

STATE 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 four 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 Players should note that scores posted on RealBridge are not calculated according to these Supplementary Regulations. The official scores are those appearing on the NSWBA website.

1.4 Two 14-board matches will be played each night.

1.5 The draw for the first round will be random. The draw for subsequent rounds will be on the single-field Swiss principle using RealBridge scores and algorithms.

1.6 Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum, calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores at all tables after eliminating the highest and lowest 10% of scores (0.5 rounded up).

1.7 IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the following VP scale.

IMP diff	VP Score	IMP diff	VP Score	IMP diff	VP Score
0	10.00 - 10.00	14	14.20 - 5.80	28	17.27 - 2.73
1	10.30 - 9.70	15	14.42 - 5.58	29	17.48 - 2.52
2	10.60 - 9.40	16	14.64 - 5.36	30	17.69 - 2.31
3	10.90 - 9.10	17	14.86 - 5.14	31	17.90 - 2.10
4	11.20 - 8.80	18	15.08 - 4.92	32	18.11 - 1.89
5	11.50 - 8.50	19	15.30 - 4.70	33	18.32 - 1.68
6	11.80 - 8.20	20	15.52 - 4.48	34	18.53 - 1.47
7	12.10 - 7.90	21	15.74 - 4.26	35	18.74 - 1.26
8	12.40 - 7.60	22	15.96 - 4.04	36	18.95 - 1.05
9	12.70 - 7.30	23	16.18 - 3.82	37	19.16 - 0.84
10	13.00 - 7.00	24	16.40 - 3.60	38	19.37 - 0.63
11	13.30 - 6.70	25	16.62 - 3.38	39	19.58 - 0.42
12	13.60 - 6.40	26	16.84 - 3.16	40	19.79 - 0.21
13	13.90 - 6.10	27	17.06 - 2.94	41+	20.00 - 0.00

2 Fees

The entry fee as specified on the official brochure must be paid in full on 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 or the ABF's Foreign Players Club.

3.2 If an odd number of pairs enter, the NSWBA will provide a house pair.

3.3 Entries close at 10.00am on Monday 13th May. Late entries will only be accepted with the Director's permission.

4 Systems

4.1 Yellow systems are not permitted.

4.2 Eligible pairs may claim protected pair status against Brown Sticker conventions.

5 Substitutions

Substitutions are to be in accordance with the standard NSWBA substitution regulations.

6 Score Correction Period

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

7. Tie-breaks

Ties for the awarding of prizes shall be broken by successively applying the following procedures until a winner is determined:

- the total VP score of all opponents shall be determined. The pair with the highest total shall be deemed to have had the most difficult draw and shall be ranked highest;
- the pair with the greatest number of wins in VPs (a draw is equal to ½ win) shall be ranked highest;
- the pair with the greatest positive or least negative IMP difference shall be ranked highest, with the positive net IMPs in each match capped at 35 IMPs and the negative net IMPs in each match capped at 42 IMPs;
- in the case of two-way ties, the winner of the match between the two equally scoring pairs (if such a match occurred) shall be ranked higher;
- by lot.

8 Prizes

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

8.2 First place will receive a refund of their entry fees to any 2024 Australian Butler Pairs Championship (Open, Mixed or Restricted) in Orange. Should the players qualify, entry fees to subsequent stages will also be refunded.

8.3 Second place will receive a refund of their entry fees to Stage 1 of any 2024 Australian Butler Pairs Championship (Open, Mixed or Restricted) in Perth.

8.4 Winning players do not have to play as a pair in Orange. If only one member of the partnership plays a Butler in Orange, the prize to the other partner is forfeited.

8.5 Should neither member of the winning partnership accept their prize, it will devolve to lower placed pairs.

8.6 A prize is forfeited if no player in the top four pairs accepts it.