

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS FOR CLOSED CLUB RED POINT EVENTS

## 1. **Eligibility**

Each entrant must:

- Be a financial member of the club at the date of the first session of the event.
- Have an active ABF number
- Meet eligibility requirements for restricted events.

## 2. **Entrants' Responsibilities**

- It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure his or her eligibility to play in the event.
- If an ineligible player enters an event that pair or team will be disqualified.
- A disqualified pair or team may not win the event, or be awarded any prizes.
- If the Convenor or Tournament Director becomes aware of the ineligibility of a player before the commencement of the event, the pair or team must be advised that their entry has not been accepted.
- Members who enter an event but fail to arrive or give adequate prior notice to the Tournament Director will be required to pay a penalty equivalent to the entry fees, inclusive of table money, for the whole event for the pair or team. Further, they will be deemed ineligible to play in all future red point events until this fee is paid

## 3. **Closing Date**

- There will be an advertised closing date for each event, being 5.00pm on the third day before the event: ie the closing date for a Saturday afternoon event will be the preceding Wednesday at 5.00pm.
- Any withdrawals after this time are to be conveyed by the players to the Tournament Director immediately.
- Any requests for a late entry are to be conveyed by the players to the Tournament Director immediately and may be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

## 4. **Standby or House Pairs/Teams**

- The Convenor may arrange for a house or standby pair or team to play in an event at the request of the Tournament Director. If required to play the pair or team will not be charged any fees to play.
- It will be the responsibility of the Convenor to endeavour to ensure each player in the pair or team is eligible to play in the event.
- If this is not achievable in the given time, the matter must be discussed with the Tournament Director who has the discretion to approve an ineligible player.
- Should any member of the pair or team be an ineligible player, the pair or team will be ineligible to win the event or any prizes, but will be entitled to any masterpoints they may have won.
- The House or Standby pair or team should be advised of ineligibility before the start of play.

## 5. **Tournament Director**

- The Tournament Director must conduct the event in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge promulgated by the World Bridge Federation and ABF, BAWA and SPBC Regulations as appropriate.
- The Tournament Director must seed entrants prior to any event for which one winner is required (except for Jackpot finals) and endeavour to run the most suitable equitable movement.
- The Tournament Director may approve play by an ineligible player, pair or team at his/her discretion. A pair or team will be ineligible to win the event or any prizes if an ineligible player plays in any session of the event.

## 6. **Substitutes**

- It is a condition of entry to Club Championship events that each entrant will play in all sessions. If a player becomes unable to play after the commencement of the event because of illness, urgent business or other sufficient reason, he/she or the remaining partner must advise the Tournament Director and arrange a suitable substitute.
- An eligible substitute is deemed to be of an equal standard in terms of bridge skill to the player to be replaced. An eligible substitute must also meet any criteria of the competition, eg club member, gender restriction, or restriction by masterpoints.
- A pair or team with an eligible substitute may still win prizes and trophies, along with session and overall masterpoints.
- All substitutes need prior approval by the Tournament Director, with any disagreement being resolved by the Tournament Manager.
- The Tournament Director has the discretion in an emergency, after the first session, to permit an ineligible or unsuitable player to play in an event, but the pair or team will be ineligible to win the event or any trophies or prizes. Such pair will not appear in the overall result, but will still receive any session red points earned.
- If a complete pair or team is substituted, even if they meet the eligibility criteria, then neither the original pair or team nor the substitute pair or team will appear in the overall result, but will still receive any session red points earned.
- If the substitute is deemed ineligible or unsuitable, the Director has the discretion to award adjusted scores

## 7. **Cancellations or Postponement**

The Club reserves the right to postpone or cancel any event if appropriate. Club Championship events may be cancelled or postponed if the entries fail to meet the minimum entry level requirements specified below:

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| • Two session events    | Seven tables (14 pairs), except for Club Men's Pairs |
| • Club Men's Pairs      | Four tables (8 pairs)                                |
| • Single session events | Four tables (8 pairs)                                |