

EASTERN PROVINCE WOMEN'S BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

BUTLER COMPETITION RULES

1. Play shall commence at 9.00 a.m. sharp.
2. Any pair not arriving to play will be penalized zero-5. The non-offending pair will receive 75% or an average of their accumulated score, whichever is the higher.
3. Should a member of a pair arrive late, the pair will be penalized 1 VP for every five minutes late up to 20 minutes, after which the match will be considered forfeited.
4. Should a pair default and not play, they must pay the fees for both pairs.
5. Play shall be completed by 12.15 p.m.. An additional period of 15 minutes may be allowed by the Tournament Director,
6. Each member of a pair may use the same substitute 2 times. There will be a total of 3 substitutes per person allowed. Thereafter the partnership will be penalized 5 VPs for each extra substitute. A player may apply in writing to the Committee to be allowed additional substitutes due to unforeseen circumstances.

PLEASE NOTE: Members must advise the Tournament Secretary in advance if they are playing with a substitute.

7. BUTLER is a commitment. Anyone who is unable to play must find their own substitute. Should there be any difficulty in obtaining a substitute the Tournament Secretary must be contacted for assistance.
8. A substitute need not be a member of the Club.
9. 24 Boards shall be played.
10. The competition will be played in two Sections, respectively A and B. There shall be no automatic promotion to the A section for the pair winning the B section, nor shall there be any automatic relegation to the B section for the pair ending last in the A section. The Selection Committee of the Club shall, at its sole discretion, decide which pairs are to play in the A or B sections.
11. Seating: Competitors must sit according to the seating positions indicated by the score sheet on the table. Players sitting the incorrect way will be penalised 2 VPs per pair.
12. Cell phones shall be switched off. The Pair will be penalized 1VP should a cell phone ring.