

PORT ELIZABETH CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

BUTLER COMPETITION RULES

1. Play shall commence at 7p.m. on the dates designated by the bridge calendar.
2. Any pair not arriving to play will be awarded a score of minus 5 VP for the session. The non-offending pair will be awarded a score of 13 VP; or an average of their accumulated score for the year, or 20 less the average score for the year of the offending pair, whichever is the highest.
3. Play shall be completed by 11p.m.
4. Each member of the pair may use the same substitute **twice**. There will be three substitutes per person allowed. If you then play with a fourth substitute, your partnership will be penalised 5 VP for every extra substitute. In case of serious illness or bereavement, a player may apply, in writing, to the Committee for additional substitutes. Please advise the Tournament Secretary, **IN ADVANCE**, should you be playing with a substitute.
5. The Butler is a commitment. Anyone who is unable to play must find their own substitute. Should difficulties arise, you may approach the Tournament Secretary for assistance. **NO MATCH MAY BE CANCELLED.**
6. Only Club Members are entitled to play, provided that, with the approval of the tournament director, a substitute may be a visitor.
7. Twenty-four (24) boards to be played.
8. The competition shall be played in either one or two sections depending on the number of entries received. The format shall be on a round robin basis with each pair playing each other pair once in their respective sections.
9. If two sections are played the players selected for the A and B sections shall be at the sole discretion of the committee and there shall be no automatic promotion or relegation between the sections.

