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Bridge Club

Compendium

For

Chefs de Mission

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Agenda for Chefs de Mission Meeting

5.30pm Friday 24th November 2023

Agenda

Welcome

Proceedings chaired by Director in Charge

Introduction of Director in Charge and Scorer

Introduction of Chefs de Mission

Match timetable

Clarification of round robin format/s and byes

Clarification of any queries

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Officials, Chefs de Mission, Teams and Players

Officials

Director in Charge	David Stephen
Scorer	Kevin Walker
Match Committee	David Stephen, Murray Wiggins, Caroline Wiggins

Chefs de Mission

Auckland/Northland	Douglas Russell
Waikato Bays	Barry Jones
Central Districts	Colin Carryer
Wellington	Katherine Gough
Top of the South	Barbara Gordon
Canterbury	Ian Southern
Otago/Southland	Phil Noye

Teams

Auckland/Northland

Open

Steve Boughey – William Liu
Ian Berrington – Malcolm Meyer
Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin – Bill Humphrey

Seniors

Johnathon Westoby – Grant Jarvis
Patrick Carter – Julie Atkinson
Christine Wilson – Barry Palmer

Women

Bev Henton – Lynne Geursen
Steph Jacob – Clair Miao
Linda Cartner – Glenis Palmer

Intermediate

Leigh Andrews – Anna Powell
Lysandra Zheng – Tim Pan
Bigi Cameron – Emma Russell

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Waikato Bays

Open

Jo Simpson – Sam Simpson
Liz Fisher – Blair Fisher
Anna Kalma – Richard Solomon

Seniors

Tony Hacking – Judy McLeod
Hugh McAlister – Diana McAlister
Tim Healy – Helen Healy

Women

Judy Pawson – Kate Terry
Jenna Gibbons – Christine Gibbons

Intermediate

Deidre Gunn – Jackie Blue
Jenny Elgar – Janet Milbank
Catherine Cameron – Nigel Gresson

Central Districts

Open

Russell Wilson – Bob Hurley
Jack James – Pam Livingston
George Masters – Wayne Burrows

Seniors

Gary Duncan – Peter Ramsey
Martin Oyston – Pat Oyston
Claire Woodhall – Noel Woodhall

Women

Carolyn Yeomans – Jan Whyte
Lorraine Stachurksi – Sarah Green
Liz Burrows – Anne Gordon

Intermediate

Hans van Bunnik – Michael Hardman
Gayle Leader – Julie Bunnell
Martin Berry – Justine Hart

Wellington

Open

Kate Davies – John Patterson
Rodney Dravitzki. – Sandra Dravitzki
Sandy McKirdy – Graham Stronach

Seniors

Graham Norman – Patrick D’Arcy
Johnny Davidson – John Luoni
Derek Snelling – Nebojsa Djorovic

Women

Sophie Atkin – Helen Fitzgerald
Ruth Bruker – Nan Wehipeihana
Vivienne Cannel – Cath Nijman

Intermediate

Lee Miller – Chris Woods
Walt Davis – Barbara Tumilowicz
Jeffrey Craanen – Martin Loader

Top of the South

Open

Wayne McCoy – Kevin Hill
Ray Curnow – Phil Rutherford

Women

Kathryn Brookes– Jana Bott
Sita Monaghan – Ruth Allison

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Seniors

Stuart Grant – Pam Whitehead
Marsh Woodbury – Ann Baker

Intermediate

Peter Bone – Tom Pyatt
Valerie Fitzsimons – Michael Fitzsimons
Babs-Merrel de Visser – Ellen Curnow

Canterbury

Open

Tim Schumacher – David Skipper
Jane Lennon – Max Morrison

Women

Joan Small – Pam Tibble
Margaret Burgess – Shirley Newton

Seniors

Jane Skipper – John Skipper
Paula Gregory – Michael Johnstone

Intermediate

Catherin Preen – Anna Pavletich
Julia Thomas – Catherine Fitchett
Caroline Caseley – Jo Hampton

Otago/Southland

Open

Brad Johnston – Sam Coutts
John Sheehy – Robert Cowan
Greg Buzzard – Moss Wylie

Women

Wyn Jones – Kaye Wilson
Donna Ruwhiu – Kristen Collins
Emma Strong – Anne Sommerville

Seniors

Murat Genc – Arleen Schwartz
Peter Hall – Peter McCaskill
Graeme Stout – Jeff Miller

Intermediate

Viv Clifford-March – Graham Dale
Judy Russell – Pam Hodgkinson
Genevieve Webb – Tim Webb

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Supplementary Regulations

for the

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These Regulations are supplementary to The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and the 2020 NZ Bridge Tournament Regulations. During the course of this event, and within the limits contained in the Tournament Regulations, the Director in Charge and/or the Match Committee in consultation with the Director in Charge may make additions and/or alterations to these Supplementary Regulations if it considers it in the best interests of the event to do so.

1. General

- (a) The event will be held on-line on RealBridge and will be played behind screens.
- (b) Players should maintain the same standards and behaviour online as they would if playing in a face-to-face tournament. NZ Tournament Regulations apply at this event.

2. Format

- (a) The event will comprise a double round robin of 12-board matches. Pairings within the team are fixed.
- (b) Play for the first round matches will commence at 7pm
- (c) Team numbers were drawn by lot at the National Conference.

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- (d) The draw and the playing schedule for the first round robin are set out in Appendix 1.
- (e) The draw for the second round robin:
 - (i) will be based on the ranking of the teams at the conclusion of the first round robin as determined by their VP scores based on the provisional scores, including all penalties and irrespective of any appeals yet to be heard;
 - (ii) within each category, the teams ranked 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and 5th and 6th after the first round robin will play each other in the final round.
- (f) The team with the lowest ranking at the end of the first round robin in each separate category will have the bye in the final round.
- (g) Matches shall be scored in accordance with Law 78B, with IMPs being converted to VPs using the 20 VP scale for 12-board matches.
- (h) The allotted time for each match shall be 78 minutes to get the last board into play and the results for the last board must be entered within 85 minutes.
- (i) Ties for teams for the draw of the second round robin will be broken by the net IMPs of the head-to-head matches of the tied teams and, if still tied, the toss of a coin.
- (j) Ties for final places will not be broken.

3. Scoring

- (a) Scoring will be managed automatically by Realbridge but any results are provisional. The final results will be posted on the website after processing on the scoring software with any adjustments applied
- (b) Results for all matches played each day become final 30 minutes after the official results for the last round of the day is posted on the website.

4. Seating

Every team has a Home table, which corresponds to its team number. For every match, one pair of the team must sit NS at their Home table.

- (a) For the first round robin, the Away team will seat first and the Home team will have the choice of opponents to play. The Home team is indicated in the draw. The Away team should be seated 5 minutes before the start of the Match.

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- (b) For the purposes of seating in the first round robin, teams with one or more pairs using Yellow systems (as defined on page D47 of the 2020 NZ Bridge Manual) will be Away, except when they are playing against a team that is also using Yellow systems, in which case the draw will indicate the Home and Away status.
- (c) For the second round robin, the team that was Home in the first round robin will be the Away team and will seat first. They should be seated 5 minutes before the start of the Match.

5. Disclosure of Bidding Systems and Changes

- (a) The NZ Bridge System Policy as set out on pages D41–D52 of the 2020 NZ Bridge Manual will be in force.
- (b) All pairs, regardless of their system classification and the category of the event in which they are playing, must prepare a fully completed NZ Bridge system card (e-copies are available at www.nzbridge.co.nz).
- (c) Alternatively, a blank NZ Bridge system card may be filled in using neat, legible, handwriting and scanned as a pdf file.

The following naming convention should be used for the pdf file:

province_grade_surname

For example: **Wellington_Intermediate_Smith.pdf**

System cards should be collated by each Chef de Mission and they should be sent as one e-mail to murray.wiggins@nzbridge.co.nz no later than 4.00pm on Monday, 20th November 2023. They will be available in a Dropbox set up for that purpose, to which the Chefs de Mission and non-playing Captains will be invited.

- (d) Failure to comply with the system disclosure requirements will result in a procedural penalty of 1 VP for each pair that has not complied. In addition, the pair will be permitted to play only Green systems for the first round robin.
- (e) Minor changes may be made to the disclosed systems only with the prior approval of the Director in Charge (in his/her sole discretion) and then only if a corrected system card has been given to all the opponents via the respective Chef de Mission, at the meeting of the Chefs de Mission or with at least one match prior notice.

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- (f) A pair may prepare written defences against the Yellow systems and the Brown Sticker elements of any system. These should be given to all Chefs de Mission at the meeting prior to the start of the event. The written defences may be consulted during the auction period, and during the play period but then only for the purpose of responding to a question by the pair using the Yellow system or Brown Sticker convention.

6. Substitutions

- (a) Substitutions can be made only for health or any other legitimate reasons accepted by the Director in Charge, whose decision shall be final.
- (b) The Chef de Mission may play as a substitute if eligible.
- (c) If the Chef de Mission is unable or ineligible to play, they shall immediately liaise with the Director in Charge to arrange a substitute.

If required for the smooth operation of the match and the event, the Director in Charge is authorised to make an emergency substitution that does not conform to the conditions of the event but only pending the arrival of the local substitute. The decision of the Director in Charge shall be final.

7. Penalties for Delaying a Match & mobile phones

- (a) Players shall be in their seats ready to commence play 5 minutes prior to the official start time of each match.
- (b) **Delay in starting play**

A grace period will be allowed as follows.

First offence:	A grace period of up to 5 minutes plus a warning
A subsequent offence:	No grace period
Arrival after 5 minutes:	No grace period

Except under emergency circumstances accepted by the Director in Charge, the following disciplinary penalties will be applied:

0–5 minutes late	3 IMPs
5–10 minutes late	6 IMPs
10–15 minutes late	9 IMPs
15–20 minutes late	12 IMPs

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20–25 minutes late 15 IMPs

Over 25 minutes late, at the discretion of the Match Committee, the match may be forfeited.

(c) **Delay in play** (slow play)

Both pairs at a table are responsible for ensuring that their match finishes within the allotted time of 85 minutes.

No board may be started after 78 minutes have expired.

The disciplinary penalties for failing to complete a match are as follows:

First offence (one board):	Warning
Second offence or more than one board:	3 IMPs per board not played, converted to VPs
Each subsequent offence:	

Note: Based on his/her own observation, the Director in Charge is empowered to assess the extent to which each team is responsible for failing to maintain the required rate of play and to apportion the prescribed slow play IMP penalties above accordingly to each team.

(d) **Mobile Phones:** Mobile phones are not permitted to be on (even in mute mode) during session time. If a player's mobile phone sounds during session time, that player will be subject to a non-discretionary disciplinary penalty of 3 VPs for each offence.

8. Appeals

Appeals will typically be held 10 minutes after the official finish time at the end of every day or at such other time as required by the Director in Charge. Only those appeals that will affect first place will be heard for the matches played on Sunday afternoon.

- (a) Notice of the appeal must be made by the Chef de Mission within 30 minutes of the official finishing time of the match in which the ruling is received. A full statement in writing must be completed by both sides unless otherwise directed by the Director in Charge.
- (b) The Chairperson of the Appeals Committee will appoint at least two, but no more than four, independent members to assist him/her, depending on availability and the timing of the appeal.
- (c) The procedure and regulations governing appeals are set out on pages D70–D77 of the 2020 NZ Bridge Manual.

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- (d) If an appeal is unsuccessful, the Appeals Committee shall impose a 6 IMP disciplinary penalty for any appeal it determines to have been without merit as per the NZ Bridge Regulations (33.6(h) – D73 of the 2020 NZ Bridge Manual).

9. Role and Duties of the Chefs de Mission

The duties of the Chefs de Mission are detailed later in this document.

10. Spectators

Spectators will be able to watch delayed play on the RealBridge kibbitzing site.
<https://kibitz.realbridge.online>

11. Undos

Bidding

- (a) A change of call will be permitted via an “undo” for a mis-click when the Director is satisfied the original call was *unintended*.
- (b) A call may not be changed if partner has subsequently called
- (c) In the case of an unintended call by either of the last two players to call in the auction, the call may be changed under (a) provided the opening lead has not been made.
- (d) When a board has been passed in and the Director is satisfied that a pass made by the third or fourth player to call was *unintended*, the Director may award an adjusted score under the provisions of Law 12C2, treating both sides as non-offending, Law 86B may apply.

Playing

- (a) A change of a played card will be permitted via an “undo” for a mis-click when the Director is satisfied that the original card played was unintended.
- (b) A play may be changed under (a) provided partner has not subsequently played.

Principles for allowing or not allowing calls or plays

Unless the player is able to convince the Director otherwise, a call made or card played will be assumed to be *intended*. In particular, the following instances should be treated as *prima facie* evidence that the action was not *unintended*.

- (a) The call or the card which the player wishes to substitute is not immediately adjacent to the call or card originally clicked.

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- (b) The call or card which was originally clicked is consistent is a potential logical action given the preceding bidding or play.
- (c) The call or card which was originally clicked is consistent with a careless play or failure to give full attention to the previous actions in the bidding or play.

If a player typed an explanation of their call before they made it, sends it the opponents and then makes a different call, this will be treated as *prima facie* evidence that the call was a mis-click and therefore *unintended*.

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Team Numbers and Draw

Draw	First Round Robin												
Round	Home				Home				Home				BYE
1	2	v	4		6	v	3		5	v	7		1
2	3	v	1		4	v	5		7	v	6		2
3	5	v	2		1	v	7		6	v	4		3
4	1	v	6		2	v	7		3	v	5		4
5	7	v	3		6	v	2		4	v	1		5
6	3	v	2		1	v	5		7	v	4		6
7	2	v	1		4	v	3		5	v	6		7
Draw	Second Round Robin				To be decided after the results of the first round robin have been calculated								
Round													BYE
1													
2													
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													

Chef de Mission and Team Number

Number	Region	Chef de Mission
1	Canterbury	
2	Waikato Bays	
3	Otago Southland	
4	Wellington	
5	Top of the South	
6	Auckland Northland	
7	Central Districts	

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Match Timetable

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	9:00am Match 3	9:00am Match 10
	10:30am Match 4	10:30am Match 11
	12:00pm Lunch	12:00pm Lunch
	12:30pm Match 5	12:30pm Match 12
	2:00pm Match 6	2:00pm Match 13
	3:30pm Match 7	3:30pm Match 14
5:30pm Chef de Mission Meeting	5:00pm Dinner	
7:00pm Match 1	7:00pm Match 8	
8:30pm Match 2	8:30pm Match 9	

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Role and Duties of the Chef de Mission

Each Region shall appoint a Chef de Mission to oversee the participation of its representative teams. The following are the particular duties to be associated with that role.

- 1. Completion of System Cards.** The Chef de Mission should ensure that each pair has completed an NZ Bridge system card and collate and **send in one email to the Chief Director of NZ Bridge** (murray.wiggins@nzbridge.co.nz) by 4.00pm on Monday 20th November 2023. Instructions regarding systems cards are included in the Interprovincial Championship Supplementary Regulations.
- 2. Team Preparation.** The Chef de Mission should liaise with each team captain over the practice and preparation that each team will have prior to the event and should ensure the adequacy of such preparation.
- 3. Conditions of Contest.** The Chef de Mission should be familiar with all the Conditions of Contest laid down for the event.
- 4. Entry Fee.** The Chef de Mission should ensure that the entry fee of \$720.00 has been paid prior to the event by the Regional Treasurer.
- 5. Regional Budget for the Event.** The Chef de Mission should have an understanding of the Regional budget with respect to the event and of the financial levels of authority entrusted to him/her by the respective Regional Committee.
- 6. Meeting of Chefs de Missions.** The Chef de Mission must attend this meeting, which will be held at 5.30pm on Friday 24th November online. A link for the meeting will be sent nearer the time.
- 7. Team Line-ups.** The Chef de Mission is responsible that line-up regulations are followed, even though team captains may perform this function. The Chef de Mission is responsible for ensuring that all teams are present and ready to play before each session and that, when seating rights are available, they are properly exercised.

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8. **Score Confirmation.** The Chef de Mission should ensure that the match scores advised are those arrived at by the Region's teams and should ensure that differences are investigated and agreed.
9. **Appeals.** The Chef de Mission should be consulted by a team captain prior to the lodgement of any appeal that he/she wishes to make and is expected to be present at the Appeal.
10. **Team Morale and Behaviour.** The Chef de Mission will ensure that all players follow the guidelines set out in the (International) Code of Conduct regulations numbers 3 and 4 as listed under International on the NZ Bridge website. The Chef de Mission will ensure that any breaches of these guidelines are handled in the appropriate manner.
11. **Report to Regional Committee.** Although Regions may require each team captain to furnish a report, it is expected that the Chef de Mission will provide an overall report of the performance of the Region's teams at the event.

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12-Board VP Scale, Master Point Allocation and Dougal McLean Trophy

VP Scale for 12 Board matches

IMP Diff	Win	Loss	IMP Diff	Win	Loss	IMP Diff	Win	Loss	IMP Diff	Win	Loss	IMP Diff	Win	Loss
0	10.00	10.00	11	13.45	6.55	22	15.99	4.01	33	17.86	2.14	44	19.24	0.76
1	10.36	9.64	12	13.71	6.29	23	16.18	3.82	34	18.00	2.00	45	19.34	0.66
2	10.71	9.29	13	13.97	6.03	24	16.37	3.63	35	18.14	1.86	46	19.44	0.56
3	11.05	8.95	14	14.22	5.78	25	16.55	3.45	36	18.28	1.72	47	19.54	0.46
4	11.38	8.62	15	14.46	5.54	26	16.73	3.27	37	18.41	1.59	48	19.64	0.36
5	11.70	8.30	16	14.70	5.30	27	16.91	3.09	38	18.54	1.46	49	19.74	0.26
6	12.01	7.99	17	14.93	5.07	28	17.08	2.92	39	18.66	1.34	50	19.83	0.17
7	12.31	7.69	18	15.15	4.85	29	17.24	2.76	40	18.78	1.22	51	19.92	0.08
8	12.61	7.39	19	15.37	4.63	30	17.40	2.60	41	18.90	1.10	52+	20.00	0.00
9	12.90	7.10	20	15.58	4.42	31	17.56	2.44	42	19.02	0.98			
10	13.18	6.82	21	15.79	4.21	32	17.71	2.29	43	19.13	0.87			

Master Point Allocation by Category and Placing

Place	Open	Women / Seniors	Intermediate
1st	15A	10A	5A
2nd	8A	5A	3A
3rd	4A	3A	1A

Dougal McLean Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the Region with the highest aggregate for Open, Women, Seniors and Intermediate teams based on the following table.

1st	13 points	2nd	10 points	3rd	8 points	4th	6 points
5th	4 points	6th	2 points	7th	0 points		

For tied places, the aggregate of the average of the points will be taken.

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Allowable systems for Intermediate Teams

The following short summary for those playing in the Intermediate teams with regard to the basic requirements and treatments approved to be incorporated within systems. For more extended detail, refer to the NZ Bridge Systems Policy (pages D41– D49 of the 2020 NZ Bridge Manual).

Call	Treatment allowed	Also allowed at Intermediate level
1♣	Minimum suit length ¹ , 2 cards; opening strength ² or Simple Precision, with no relay or artificial responses other than the negative 1♦ response	Precision style (strong ³ ; forcing; any distribution); may include relay or artificial responses
1♦	Minimum suit length, 3 cards; opening strength or Precision style (opening strength; any distribution)	
1♥/1♠	Minimum suit length, 4 cards; opening strength	
1NT	Balanced; 11+ HCP	
2♣	Very strong ⁴ ; forcing; any distribution or Opening strength; minimum suit length, 5 cards (Precision style)	Multi-style; weak ⁵ with 6-card major; with or without strong option(s)
2♦	Very strong; forcing; any distribution or Opening strength; minimum suit length, 5 cards or Weak; minimum suit length, 6 cards	Multi-style; weak with 6-card major; with or without strong option(s) or Precision style (opening strength; 3-suited with shortage in diamonds)
2♥/2♠	Strong; minimum suit length, 4 cards or Weak; minimum suit length, 6 cards	Weak with 5+ cards in suit and 4+ cards in another suit (which may be unspecified)
2NT	Balanced; 20+ HCP	Weak with length in minor suit(s)
3NT	Very strong or "gambling" (with long minor suit)	
Suit bid, 3+ level	May be weak; minimum suit length, 6 cards	May specify a suit that is different from the suit named in the bid (i.e. a transfer bid)

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"Precision" may also include any convention / treatment that is allowed to be played at this level with a natural (Green) system.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, the suit to which the "minimum length" applies must be the suit named in the bid

For the purposes of these tables, the following definitions of strength apply.

² "Opening strength": At least 11 high-card points (HCP) or equivalent with allowance for distribution (for which the guideline is: *add one point for every card after the eighth in the two longest suits*).

³ "Strong": At least 16 HCP or equivalent.

⁴ "Very strong": At least 19 HCP or equivalent.

⁵ "Weak": Less than opening strength.

Responses to opening bids

Treatment allowed	Also allowed at Intermediate level
Any artificial negative response to forcing opening, including "impossible" 1♦ response to Precision 1♣	
Artificial forcing responses promising trump support (e.g. 2NT, splinter bids)	
Stayman or Baron responses to NT bids, including modified forms	
Transfer or range-finder responses to NT bids	
2NT enquiry response to weak 2-suit opening	Enquiry response to Multi 2-suit opening
2♦ enquiry response to Precision 2♣ opening	Enquiry response to Precision 2♦ (with diamond shortage) opening

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Calls over opponents' natural 1-suit opening

Others

Treatment allowed	Also allowed at Intermediate level
Any suit bid that promises 4+ cards in the suit	
Cue bid showing a very strong hand	
Bid (including a cue bid) showing 2 suits (5+/5+), at least one specified; must be either "weak only" or "strong only"	Artificial bid showing 2 suits, at least one specified; strength may be variable
Jump cue bid asking partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit	

Treatment allowed
Any defence to opponents' 1NT opening
Any defence to opponents' artificial forcing opening
Any meaning of double in any sequence
Any ace-asking bids (including RKCB) and responses
Any treatment for a cue bid made after the first bid by one's own side

For treatments not listed in these tables, please consult the NZ Bridge Systems Policy (page DError! Bookmark not defined.).