

# **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

These regulations govern Club Championship events, and the like,  
of the Arana Contract Bridge Club Inc.

## **1. The Players**

- 1.1 Players entering Club Championship events or the like must be financial members of the Arana Contract Bridge Club Inc.
- 1.2 All players entering must do so with the intention of completing all sessions allocated for the event unless prior arrangements for substitution have been made with the Director.
- 1.3 Should the Tournament need to be extended beyond the programmed dates, any player, pair or team may withdraw before commencement of the event and receive a full refund of any entry fees.
- 1.4 Any entered Player who fails to attend any session without an acceptable good reason shall be refused entry to any Club Championship event or the like for a period of twelve (12) months.
- 1.5 Any entered Player who for reason of illness is unable to attend a session must notify the Director or a Committee Member at least two (2) hours before the scheduled starting time so that a substitute may be found. Any Player who fails to comply shall be deemed to be without good reason (see 1.4).
- 1.6 The Committee may waive any disciplinary action on a Player if it feels circumstances warrant same.
- 1.7 Each Player must display a system card using a recognised published system at all sessions.

## **2. Substitutes**

- 2.1 Substitutes may not play in more than one (1) session of a Pairs event, except when required by the Director to maintain the integrity of the movement.
- 2.2 Entries nominating a substitute shall be numbered separately and given last preference in order of entry.
- 2.3 Pairs not containing a Substitute player will be given preference over those using a Substitute in order of entry to a Championship final, irrespective of their qualifying score.
- 2.4 Pairs using a substitute in any session are ineligible to win any offered prize money, trophies or titles, but may receive master points.

## **3. The Director**

- 3.1 The Committee will nominate a Chief Tournament Director responsible for conducting a Club Championship event or the like prior to the scheduled start of play.

- 3.2 The Director should choose a movement where the maximum number of boards can be played within the programmed time, thus producing a fair and reasonable result.
- 3.3 The Director shall have full autonomy in the selection of the type of movement and the number of boards to be played.
- 3.4 In the event of a half-table or unsuitable number at the close of entries, the Director shall accept entries in numbered/ dated order up to the maximum that can be reasonably accommodated.
- 3.5 The Director shall notify unsuccessful entrants as soon as possible after the close of entries.
- 3.6 The Director may solicit and accept additional entries after their closure to fill a movement.
- 3.7 The Director must consult with the Committee when the number of playing sessions is to be extended beyond that programmed in the Club Booklet.
- 3.8 The Committee has the power to override the Director's decision to extend the tournament beyond the scheduled dates should it consider the extended time is unwarranted.

#### **4. Entries**

- 4.1 Nominations shall be via entry forms which should be available at least three (3) weeks, and shall close no earlier than one (1) week, prior to the scheduled commencement of the event.
- 4.2 Entry forms including conditions of entry and these regulations are the responsibility of the Secretary.
- 4.3 Entry fees must accompany entry forms but may be collected as table fees at the Treasurer's request.
- 4.4 Entries shall be numbered and dated by the Secretary in order of receipt.

#### **5. The Tournament**

- 5.1 All Tournaments will be conducted under the current laws of Duplicate Bridge and where applicable, any additional laws as laid down by the State or National Body.
- 5.2 An appeals committee will be nominated prior to the event. Appeals will be in writing only.
- 5.3 Dates programmed for Club Championship events and the like may be changed if necessary at the discretion of the Committee.