



## SUNSHINE COAST CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC

The following have all been endorsed at Management Committee meetings held in October, November, December 2005, June 2006, January 2007, October 2008, April 2010, and October 2010.

These regulations apply to club sessions including Club Championships.

If a specific policy is not mentioned in this document, then the relevant QBA regulation will apply.

## **EVENT REGULATIONS**

### **GENERAL**

- Blue, Green and Red systems and Brown Sticker conventions are permitted at all sessions except the Friday morning session and supervised play sessions, when only Blue and Green systems will be permitted.
- Day time sessions may last up to 4 hours including a tea/coffee break, and night sessions 3.5 hours.
- Players should be seated at the tables 15 minutes before the session starts.
- The timing and length of the tea break will be determined by the Director, with recommended time for morning sessions as the first round change after 10am, and for afternoon sessions the first round change after 2pm.
- For daytime sessions, the recommended number of boards played by any player, including those sitting out, should be between 27 and 36, and for night sessions, the recommended number is between 24 and 32. This may be reduced for sessions of supervised play, or other sessions that are predominately made up of beginners.
- Recommended time allowed per round: 2 boards per round – 13 minutes; 3 boards per round - 19 minutes; 4 boards per round - 25 minutes; 5 boards per round - 31 minutes. The director may choose to move players earlier or to delay the move if necessary. At sessions frequented by newer players, the director may allow more time per round.
- The warning bell will be set at 3 minutes. If no player has made a call by the time the warning bell sounds, the board should not be played. The director should be called, and will award an artificial adjusted score, with each side's percentage dependent on the reason for not having enough time to play the board.
- Sit-outs should be limited to a maximum of 3 boards if possible, though 4 board sit-outs may be used as an alternative to 2-board rounds.
- The late play of a board is at the Director's discretion, but is to be discouraged.

- When playing a hand, players' obligations are firstly towards play of a hand, and secondly, recording the contract and result. Consequently, after the auction, the player on lead should make their lead before recording the contract in the Bridgemate or their personal score sheet, and likewise, the player who is dummy should face their cards before recording the contract in the Bridgemate or on their personal score sheet.
- The time period for data entry corrections will be as follows:
  - Bridgemate score corrections – 24 hours from the end of the session
  - Name corrections – 7 days from the end of the session.
- The time limit for appeals of a Director's decision is 30 minutes after the printing of results.
- Any matters that may warrant a procedural or disciplinary penalty, whether or not such a penalty is imposed by the Director, shall be reported by the Director to the Management Committee. This includes, but is not limited to, refusal to play a board.
- Night sessions may be closed over the Christmas period. Decision to be made by night-time session Directors in consultation with players, and then the Management Committee to be notified.

## **ECLECTICS**

- As soon as practical after the close of each month, eclecticics will be calculated on an individual basis for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday sessions. Where there are 4 or 5 such green point days for a given day of the week, the eclectic result will be determined on the basis of each player's best 3 sessions; where there are 3 such green point sessions, the eclectic result will be determined on the basis of each player's best 2 sessions; and in other cases, there will be no eclectic result calculated.
- Throughout the year, the Club will hold some of its red points sessions on the same day in consecutive weeks (e.g. two consecutive Mondays), and these will be combined, on an individual basis, as Red Point Eclectics.

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS**

- This consists of
  - Teams Championship
  - Pairs Championship
  - Restricted Pairs Championship
  - President's Trophy

- These competitions are to be run by a non-playing director.
- Current club directors are to be offered the chance to direct the Club Competitions before an outside director is asked.
- Times allowed for play per round, and other regulations, to be the same as for other sessions.
- Red points on the championship days will be awarded to players in the competition but not to players in the other section/s of the room.
- Entry conditions (see below) for the various club championships to be displayed either on the entry form or on the wall adjacent to the form.

### **ENTRY FEES**

Pairs and Teams: \$18.00 per person (table fees + \$6.00 entry fee)

President's Trophy: \$18.00 per person (table fees + \$6.00 entry fee)

### **FORMAT AND PRIZES**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Recommended Format <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Prizes <sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Pairs</b>	Qualifying session/s then Finals in Championship, Plate and if numbers warrant, Consolation	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Championship, 1 <sup>st</sup> prize only in Plate and Consolation	
<b>Teams</b>	Round Robin	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	In these events, if numbers warrant, the field may be subdivided for prize purposes into categories based on original seeding, and a Category prize will be awarded to 1 <sup>st</sup> in each category (other than the first category) equivalent to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize amount in the event itself.
<b>Restricted Pairs</b>	Full barometer	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
<b>President's Trophy</b>	Full barometer	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> The format may be varied in cases where the entry numbers warrant.

<sup>2</sup> Wine may be offered to 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetters if field size warrants. Recommended prize amounts: 1<sup>st</sup> \$40.00 per person, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20.00 per person.

### **ENTRY CONDITIONS FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- All entrants and their substitutes must be members of the club.

- Substitutes are allowed to play in 1 session only. This restriction also applies where an event incorporates two sessions in one day. Further, where an event involves a single qualifying session, no substitutes are permitted at that session. A substitute must be of equal or lower masterpoint rank than the player they are replacing. In teams event, masterpoints will be awarded based on the matches played by each player, and only team members (not substitutes) will share in any overall masterpoints. In other events, substitutes earn masterpoints in the sessions they play, but will not be entitled to any outright masterpoints.
- A team may consist of up to six players.
- If the number of pairs nominated for a pairs event would result in a ½ table, then the Director may require the last nominated pair to withdraw, but will be short-listed as a standby pair.
- In an emergency, a substitute who is not a member, or in the Restricted Pairs event, has more than 150 MPs, may be permitted to play at the Director's discretion. In such cases, the emergency player and their partner or team will not be eligible for the title, trophy, or prize money, but will be entitled to any masterpoints they may have won.
- **Teams Championship:** A team may have 4 – 6 players.
- **Restricted Pairs:** Limited to an even number of pairs - the director may introduce a qualifying house pair if necessary; all players must have less than 150 masterpoints as at the preceding 30 June.
- **President's Trophy:** Limited to an even number of pairs. The director may introduce a house pair if necessary.
- **Pairs Championship:** Limited to an even number of pairs. The director may introduce a house pair if necessary.