

International Mixed Teams Trials

Remuera Bowling Club
14th – 17th February 2025

Supplementary Regulations

These Regulations are supplementary to The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and the NZ Bridge General Tournament Regulations 2022. During this Tournament, and within the limits contained in the Tournament Regulations, the Director in Charge or the Match Committee may make additions and/or alterations to the Supplementary Regulations if it considers it in the best interests of the Tournament to do so.

Official session starting times may be varied by the Director as necessary.

Players are expected to be seated at least 5 minutes before the official starting times.

Format

Quarter-Finals 4 x 20 board stanza IMP scored with the winning teams qualifying for the semi-finals.

Semi-Finals 4 x 20 board stanza IMP scored with the winning teams qualifying for the finals.

Final 4 x 20 board stanza IMP scored.

Scoring

- Scoring will be done using Bridgemates. South is responsible to enter the score progressively and East shall confirm the accuracy of the data.
- Both pairs have the responsibility to ensure that scores are entered correctly and that ALL boards are entered before the round has ended.
- Repeated failure to enter or verify the score entry may result in a procedural penalty of 3 IMPs.

Official Score Cards

- Captains should carefully check the official score card distributed by the Chief Scorer. The official score for each stanza/match will become final after the subsequent break i.e. the results from Stanza 1 will become final at the start of Stanza 3. Results for the last 2 stanza of the qualifying and of the Final will become final 10 minutes after the official score cards for the last stanza have been made available for inspection.
- Score changes shall only be made with agreement of the opponents.

Timetable

Quarter-Finals

Friday

10.00am – 12.50pm Stanza 1
1.30pm – 4.20pm Stanza 2
4.40pm – 7.30pm Stanza 3

Saturday

9.30.am – 12.20pm Stanza 4

Semi-Finals

Saturday

1.00pm – 3.50pm Stanza 1
4.10pm – 7.00pm Stanza 2

Semi-Finals

Sunday

9.30.am – 12.20pm Stanza 3
1.00pm – 3.50pm Stanza 4

Finals

Sunday

4.10pm – 7.00pm Stanza 1

Monday

9.30am – 12.20pm Stanza 2
1.00pm – 3.50pm Stanza 3
4.10am – 7.00pm Stanza 4

Seating

- Each team will have their own table corresponding to their team number.
- Teams must sit NS at their own table and EW at the opponent's table.
- Team Captains should toss a coin to decide who has the choice for Stanza 1 & 3. The other team will choose for Stanza 2 & 4.

Vu-graph

The finals will be broadcast on BBO vu-graph

Seeding

The teams have been seeded and retain their seeded position into the semi-finals and finals. The top-seeded teams start with 0.1 IMPs in each match-up in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals.

1. Fisher
2. Carter
3. Ware
4. Berrington
5. Henry
6. Sommerville
7. Grant
8. Johnstone

Draw

Quarter-Finals

Liz Fisher, Blair Fisher, Jo Simpson, Sam Simpson

vs

Michael Johnstone, Paula Gregory, John Kruinger, Liz Fitzgerald

Patrick Carter, Julie Atkinson, Jenny Millington, Barry Jones

vs

Alan Grant, Anne-Marie Russell, Johanna Perfect, Hamish Brown

Michael Ware, Pam Livingston, Jan Cormack, Leon Meier

vs

Anne Sommerville, Murat Genc, Kate Davies, John Patterson

Ian Berrington, Fuxia Wen, Jan Alabaster, Graeme Tuffnell

Vs

Stephen Henry, Annette Henry, Lysandra Zheng, Tim Pan

Semi-Finals

The highest qualifying seed will choose their opponents for the semi-finals from the lowest 2 qualifying seeds. If the second highest qualifying seed agrees then they can also be chosen by the highest qualifying seed.

Appeals

Notice of appeal must be made to the Director by the Captain of the team within 15 minutes of the finishing time of the subsequent stanza, except for appeals arising from the final stanza, which must be lodged within 10 minutes of the personal score cards being made available.

Timing and penalties

- **Event Timetable.** The approximate start times and finishing times of the matches may be varied at the discretion of the Director or Match Committee.
- **Late arrival.** A pair not seated at their team table at the scheduled starting time for each match will receive a penalty of 2 IMPs for every three minutes late. More than 30 minutes late, will be dealt with in accordance with NZB Tournament Regulations 7.3.2 and 9.1.
- **Playing time.** **20 board stanza:** Players have 170 minutes to complete their last board.

Failure to complete all boards may result in a procedural penalty.

The Director will give a 10-minute time warning before the finishing time of the stanza, however, omitting to do so will not exempt players from the requirement to complete the stanza within the prescribed time.

Allowable Systems

All Green, Blue and Red systems allowed. Brown Sticker conventions and Yellow systems (**HUMS**) are **not** permitted.

General

- **Team Captain** Each team should appoint a Captain and advise the Director before the commencement of play.
- **System Cards** All players must carry their own NZ Bridge or WBF System Card fully completed. System cards must be available at the table for opponent's reference. A copy in .pdf format should be forwarded and will be posted on the NZ Bridge website.
- **Mobile phones.** Mobile phones (and other electronic communication devices) are not permitted to be turned on during session time. These devices must be placed in the container at the door provided for this purpose. Any breaches of this regulation will be subject to a non-discretionary disciplinary penalty of 9IMPs. These regulations cover all areas of the venue, including the carpark.
- **Spectators** are welcome but are subject to consent of the players at any table and subject to the director's discretion. Spectators must not have their mobile phones turned on when

in the playing room and any breach may result in them being asked to leave the playing room immediately and not return for the remainder of the event.

Director/Scorer

Murray Wiggins

Appendix

The following information regarding representation has been previously circulated.

1. The winning team will represent NZ at the World Bridge Team Championship (with a pair appended from the other finalist in consultation with the winning team) unless the Berrington team wins.
2. The Berrington team has three World Bridge Team Championship representatives in it. Thus, if they win the trials, they per force can't go to Denmark, but because that have won, they will represent NZ at the APBF. If the Berrington team wins, the team for the World Bridge Team Championship will be selected from the remaining participants.
3. The Henry team has an APBF rep in it. Thus, obviously, if they win, they can and will represent NZ at the World Bridge Team Championship.
4. Unless the exception in 2 applies than as stated in 1, the winning team will represent NZ at the World Bridge Team Championship and the selectors will choose a team for the APBF from all the available teams