



NZB SOUTH ISLAND PAIRS 2026

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1 General

- 1.1 The National Teams is conducted by the Otago Bridge Club as agents for the Otago-Southland Regional Committee on behalf of New Zealand Bridge (NZB).
- 1.2 The venue is Otago Bridge Club, 100 Otaki Street, Dunedin.
- 1.3 The event will be held under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017. The NZB Tournament Regulations (NZB TR) will apply as augmented by these Supplementary Regulations. In the case of any inconsistencies these Supplementary Regulations will take precedence.
- 1.4 Expressions used here that have not been assigned a specific definition will be interpreted by referring first to the NZB Tournament Regulations, thereafter to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 2017, and finally to their ordinary English meaning. In the event of doubt or dispute, the decision of the DIC shall be final and conclusive.

2 Officials

- 2.1 The Tournament Organiser (TO) is the Match Committee comprising Murray Baron, Bridget Hannaway, Pam Hodgkinson, Matthew McManus and Phil Noye.

- 2.2 The Director in Charge (DIC) is Matthew McManus.
- 2.3 The Appeals Committee Convener is Michael Ware.
- 2.4 The Appeals Advisor is Jack James.
- 2.5 The Recorder is Graeme Stout.

3 Eligibility and Substitutions

- 3.1 At the time of commencement of the event, each New Zealand resident entrant must be a financial member of a Bridge club affiliated to NZB. Overseas players become honorary members of the Overseas Players Club.
- 3.2 The DIC may approve a substitute for a maximum of one session per pair. Substitutes are not permitted in the Final section. In addition, the DIC may allow emergency substitutions for substantial cause and may impose any conditions in doing so and may take whatever other action is considered necessary to keep the tournament in motion.
- 3.3 The TO may nominate a “house contestant” to compete in any event in order to ensure the smooth running of the tournament. The TO will make every effort to nominate eligible players but is at liberty to nominate others in case of necessity. The conditions under which the “house contestant” competes will be at the discretion of the DIC.

4 Systems and Defences

- 4.1 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems are permitted without restriction.
- 4.2 Brown Sticker conventions are permitted only in the Final section on Sunday.

5 Correction Period and Time of Appeal

- 5.1 Except as provided for in 5.2, the Correction Period (Law 79C) expires 30 minutes after the scores for a session are made available for inspection.
- 5.2 For the last session:
 - i) for prizegiving purposes, the Correction Period will expire 5 minutes after the scores of the final session are made available for inspection;
 - ii) for the purposes of masterpoint allocation, the Correction Period will expire 30 minutes after the scores are made available for inspection.
- 5.3 The time for lodging an Appeal against a Director’s Ruling (Law 92B) for each session expires 30 minutes after the session scores are made available for inspection or after the Director has made the ruling, whichever is later. If the next session is scheduled to commence within that period, the time is extended to 30 minutes after the conclusion of play in the following session.
- 5.4 Notwithstanding 5.3, all Appeals against a Director’s Ruling must be lodged within 10 minutes of either the scheduled conclusion of play in the final session or the time at which the Director has made the ruling, whichever is later.

6 Fouled and Unplayable Boards

- 6.1 Where a board is fouled or is otherwise unplayable, the board is scored in accordance with Section 16.7 of the NZB TR.
- 6.2 In the case of multiple fouled or otherwise unplayable boards where 6.1 is not applicable, artificial adjusted scores are awarded as detailed in the Appendices.

7 Ties

- 7.1 Ties for qualification purposes will be broken in accordance with Section 18 of the NZB TR.
- 7.2 Other ties will not be broken.

8 Event format

- 8.1 The event will comprise a Qualifying Stage and a Final/Plate Stage.
- 8.2 Scoring will be by matchpoints.
- 8.3 The Qualifying Stage will consist of two sessions each of between 26 and 30 boards, playing 2 board rounds.
- 8.4 At the conclusion of the Qualifying Stage, the 18 highest placed pairs will qualify to the Final. The remainder will qualify to the Plate.
- 8.5 Additional entries may be accepted to the Plate from pairs who did not compete in the Qualifying Stage.
- 8.6 Pairs in the Final will carry-over 50% of their score in the Qualifying Stage. To determine each pair's carry-over score in matchpoints, their percentage score from the Qualifying Stage will be multiplied by the average matchpoints available across both sessions of the Final (408). For ease of display, the value of the lowest carry-over will be deducted from all carry-over scores.
- 8.7 There will be no carry-over to the Plate.
- 8.8 Both the Final and Plate will be played as a Howell movement with seventeen 3-board rounds.
- 8.9 The session starting times are: Saturday, 10.00 am and 2.00 pm; Sunday, 9.00 am and 1.00 pm.
- 8.10 The anticipated finishing time is 4.00 pm, Sunday.

Appendices

Calculation of multiple Average Plus awards during a match

Where the Laws require the Director to award an artificial adjusted score of average plus on more than one board in a session (as in the case of fouled or otherwise unplayable boards), the score awarded per board shall be as listed in the following table.

Percentage of matchpoints to be assigned for each successive board in the case of multiple average plus boards:

Number of fouled/unplayable bds	Percentage assigned
1	60.00
2	57.07
3	55.77
4	55.00
5	54.47
6	54.08
7	53.78

Penalties for Late Arrival or Slow Play

Late Arrival

The penalties for late arrival are:

0-5 mins	warning for first offence, 25% of a top for each subsequent offence
5-10 mins	25% of a top
10-15 mins	50% of a top
15-20 mins	75% of a top
20-30 mins	125% of a top

For late arrival in excess of 30 minutes, the DIC may assess a more severe penalty including disqualification from the event.

Slow Play

When a board is averaged or otherwise removed by the director due to a failure to complete them on time or if a pair is deemed by the director to be guilty of slow play, then, for the 2nd offence a slow play warning will be issued. This applies for the remainder of the event.

Following a slow play warning, a pair failing to complete a round on time may be subject to the following penalties at the director's discretion:

1 st offence	25% of a top
2 nd offence	50% of a top
3 rd offence	75% of a top
4 th and subsequent offences	125% of a top

For repeated offences, the DIC may assess a more severe penalty including disqualification from the event.

Leaving the table without entering all results

Both pairs may be assigned a penalty of 25% of a top for failing to enter all the results at the end of a round before leaving the table.