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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. These Regulations (the "Regulations") shall apply to all tournaments conducted by Bridge NSW Ltd (Bridge NSW) either alone or in co-operation with member or associated clubs (Clubs) or other bodies.
- 1.2. These regulations are to be read in conjunction with the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) Alerting Regulations, the Bridge NSW Substitution Regulations and the Bridge NSW Appeal Regulations.
- 1.3. Bridge NSW tournaments shall be played under The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge (the "Laws") as promulgated by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) and ratified by the ABF as supplemented by these Regulations.
- 1.4. Where a Bridge NSW tournament has Supplementary Regulations, they are deemed to be part of these Regulations. In the case of conflict, the Supplementary Regulations shall prevail.
- 1.5. In any session at a Club or at any Congress conducted by a Club under the auspices of Bridge NSW, the Tournament Regulations of that club shall apply. Where no such Tournament Regulations exist, Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13 of these Regulations shall apply.
- 1.6. No claim shall lie against Bridge NSW by reason of the conduct of any tournament pursuant to the Regulations.
- 1.7. Competitive integrity requires that every competitor in a Bridge NSW tournament try to do as well as possible in each round, match or section of each competition and every competitor is hereby required to do so. This Regulation is directed to intention. A breach of this Regulation will result in disciplinary action by Bridge NSW and the offence will be treated as a serious one. Intention will, for the purpose of assessing whether a breach has occurred, be inferred by Bridge NSW from the result obtained having due regard to all factors reasonably explicatory of such results. The criterion used will be "balance of probabilities" and not "beyond reasonable doubt".

2. COMMITTEES

- 2.1. The Board of Bridge NSW will annually appoint from a Chairman of the Appeals Committee, a Chairman of the Events Committee and a Chairman of the Rules and Ethics Committee.
- 2.2. The Appeals Committee
 - 2.2.1 The function of the Appeals Committee is to adjudicate all appeals from rulings of the Tournament Director(s) (the "Director") directing a Bridge

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NSW event.

2.2.2 The Appeals Committee must follow the procedures set out in the Bridge NSW Appeals Rules. No person interested in an appeal or reference shall be a member of the Committee that adjudicates it and "interested" as used in this clause shall mean a person who in the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee should reasonably be thought to be likely to obtain some benefit from the adjudication. Should this clause disqualify the Chairman he shall appoint an Acting Chairman.

2.2.3 All questions of law and/or of fact involved in appeals from Directors' rulings or otherwise arising pursuant to these Regulations shall be appealable to the Committee. There shall be no appeal from any decision of the Appeals Committee where duly constituted in accordance with these Regulations except as provided under Law 93C of the Laws. Any question raised in writing as to the due constitution of the Committee (no other form of question shall be permitted) shall be determined by the Board of Bridge NSW whose decision shall be final. If a Committee is found not to have been duly constituted its determinations shall be null and void and the appeal or reference shall be heard by a duly constituted Appeals Committee.

2.3. The Events Committee

2.3.1 The function of the Events Committee is (consistent with the Laws and the Regulations) to oversee the efficient conduct of Bridge NSW tournaments. It has no authority to take actions in any matter that is expressly the responsibility of the Director or the Appeals Committee under Laws or the Regulations.. Any question as to the jurisdiction of the Events Committee, either generally or vis a vis the Appeals Committee, shall be determined by the Board of Bridge NSW whose decision shall be final. The Events Committee is not an appellate body and may act on its own motion or initiative. (In the event of any inconsistency between this paragraph and the Terms of Reference for the Events Committee adopted by the Board of Bridge NSW, the latter shall apply).

2.3.2 The provisions of clause 2.2.2 above and the Bridge NSW Appeals Regulations in relation to procedures shall (*mutatis mutandis*) apply to the Events Committee.

2.4. The Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

The Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee is entitled to exercise the disciplinary powers of Bridge NSW except for those reserved to the Board of Bridge NSW by its Constitution but nothing herein shall negate the powers of the Director

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under Law 91 of the Laws. (See the Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations for further details).

3. DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF BRIDGE NSW

- 3.1. Subject to the rights of its members under the Constitution, Bridge NSW reserves the right in its discretion to reject the entry of any player, pair or team to a Bridge NSW tournament or to any session or stage thereof
- 3.2. In addition to or substitution for firstly the exercise of any power under the Laws as modified by the Regulations and secondly any other power referred to in this Regulation 3, Bridge NSW reserves the right to request a Club to take disciplinary action against any member of that Club as a consequence of events which may occur in a Bridge NSW tournament or in any international, interstate, interclub or other event where official representatives of Bridge NSW or the Australian Bridge Federation are playing.
- 3.3. Without thereby attempting to limit the matters which may give rise to the exercise of the disciplinary powers of Bridge NSW, any one or more of the following matters shall constitute an offence by a player, pair or team under these Regulations in respect of which Bridge NSW shall be entitled to exercise such disciplinary powers as it sees fit, namely:
 - (a) any serious breach of the Laws of bridge as set out in the Laws as supplemented by the Regulations;
 - (b) any behaviour in the course of a tournament which the Director or the Tournament Committee rules offensive;
 - (c) any unauthorised withdrawal from a tournament being a withdrawal for a period of any one deal or longer not approved in advance by the Director or the Tournament Committee or ratified thereafter by either of them in the case of accident or emergency. For all purposes under this paragraph (c) a pair may be deemed to have withdrawn from a tournament if both members of the partnership are not in attendance and ready to play every deal which they are scheduled to play at the time set down.
 - (d) any breach at any material subsequent time of the terms of any agreement or undertaking given by any player in a Bridge NSW selection tournament to Bridge NSW as a condition of entry thereto (including without limiting the generality of the foregoing a declaration of availability pursuant to clause 3.4 hereof), that in the event of there being any dispute of fact as to whether there has been such a breach the opinion of the Board of Bridge NSW shall

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prevail.

The Director and/or the Tournament Organiser are delegated during the tournament to exercise the disciplinary powers of Bridge NSW under this clause 3.3. except for paragraph (d) hereof.

- 3.4. It shall be a condition of entry to Bridge NSW selection events that:
- (a) unless otherwise specified in the Supplementary Regulations of such event, continuation beyond the first qualifying stage constitutes a declaration of availability to represent Bridge NSW in the target event;
 - (b) unless otherwise specified in the Supplementary Regulations of such event only members of Bridge NSW Clubs will be eligible to represent N.S.W.;
 - (c) selection as a N.S.W. representative depends upon subsequent ratification by the Board of Bridge NSW notwithstanding the results of such a tournament and that such ratification may be refused by the Board of Bridge NSW Council without any reason being assigned. Before a decision not to ratify can be put to a vote at a meeting of the Board, the player or players the subject of the motion to have ratification refused must be given an opportunity to be heard by the Board of Bridge NSW Council either in person or by written statement.

4. SYSTEMS

- 4.1. System Cards. Except for events where the Director determines that a system card is not required, each player shall have on the table during the periods of play a legible system card properly identified with their name and their partner's name. The system card shall be one approved by Bridge NSW; that is, one supplied by Bridge NSW or the ABF. The onus is on the pair to prepare an accurate and reasonably comprehensive system card. System cards should remain on the table during play.
- 4.2. System Classification. For the purposes of Regulation, the current classification of systems as adopted by the ABF. (introduced October 1, 2004) and as amended by the ABF from time to time, namely into Green, Blue, Red and Yellow Systems and Brown Sticker Conventions, shall be adopted also by Bridge NSW.
- (a) Yellow (Highly Unusual Methods)
 - (b) Red (Artificial Openings)
 - (c) Blue (Including strong 1♣/♦ openings)
 - (d) Green (Natural Openings)
 - (e) Brown Sticker Conventions (Calls that place demands on the

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opponents' defensive preparations)

- 4.3. A pair playing a Green system (without any Brown Sticker conventions) throughout an event, which has both of its players below National Master or one player below Local Master, may designate itself as a "protected pair". (A "protected pair" will be identified by means of an orange sticker attached to the front of its system card.) In events where the Regulations allow pairs to claim "protected pair" status, pairs playing Yellow systems conventions are required to ascertain before the start of each round whether their opponents are a "protected pair". If so, the pair playing the Yellow system must play a non-Yellow system for that round. In such cases the pair must provide a second system card detailing its non-Yellow system. Similarly, pairs using Brown Sticker conventions may not use them against a protected pair.
- 4.4. System Restrictions
- 4.4.1 Unless otherwise stipulated in the Supplementary Regulations of the event, all IMP scored events which have the status of State Championships shall not be restricted to any of the classifications described in 4.2.
- 4.4.2 Yellow systems will not be allowed in any matchpoint pairs event.
- 4.4.3 At other sessions receiving Red Masterpoints and at Congress events, all systems will be permitted, but pairs satisfying the conditions outlined in clause 4.3 may designate themselves as "protected pairs".
- 4.4.4 At all other sessions, Yellow systems will not be permitted.
- 4.4.5 The Events Committee may further regulate the use of systems at any session as it deems appropriate.
- 4.5. Yellow systems
- 4.5.1 Any pair wishing to play a Yellow system must submit an appropriate system summary in electronic format to the Tournament Committee at least seven days before the session in which it wishes to play the system. On submission, the system summary will be dated and posted on the Bridge NSW website and a copy entered in the Systems File kept for the purpose of advising potential opponents of Yellow systems. The pair must ensure that a copy of the system summary is in the Systems File immediately prior to the start of any event in which the system will be played.
- 4.5.2 Pairs playing a Yellow system must supply their opponents with two copies of a written defence. Such defence must include actions and subsequent continuations over any and all opening calls that make the system Yellow.

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It must be concise and legible (so that the opponents can use it with no prior discussion), and detailed enough to be an effective defence. The written defence must be approved by the Chair of the Events Committee before approval to play the Yellow system will be granted. Upon approval of the written defence a copy will be posted on the Bridge NSW website.

- 4.5.3 Written defences to Yellow systems and Brown Sticker conventions will be allowed on the table. Written defences to Red, Blue or Green systems shall not be allowed on the table.
- 4.6. Both members of a partnership must use the same bidding system and play conventions.
- 4.7. No more than two discrete systems may be played by a pair in a session. For the purposes of this regulation, a simple change in the high card points required for a specific opening depending on vulnerability or position will not constitute a change in system. Pairs playing two systems, one or both of which are Yellow, who are required to revert to a non-Yellow system by a "protected pair", will be deemed to be playing a separate session against the "protected pair".
- 4.8. It is implicit that a partnership should know its own system. The Director may require a pair to cease playing a particular system and revert to a more natural system if, in the Director's opinion, the bidding and/or explanations of the partnership demonstrate that it does not have an adequate knowledge of its system. The Director shall report such a ruling to the Events Committee. The Events Committee may prohibit the pair from playing such system until it is able to demonstrate a satisfactory knowledge of the system.

5. BIDDING AND PLAY PROCEDURES

5.1. Bidding boxes

5.1.1 Bidding boxes must be used:

- (a) for all State Championship events, or
- (b) when specified by the Supplementary Regulations of the tournament,
or
- (c) when specified by the Director of the session.

5.1.2 When the use of bidding boxes is not obligatory, they may be used when agreed to by all four players at the table.

5.1.3 When used, bidding boxes must be used by all four players at the table.

5.1.4 All players make their first call by placing the appropriate bidding card on the table immediately in front of them, slightly to their left. Each player's

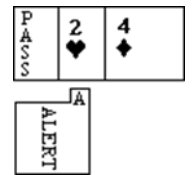
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bidding cards should be orientated so that the large print is upside-down from that player's perspective.

5.1.5 Each player's subsequent calls should be placed on top of the previous ones so that the bidding cards partly overlap and every call in the sequence is visible.

5.1.6 Players should refrain from touching any bidding cards until they have determined their call. A call is considered to have been made when the bidding card is removed from the bidding box with apparent intent (but Law 25 may apply).

5.1.7 To alert, a player should say "alert" and place one of the "ALERT" cards next to partner's alertable call, with the "A" tab directly below the alerted call. See the diagram where partner's 2H bid has been alerted.



5.1.8 At the end of the auction, the opening leader places his lead face down on the table. At this point, with the auction still on the table, the leader's partner and Declarer may request an explanation of the opponents' auction.

5.1.9 After all explanations have been completed, the opening lead is faced and all players return their bidding cards to their respective bidding boxes.

5.2. Written bidding

5.2.1 In the absence of bidding boxes, written bidding will be used. If the Director believes that the circumstances require it, he may institute alternative bidding procedures without any further authorisation, whether for one or more tables only or for all competitors.

5.2.2 The bidding slip should not be marked to designate the dealer and/or vulnerability.

5.2.3 If a player opens out of turn as a result of the opposing side incorrectly marking the bidding pad, the director shall advise the side which marked the bidding pad incorrectly of their right to accept the irregularity under Law 29A. If they decline to do so, the director will award an artificial adjusted score of average minus to the side which marked the pad incorrectly, and average plus to the other side (Law 12C2).

5.2.4 The only legal notations are:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, C, D, H, S, NT,

X (double), XX (redouble), / or \ (pass), // or \\ (final pass).

Full stops after bids are not allowed. "N" for "no trumps" is not allowed.

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Players should use the appropriate square on the bidding slip, and write their bids in a consistent manner.

5.2.5 The bidding slip shall remain in view until the third player has played to the first trick, whereupon dummy should remove the bidding slip from view.

5.3. In framing questions about the auction, special care must be exercised to avoid pointing to one particular bid which could induce a call or a lead based solely on the question. The Director should be called immediately any player feels that a "pointed" question has been asked.

5.4. The Events Committee may prescribe the use of screens for any stage of any event. If this occurs the Events Committee will set out procedures for the use of the screens in the Supplementary Regulations.

5.5. For the purposes of Regulation, the current alerting procedures as adopted by the ABF (introduced January 1, 2004) and as amended by the ABF from time to time, shall be adopted also by Bridge NSW.

6. OFFENCES (PUNCTUALITY, SLOW PLAY AND MOBILE PHONES)

6.1. The Chief Tournament Director (CTD) will maintain an Offence Register in which warnings and fines will be recorded.

6.2. Players should be seated 5 minutes before the start of play. Any unit not seated and ready to play within 5 minutes after the start of a session may, at the discretion of the Director, be penalised as follows:

	in a match involving a total of 20 Victory Points	in a matchpoint pairs event
From 5 to 10 minutes late:	1 VP (3 IMPs)	25% of a top
From 11 to 15 minutes late:	2 VP (6 IMPs)	50% of a top
From 16 to 20 minutes late:	3 VP (9 IMPs)	75% of a top
From 21 to 30 minutes late:	5 VP (15 IMPs)	125% of a top

and in other cases on a basis which the Events Committee deems to be equivalent to such scale. For delays of over 30 minutes in matches, the Director may assess a more severe penalty, including default of the match and disqualification from the event. A substitute pair or player may be used by the Director to complete the movement. It is the responsibility of the players to know when sessions are due to commence.

6.3. Failure to complete a session on time is not the only index of slow play. The Director may penalise a partnership at any time if he considers its slow play disruptive of the movement.

6.4. Where a round, session or match is not completed in the time allotted, both pairs

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at the offending table may, at the discretion of the Director, (subject as hereinafter provided) be penalised as follows:

	in a match involving a total of 20 Victory Points	in a matchpoint pairs event
First offence:	warning	warning
Second offence:	1 VP (3 IMPs)	25% of a top
Third offence:	2 VP (6 IMPs)	50% of a top
Fourth and subsequent offences:	3 VP (9 IMPs)	75% of a top

If the period of time between any two consecutive offences by the same pair exceeds six (6) calendar months, the later offence will be deemed to be a first offence.

- 6.5. Both pairs at the table shall be penalised unless the Director has been called to the table during the session and has ruled one pair to be innocent of slow play or unless the Director has sufficiently observed the table to rule that one pair be exempted from penalty. The Director may in his absolute discretion (and whether or not he has been requested to do so by any player or players) appoint a monitor or monitors to observe play at any table and to report to the Director on the time taken by each pair or its conduct or any other relevant matter and the Director may act on the report of a monitor as if he himself had observed the play.
- 6.6. Where a pair is penalised for a late start, the starting time shall run from the official commencement time of the session. The Director may in his absolute discretion alter the length of a session (including changing the number of boards to be played) at one or more tables to facilitate or maintain the orderly progress of an event. The Director may make time calls or call attention to delays in completing individual matches, but competitors should not rely upon him to do so.
- 6.7. Except as provided in clause 6.8, offences will carry over from session to session, irrespective of a change of event.
- 6.8. In knockout teams events, a fine of 1 VP is deemed to be the equivalent of 3 IMPs. Where both sides are judged to be at fault, both teams will carry-over the fine into the next match.
- 6.9. Mobile phones and other similar electronic devices
- 6.9.1 Mobile phones (and other similar electronic devices) must be turned off during session time. If a player's phone sounds and is switched off immediately there will be no penalty. If a player answers his phone during a session then that player's unit will be penalised as follows:

in a match involving a total of 20 Victory Points	in a matchpoint
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		pairs event
First offence:	1 VP (3 IMPs)	10% of a top
Second offence:	3 VP (9 IMPs)	50% of a top
Third and subsequent offences:	6 VP (18 IMPs)	100% of a top

- 6.9.2 If the hand records or scores for the event are available online during the session then a player who consults an electronic device during the session may be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of the director.
- 6.9.3 All mobile phone offences and fines will be recorded in the Offences Register.
- 6.9.4 If the period of time between any two consecutive offences by the same player exceeds twelve (12) calendar months, the later offence will be deemed to be a first offence.
- 6.9.5 Players, for professional reasons, may apply in writing to the Board of Bridge NSW to be exempted from the penalties provided for in clause 6.9.1.

7. FOULED BOARDS

- 7.1. Where a board is fouled as defined under Law 87, in Butler or other events in which the scoring method involves the IMP conversion of the difference between the score obtained and some datum score, the Director shall:
- 7.1.1 Wherever feasible, computer scoring using reputable scoring programs shall be utilised. If not used:
- (a) Providing that the hand has been played by sufficient pairs in the identical faulty form (by whichever is less of four tables or one third of the field, with fractions being rounded up), treat it as a separate deal determining a separate datum for the changed board and calculate scores for that part of the field from this datum. If the Director proceeds in this way in events using median scoring, he shall, after calculating all scores, determine the average of all the scores (in IMPs) obtained by those pairs who played the true board and, separately, the corresponding average for those who played the fouled board. He shall then add to the scores of those who played the fouled board such integer number which most nearly makes these averages equal.
 - (b) Award an adjusted score of 2 IMPs to those pairs who played the fouled board.
- 7.1.2 Whenever the Director finds it necessary to act in any of the above ways, he shall publish along with the results of the session a clear statement

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explaining his actions.

- 7.2. In Butler scored pairs events and team events with matches of fewer than 11 boards, average plus and average minus will be deemed to be +2 and -2 IMPs respectively. For teams events with longer matches, average plus and average minus will be deemed to be +3 and -3 IMPs respectively.
- 7.3. Where a board is fouled as defined under Law 87 in events in which the scores obtained are converted to Matchpoints, the Director shall:
- 7.3.1 Wherever feasible, computer scoring using reputable scoring programs shall be utilised.
- 7.3.2 Providing that the hand has been played by sufficient pairs in the identical faulty form (where sufficient pairs is whichever is less of four tables or one third of the field, with fractions being rounded up), treat it as a separate deal and award each pair or player the matchpoints allotted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, plus one (1) matchpoint for each score in the other group. Otherwise, award a matchpoint score of 60% of the available matchpoints on the board to both sides.
- 7.4. A board turned through 90 degrees shall not necessarily be regarded as a fouled board in individual, matchpointed pairs or IMP scored pairs events.

8. SPECTATORS, CAPTAINS, AND CLOSED ROOMS

- 8.1. Spectators will be allowed to watch play (at one table only) in the open room(s) but there shall be no spectators in the closed room(s). A spectator may not watch play at more than one table and should, if possible, be seated and should refrain from looking into more than one hand or moving round the table during the bidding or play. Spectators must remain silent unless spoken to by a player or official. Provided that a spectator observes these conditions and matters of general etiquette, a player has no right to object to his/her presence at the table.
- 8.2. Captains are entitled to watch only the table in the closed room at which their team is playing, but are not entitled to leave the closed room while that table is still in play (except as allowed by the Director).
- 8.3. No person other than players, captains, working officials or Directors are entitled to access to the closed room except with the express permission of the Director.
- 8.4. A player may not watch at any table at which his own team is playing, including times when he is not playing in that session. A player, having completed play in a session, may not watch at any table where boards are being played which he himself has previously played.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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9.1. At the conclusion of any session of any tournament conducted by Bridge NSW, the Director may complete and provide to the Tournament Committee a report of all incidents occurring during that session and must do so if required by the Tournament Committee.

10. DRESS, SMOKING AND BEHAVIOUR

10.1. Good manners are considered an essential part of bridge and the Director is specifically empowered to require players to adhere to a high standard of manners and decorum. The Director shall in his report inform the Events Committee of any departure from these standards by any player. The Events Committee may at its discretion refer any such matter to the Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for its consideration.

10.2. Smoking is prohibited at all times in the playing area of any tournament conducted by Bridge NSW. Failure to observe such prohibition shall be a breach of good manners entitling the Director to exercise his disciplinary powers under the Laws and shall be reported to the Events Committee in the Director's report.

11. TIE-BREAKS, REPLACEMENT OF UNAVAILABLE PAIRS OR TEAMS

11.1. Differences of fractions of a matchpoint, percentage, IMP or Victory Point will be sufficient to determine placings.

11.2. Ties shall be broken by successively applying the following procedures until a winner is determined:

11.2.1 For Swiss Teams or Swiss Pairs

(a) the total score of all opponents shall be determined. The team or pair with the highest total shall be deemed to have had the most difficult draw and shall be ranked highest;

(b) in the case of two-way ties, the winner of the match between the two equally scoring pairs or teams (if such a match occurred) shall be ranked higher;

(c) the pair or team with the greatest positive or least negative IMP difference shall be ranked highest, with the positive net IMPs in each match capped at the minimum required for a 20-0 VP win;

(d) the pair or team with the greatest number of wins in VPs (a draw is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ win) shall be ranked highest;

(e) the total scores shall be recalculated by successively deleting the worst result, then second worst result, *etc.* of each of the tying pairs or teams;

(f) ranking shall be determined by lot.

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11.2.2 For Knock-out Teams

Four board playoffs to be played immediately the tie is agreed. (Scoring errors made in the original match may be corrected up until the time limits set out in Section 13, hereunder. Where the original match is no longer tied after the correction of such scoring errors, the result of the tie-break will be immaterial.)

11.2.3 Round Robins

Apply the procedures of clause 11.2.1 for Swiss Teams or Swiss Pairs, excepting (a).

11.2.4 Matchpoints

(a) Where an incomplete movement was used, the total matchpoints of all the tying pairs' opponents shall be determined. The pair with the highest total shall be ranked highest.

(b)

(i) The scores of each of the tying pairs shall be compared on all boards which they played in the same direction. Each pair shall be awarded two matchpoints for each (tying) pair whose score they have beaten, and one matchpoint for each (tying) pair whose score they have equalled;

(ii) On boards where the pairs played in opposite directions or only one pair played the board, they shall be awarded two matchpoints for a score above the average on the board, one matchpoint for an average score, and zero otherwise;

(iii) The scores obtained by means of (i) and (ii) shall be added, with the highest scoring pair ranked highest. Should a pair or team be unavailable for the next stage of a competition, that pair or team shall be replaced by the next placed pair or team in the section from which the withdrawal took place

(c) In the case of two-way ties, the pair scoring higher in the round between the two pairs (should it have occurred) shall be ranked higher;

(d) The pair with the best score against the highest placed pair in the field shall be ranked highest, then successively to the second-highest placed pair, *etc.*

12. SCORING PROCEDURES

12.1. The number of tricks won by the declaring side must be clearly recorded in the

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appropriate column of the travelling score sheet or pick-up slip.

- 12.2. In multi-session events, errors in scoring made by the players may be corrected within 30 minutes of the posting of scores for the session or up to 30 minutes before the start of the next session, whichever is later, except that in teams or Butler pairs events, where the players are required to provide the Director with the results of matches played, errors in scoring made by the players may be corrected up to 30 minutes after the match scores have been agreed upon.
- 12.3. Errors made by the official scorer may be corrected up to the start of the next stage of the event.
- 12.4. At the conclusion of an event, the results will become official 30 minutes after the posting of scores, after which time no further corrections may be made.
- 12.5. After posting the official scores, the Director must contact all players who were shown as having qualified for any further stage of the event in any posting of provisional scores, but who have no longer so qualified.
- 12.6. Where there is a discrepancy on the official score sheet between the score entered and the contract, declarer or number of tricks made, the director shall make every effort to contact the players involved to ascertain the correct details. Where this is not possible, the director may only change the score recorded when:
 - (a) an impossible score is recorded, or
 - (b) there is a definite error in scoring according to the vulnerability.In cases where a score is apparently recorded on the wrong side, the director may not change the score, but will treat the board as fouled for one round and award average to both sides.
- 12.7. In Swiss pairs events with an odd number of pairs, where it is necessary for the director to employ half matches, the following procedures will be used to obtain Victory Point scores for those pairs who sit out for half matches.
 - (a) Where matches are of less than 12 boards, the director will double the total IMP difference obtained by the pair in the boards which they played and convert this score to Victory Points according to the scale being used in the event;
 - (b) Where matches are of 12 boards or more, the IMP difference obtained on the boards played will be converted to Victory Points on a scale for a match played over that reduced number of boards, or any such similar scale which the director deems to be appropriate.
- 12.8. In median scored IMP pairs events with an odd number of pairs, where a number

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of pairs sit out for one round, and each pair's score on a board is calculated as an IMP difference from a datum score, the Director will calculate an average score for every board played. The calculated average will be awarded to each pair that failed to play that board.

12.9. Forfeited matches in IMP scored teams or pairs events

12.9.1 If a pair or team is unable to play or complete a match, the Director may find that unit to be in default and declare the match forfeited. In an event scored by Victory Points (VPs) for the purposes of the draw for the next round, the offending unit shall score 0 VPs for that match. The non-offenders will be given a score of 12 VPs in a match involving a total of 20 VPs or, in other cases, a score that the Tournament Committee determines to be equivalent to this scale.

12.9.2 At the end of the event, the non-offender's score in the forfeited match will be adjusted to the highest of:

(a) 12 VPs;

(b) the mean VP score of the non-offenders for its completed matches;
and

(c) the mean VP score of the opponents of the offenders in completed matches.

12.9.3 For the purposes of determining the draw for subsequent rounds in a Swiss event, if necessary, the Director will also make this adjustment after 50% and 75% of matches have been played.

12.9.4 If it is necessary to assign an IMP score for a forfeited match, the non-offending side shall be credited with the maximum number of IMPs that earned the assigned Victory Points score. The offending side will be assigned the corresponding negative score.

12.9.5 In events not scored by Victory Points, the scores awarded to the respective sides shall be determined according to the formula in clause 12.9.2. The offending side will be assigned the corresponding negative score.

12.10. In IMP-scored teams or pairs events, where the play of one or more boards is not possible through no fault of the players, the following IMP scores will be assigned:

(a) if 1-3 boards are unplayed: 2 IMPs per board unplayed;

(b) if 4-7 boards are unplayed: 1 IMP per board unplayed + 3.0 IMPs;

(c) if 8 or more boards are unplayed: the following formula will be applied: $A =$

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M/U , where

A is the number of IMPs to be assigned per board unplayed;

U is the number of boards unplayed; and

M is the maximum number of IMPs in the range which scores 18 Victory Points in the corresponding WBF VP scale for the number of boards unplayed. Where there is no WBF VP scale corresponding to the number of boards unplayed, the nearest lower numbered VP scale is used. (For instance, if 13 boards are unplayed, the 12 board VP scale would be used.). Fractions will be rounded to the nearest 0.5 IMPs with 0.25 and 0.75 rounded up.

12.11. When electronic scoring units (such as Bridgemates) are in use the NS pair shall be responsible for entering the score into the unit and the EW pair shall be responsible for checking that the correct score has been entered against the correct board. At the end of each round, both pairs are responsible for re-checking that the correct scores have been entered for the round and confirming that data entry is complete.

12.12. Wireless scoring devices should be configured in such a way as to limit the ability to access, verify and correct scores on boards played at the table to players at that table, and to require this ability to be exercised during the currency of the round or match. Players should not have the ability to view scores from previous rounds or from other tables/matches during tournament play. A contestant's 'real-time' percentage score, and/or their progressive ranking, must not be accessible to any participant until the end of the session (except where the conditions of the contest dictate otherwise, e.g., in a barometer scored event).

13. PROCEDURES PENDING APPEALS

13.1. Draws for Swiss Pairs or Swiss Teams events will be made immediately following the scoring of all matches in any session. No alterations will be made to the draw following an appeal which results in a change of score.

13.2. In Butler events where all scores are taken into account in determining the datum score (including cases where some number of extreme scores are eliminated), provisional datums and results will be determined when appeals are pending. Subsequent draws will be made on the basis of these results up until the result of the appeal is known. Should any appeal result in a change of score, the datums and results for that session will be altered accordingly.

13.3. In Butler events where only a selected number of scores are used in calculating the datum, scores pending appeal will not be included in calculating the datum on a board. (The Director may in his absolute discretion include an equivalent number of scores to calculate a valid datum for a board.) Should any appeal

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result in a change of score, the only alteration in result will be in that match which involved the appeal.

Version Control

(The version number is in two parts. A change in the first part means a substantive change made by the Events Committee. A change in the second part means a minor change made to correct a reference or to enhance clarity.)

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