

EASTERN PROVINCE WOMEN'S BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

TEAM OF FOUR COMPETITION RULES

1. Play will commence at 9 a.m. Late arrival by any team member will result in the Team being penalised by 1VP
2. Twenty eight boards will be played
3. The same boards will be played at each table and a Relay Table will be placed in the centre of each room.
4. The time allowed for each board will be based on 7 minutes per board. The cut-off time will be 12.30. Any unplayed boards after that time will be removed. In addition a 1 VP penalty per board will be imposed against each Team involved unless one Team has reserved its rights during the match and the Tournament Director believes that the request is warranted.
5. A Team will consist of a maximum of 6 players
6. The Away Team sits first. Home Team status allows the Home Team the choice of which of their Team will play a particular opposing pair in the first half of the match. The players must switch to play the other half of the opposing Team in the second half of the match.
7. Teams who incorrectly sit the same way in a match will receive 5 VPs each at the end of the match. However, if the error is discovered before 50% of the boards have been played by both tables, the match will be scored as a short board match depending on the number of boards played whilst seated correctly.
8. The following rules shall apply to matches not played on the scheduled date:
 - (i) The non- defaulting Team must offer three dates to their opponents and advise the Tournament Secretary accordingly. These dates must be during the day on any day of the week, but not on weekends and not on Wednesday morning.
 - (ii) There will be no penalty imposed on the defaulting Team if the match is played before the scheduled date or within 30 days after the scheduled date.
 - (iii) Should the match not be played within 30 days after the scheduled date then a penalty of 5 VPs will be imposed on the defaulting Team.
 - (iv) All matches must be played on the Club premises.
 - (v) When a match is not going to be played on due date, the Captains must notify the Tournament Secretary beforehand, so that it can established which is the defaulting Team, and to allow for catering to be adjusted. If the Tournament Secretary is not advised of the change before due date, both Teams will be penalised 5 VPs.
 - (vi) The team Captain is responsible for ensuring that the Table money for the match is collected from their team and paid to the Club Treasurer.