



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

All entrants must be financial members of the club before the start of the event and must meet the entry requirements of the event.

PROCEDURAL

1. Entrants are to remit the full event fee at the start of the first session of an event.

2. **Player Obligations**

It is a condition of entry to all Club Championships that each entrant is expected to be available to play in all sessions unless the event allows for a substitution/augmentation. Failure to turn up for the event, without exceptional extenuating circumstances, will result in the player being unable to participate in any future club congresses and red/gold point events and open days until all outstanding entry fees have been paid. Withdrawals to an event may be made up to 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event by advising the event Tournament Director. Withdrawals within 48 hours or non-attendance will be regarded as a “No Show” and will be considered on a case by case basis by the event Director to determine if there are any exceptional extenuating circumstances. The Director will report all “No Shows” without such circumstances to the Tournament Committee for action. If a player in an event is unable to play because of illness, urgent business or other sufficient reason, they or another member of their pair/team must arrange for a suitable substitute. Note: teams of 4 and 5 persons may add players (augment) to a maximum of 6 players provided that no more than 60% of the boards in that stage of the event have been played.

3. **Notification of Substitution or Augmentation**

a) The Director should be notified of the substitution/ augmentation preferably one week, but at least 24 hours before the relevant session. Approval as either a suitable or unsuitable substitute is required prior to play. In an emergency, the Director must be notified as soon as possible. The Director shall consider a procedural penalty where he believes there is insufficient reason for a late notification.

b) Where the Director believes that a Substitution is so unsuitable that no form of indemnity is available to the remainder of the field, they may recommend that the offending unit be disqualified, that no play occur and that a forfeit be given to their opposition. This could occur in the case of a grossly underweight substitute.

c) In an emergency, the Director may make substitution(s) necessary to maintain the orderly progress of the movement. If a player substitutes for a small number of boards, the Director may rule that a substitution has not taken place.

d) Suitability of Substitute The entrant shall make every effort to find a substitute of equivalent standard. Equivalent standard means that the ability of the pair containing the substitute is neither significantly higher or lower than that of the original pair. In determining the degree of equivalence, masterpoint rank need not be the determining factor and the relative experience of the partnerships and players may be taken into account. The most important consideration is that equity of the other contestants is not jeopardised. The Director will use his experience as a guide to suitability, having regard to changes in partnership quality.

e) If an approved substitute plays more boards in the event than the original entrant, the substitute acquires the rights of the original player.

4. System Cards

Each pair must have two comprehensive, legible and systemically identical ABF system cards. The cards should be available at all times during play.

5. Lateness

Players, who arrive late for an event, without having informed the TD or taken reasonable steps to inform the TD at the earliest opportunity, may be liable to disciplinary penalties as follows:

Late more than	Pairs	Teams
5 Minutes	10% of a top	1VP
10 Minutes	15% of a top	2VPs
15 Minutes	25% of a top	5VPs

When the players are more than 30 minutes late:

- Pairs: Deemed non-attendance.
- Teams: Opponents are entitled to claim a forfeit.

6. Slow Play

The TD shall issue a warning to players, who, in the opinion of the TD, have prolonged play sufficiently to inconvenience other contestants. Players who consider they have been inconvenienced by prolonged play of their opponents should advise the TD as soon as possible. In such cases the TD may or may not warn the opponents. If the TD has cause to warn a player, or players, about slow play more than once, each warning after the first may be accompanied by a penalty of 10% of a top (Pairs) or 1VP(Teams).

7. Scoring and Correction Periods

It is incumbent upon players to make every effort to ensure the correct scores are entered into the Bridgmate. Scoring errors may be corrected up to 15 mins before the start of the next playing session. For the last session of a multi-session event, scoring errors may be corrected for up to 15 minutes from the time printed personal scores are made available to players. During the final session correction period players are at liberty to leave the Club as it is a condition of engagement that the Director will be available via telephone to receive any requests for a scoring correction. Notwithstanding the above, the Director may adjust a score when it is clear and incontrovertible that an error has occurred. Once the Correction Period has expired, providing all parties involved agree to any score adjustment and providing no Appeal has been lodged, all scores are deemed final. Scores are deemed final once the Appeal has been heard and both parties have been informed of the committee's ruling.

8. Appeals

The appellants must inform the TD of their intent to appeal within 30 minutes of the conclusion of play in the event. The appeal must be in writing and signed by both players in a pair's event or the team captain in a team event. An Appeals Committee should be convened as soon as possible. If it is not possible to convene the Committee during, or immediately after, the session in question, the Committee must be convened within 48 hours of the conclusion of the event.

WABC Club Championship Policy (LINK)

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