

# **2025 NZB NORTH ISLAND PAIRS SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

## **1 General**

- 1.1 The North Island Pairs is conducted by New Zealand Bridge (NZB) in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017, and the NZB Tournament Regulations (NZBTR), as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations. In the case of any inconsistency, these Supplementary Regulations will take precedence.
- 1.2 The competition will be conducted on the RealBridge online platform. All sessions will be held in Normal mode. NZB Online Tournament Regulations will apply.
- 1.3 Results on the RealBridge website are provisional only. The official results for the competition will be at [2025 North Island Pairs Results](#).
- 1.4 Expressions used in these Regulations and not defined shall have their ordinary meaning in bridge terminology (which may include expressions defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017). Unless repugnant to the context or obvious meaning, all terms defined in the NZBTR shall have the same meaning for the purpose of these Supplementary Regulations. In the event of any doubt or dispute as to such meaning or the interpretation of the application of any regulation, the decision of the Director in Charge (DIC) shall be final and conclusive.

## **2 Officials**

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser (TO) is Bridget Hannaway.
- 2.2 The Director in Charge (DIC) is Matthew McManus.
- 2.3 The Chair of the Appeals Committee is Michael Ware.

## **3 Systems**

- 3.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems are permitted without restriction.
- 3.2 YELLOW systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are not allowed.

## **4 Correction Period and Time for Lodging an Appeal of a Director's ruling**

- 4.1 The Correction Period (Law 79C) and time for lodging an appeal of a Director's ruling (Law 92B) will expire at 6.00pm on the day on which the relevant board was played.

## **5 Unplayed Boards**

- 5.1 In the case of multiple unplayed boards where the Director awards an artificial adjusted score of average plus, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.

## **6 Ties, Carry-overs**

- 6.1 Ties for qualifying positions will be broken by summing the total matchpoints obtained by the opponents of the tied pairs. The pair with the higher total will be ranked higher.
- 6.2 Other ties will not be broken.
- 6.3 There will be no carry-over from the Qualifying to the Final or Plate.

## **7 Event Format**

- 7.1 The event will be played over four sessions.
- 7.2 The entrants will be seeded into a NS and an EW field. The Qualifying stage will be played as a Mitchell movement over two sessions.
- 7.3 The 14 highest ranked pairs in each direction will qualify to the Final. The remainder of the field will proceed to the Plate.
- 7.4 Both the Final and Plate will utilise Howell movements. There will be 27 two-board rounds held over two sessions.
- 7.5 Session times are 9.30am and 1.30pm on both days. The anticipated finishing time is 4.45pm.

## **Appendices**

### **Calculation of multiple Average Plus awards during a session or match**

The following table lists the % MPs to be assigned for each successive board in the case of multiple average plus boards:

Number of unplayable boards	% assigned
1	60.00
2	54.14
3	53.18
4	52.68
5	52.36
6	52.13