will be permitted with the additional condition that 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.

5 Disciplinary and Procedural Penalties

- 5.1 In a Swiss movement penalties are included in the overall ranking, but the draw is determined by the scores excluding penalties.
- 5.2 The general provisions of ABF TR 10 concerning punctuality and slow play apply. The table of penalties is listed in the Appendices.
- 5.3 The disciplinary penalty for breach of regulations relating to smoking (1.4), consumption of alcohol (1.5) and mobile phones (1.6, 1.7) is 3 VPs.

6 Correction Period and Time for Requesting a Review

- 6.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) and time for requesting a review of a director’s ruling (Law 92B) for expires 30 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection, subject to 6.2.
- 6.2 In the TGOSP, TGRSP and TGNSP, if the following match is scheduled to commence within the period set in 6.1, the expiry time is extended to that of the next match. The Correction Period and time for requesting a review for the final match expires 15 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection.

7 Fouled and Unplayable Boards

- 7.1 In IMP scored events, where a single board is fouled, the board is scored by:
 - (a) treating the board as two separate entities and calculating separate datums after eliminating the two (4-6 results) or four (more than 6 results) extreme scores, respectively; or
 - (b) cancelling one or more of its results and awarding a score of 2 IMP to those contestants whose score was cancelled.
- 7.2 In Matchpoint scored events, where a single board is fouled, the assigned matchpoint score is 60% of the available matchpoints on the board awarded to both sides.

- 7.3 In the case of multiple fouled boards, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.
- 7.4 For boards on which a result is unable to be obtained and the Director awards an artificial adjusted score of average plus, the provisions of 7.1 to 7.3 will apply.
- 7.5 Where due to the fouling of multiple boards, direct comparisons are available on less than one-half the boards in the match, the match will be scored in accordance with ABF TR 15.1 (Forfeits), treating both units as non-offenders.

8 Ties

- 8.1 At the conclusion of each event, ties will be broken for first place in accordance with ABF TR 15, as detailed in the Appendices. Ties for other places will not be broken.

9 Event formats

- 9.1 **WOMP, WRMSP, WNMP** - These events will all consist of a single session of 27 boards, scored by standard matchpoint scoring.
- 9.1.1 In the event of there being insufficient entries to conduct viable movements, the CTD has the absolute discretion to combine fields from different divisions.
- 9.1.2 The session will run from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm on Friday April 9.
- 9.2 **TGOSP, TGRSP, TGNSP** - These events will each be played as a single field Swiss consisting of 11 x 10 board matches, played over 4 sessions.
- 9.2.1 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated as in 9.2.2 to 9.2.4. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the ABF Swiss Pairs VP scale for 10 boards, as detailed in the Appendices. Separate datums will be calculated for each event.
- 9.2.2 The datum will be the arithmetic mean of all the scores under consideration after eliminating the highest x/10 scores and lowest x/10 scores (0.5 rounded up) where x is the number of scores under consideration.
- 9.2.3 If there are fewer than 24 tables entered in an event, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables.
- 9.2.4 If 24 or more tables enter an event:
- For Matches 1-3, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at all tables;
 - For Matches 4-6, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top $n/2$ tables (0.5 rounded up), where n is the number of tables in play;
 - For Matches 7-11, the datum will be calculated considering the scores obtained at the top 12 tables.
- 9.2.5 In the event of there being insufficient entries to conduct viable movements, the CTD has the absolute discretion to combine fields from different divisions.
- 9.2.6 The starting time for both days is 9.30 am.

9.3 **RP1 and RP2** - These events will all consist of a single session of 21 boards, scored by standard matchpoint scoring.

9.3.1 RP1 will run from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm on Friday April 9.

9.3.2 RP2 will run from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm on Sunday April 11.

9.4 The time allowed per match or round will be announced by the CTD

Appendices

Penalties for Late Arrival, Slow Play, Failure to enter or check scores

0-5 mins	warning for first offence, then 1 VP (3 IMPs) for each subsequent offence
5-10 mins	1 VP (3 IMPs)
10-15 mins	2 VPs (6 IMPs)
15-20 mins	3 VPs (9 IMPs)
20-30 mins	5 VPs (15 IMPs)

For late arrival in excess of 30 minutes, the CTD may assess a more severe penalty including forfeiture of the match and/or disqualification from the event.

When boards are cancelled by the director due to a failure to complete them on time and a slow play warning has previously been issued to a pair, the following penalties may be applied at the director's discretion:

One board	1 VP (3 IMPs)
Subsequent boards	2 VPs (6 IMPs)

Should the players leave the table, when they have failed to enter one or more scores into the scoring unit or when an incorrect score has been entered and agreed, the following penalties may be applied to both pairs:

First offence	warning
Subsequent offences	1 VP per occasion

In matchpoint scored events, 3 IMPs is deemed to be the equivalent of 25% of a top.

Modified Swiss format

In events where the number of number of entrants is fewer than twice the number of rounds to be played, a round-robin or modified Swiss format will be implemented.

If the numbers are appropriate, a full round robin movement will be implemented.

Otherwise, a normal Swiss movement will be used up to and including Round 6 (out of 11 rounds). In subsequent rounds, the Swiss movement continues with all scores retained, but a unit may play another unit which it previously played in Rounds 1 to 5.

Tie-breaking

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

ABF VP Scale for Swiss Pairs - 10 boards

IMP diff	VPs		IMP diff	VPs		IMP diff	VPs
0	10.00 - 10.00		12	14.20 - 5.80		24	17.12 - 2.88
1	10.35 - 9.65		13	14.45 - 5.55		25	17.36 - 2.64
2	10.70 - 9.30		14	14.70 - 5.30		26	17.60 - 2.40
3	11.05 - 8.95		15	14.95 - 5.05		27	17.84 - 2.16
4	11.40 - 8.60		16	15.20 - 4.80		28	18.08 - 1.92
5	11.75 - 8.25		17	15.44 - 4.56		29	18.32 - 1.68
6	12.10 - 7.90		18	15.68 - 4.32		30	18.56 - 1.44
7	12.45 - 7.55		19	15.92 - 4.08		31	18.80 - 1.20
8	12.80 - 7.20		20	16.16 - 3.84		32	19.04 - 0.96
9	13.15 - 6.85		21	16.40 - 3.60		33	19.28 - 0.72
10	13.50 - 6.50		22	16.64 - 3.36		34	19.52 - 0.48
11	13.85 - 6.15		23	16.88 - 3.12		35	19.76 - 0.24
						36 +	20.00 - 0.00

Calculation of multiple Average Plus awards during a 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).

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

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	IMPs assigned (Pairs)	Percentage assigned (matchpoints)
1	2	60.00
2	1	54.14
3	0	53.18
4	1	52.68
5	0	52.36
6	1	52.13

Anticipated Finishing Times

The following time is provided solely as a guide to players and may change depending on event formats and other circumstances:

Welcome Matchpointed Pairs events

Friday, 5.20 pm

Rookie Pairs Session 1

Friday, 5.20 pm

Tasmanian Gold Swiss Pairs events and Rookie Pairs Session 2

Sunday, 4.30 pm