SUNSHINE COAST CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC

The following have all been endorsed at Management Committee meetings.

Most recent amendments (September 2020) appear highlighted.

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 supervised play sessions, when only 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 must stay for the full duration of the session except in the event of an unforseen emergency. (Exception – the pair having the final sit-out may leave at the start of their sit-out.)
- 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 10.30am, 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.

- 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 and Supervised Play sessions may be closed over the Christmas period. Decision to be made by session Directors in consultation with players, and then the Management Committee to be notified.
- The Wednesday session is restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints, with the exception that a player with more than 100 masterpoints may play with a player with fewer than 50 masterpoints when acting in a mentoring capacity (director pre-approval required).
- Bridgemates will be set so that other table results are not visible.

ECLECTICS

- As soon as practical after the close of each month, eclectics will be calculated on an individual basis for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (morning and night), Thursday, Friday and Saturday 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. Sessions where Butler scoring is used will be excluded from the available sessions.
- 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
  - Novice Pairs Championship
  - President's Trophy
  - Spring and Autumn Pro-Am
  - Teams-of-3
  - ~~Friday Handicap Pairs~~
- With the exception of Teams of 3 and Pro-Ams, these competitions are to be run by a non-playing director where practical.
- 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, except for events entry is restricted my masterpoints and players that regularly play in that session sessions would be ineligible. The only event this applies to at present is the Restricted Pairs Championship.
- 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: $25.00 per person (or other fee as determined by the Committee)

President's Trophy: $25.00 per person (or other fee as determined by the Committee)

Other events: Usual table fees

FORMAT AND PRIZES

Event	Recommended Format [1]	Prizes [2]	
Pairs	Played over 4 sessions. Qualifying session/s then Finals in Championship, Plate and if numbers warrant, Consolation	1st and 2nd in Championship, 1st prize only in Plate and Consolation	In these events, if numbers warrant, the field may be sub-divided for prize purposes into categories based on original seeding, and a Category prize will be awarded to 1st in each

	OR Full barometer (preferred) This event will be a 4 session event, played on consecutive Monday afternoons.	1st and 2nd place	category (other than the first category) equivalent to the 2nd prize amount in the event itself.
Teams	Played over 4 sessions (3 consecutive Thursdays). Either Round Robin, or 2 session qualifying Swiss and 2 session round robin final. Sessions 3 and 4 will be played on the third Thursday.	1st and 2nd and if there is a Championship and Plate, 1st in the Plate also.	
Restricted Pairs	Full barometer over 3 sessions. Restricted to players with fewer than 300 masterpoints at the start of the calendar year.	1st and 2nd	
Novice Pairs	Full barometer over 3 sessions Restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints at the start of the calendar year.	1st and 2nd	
President's Trophy	Full barometer over 3 sessions	1st and 2nd gross and handicap	
Pro-Ams	Mitchell movements	1st and 2nd	
~~**Friday Handicap Pairs**~~		~~1st and 2nd gross and handicap~~	

[1] The format may be varied in cases where the entry numbers warrant.

[2] Wine may be offered to 3rd placegetters if field size warrants. Recommended prize amounts: 1st $50.00 per person, 2nd $25.00 per person for gross and $20 / 10 for handicap winners in the President's Trophy ~~and Friday Handicap Pairs~~. These can be varied by Committee decision.

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 should be of equal or lesser standard in terms of bridge skill than the person they are replacing, and all substitutions need approval by the session director, with any disagreement being heard by the Games Director or where the Games Director is also the session director, the Club President will resolve the disagreement.
- In Teams events, 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.
- If the number of pairs nominated for a pairs event results in a ½ table, then the Director may require the last nominated pair to withdraw, but they will be short-listed as a standby pair.
- In an emergency, a substitute who is not a member, or who has too many masterpoints in the case of events restricted by masterpoints, 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.
- The closing date will be close of business, 7 days prior to the commencement of the event, unless the notice states otherwise.
- **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 300 masterpoints as at the start of the calendar year.
- **Novice Pairs:** The director may introduce a qualifying house pair if necessary; all players must have less than 100 masterpoints as at the start of the calendar year.
- **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.
- **Pro Am:** The Am must have fewer than 50 masterpoints as at the quarter preceding the date that the entries open. Players should respect the spirit of this event in that a player with fewer than 50 masterpoints but with bridge experience at non-affiliated clubs or overseas should not nominate as an Am. The Games Director will have the right to disallow any player from being an Am in the event on the grounds that their bridge experience places them significantly above the other Ams. Also members of the partnership must not have played together more than 3 times since the previous Pro Am.
- **Teams-of-3:** the team members (except for the captain) to have fewer than 150 masterpoints as at the preceding quarter.

- ~~**Friday Handicap Pairs:** Limited to an even number of pairs - the director may introduce a qualifying house pair if necessary; all players must have less than 300 masterpoints as at the end of the quarter immediately preceding the placement of the entry list on the notice board.~~