

GUIDELINES FOR TEAMS TOURNAMENTS

CARRY-OVER GUIDELINES FOR TEAMS

When a tournament is divided into two or more stages, involving qualifying and final, it is required that the tournament committee specify in advance the percentage of the score that will be carried over from one stage to the next. Because of the large number of various permutations possible in the way a tournament might be run the NZCBA has no fixed formula for the calculation of carry-overs. Instead the tournament committee, with the assistance of the Director, is expected to decide upon the figure they feel is appropriate for their particular event.

In arriving at their decision the tournament committee is expected to take the following guidelines into consideration.

- a) If there is a short final (ie 1 session) there should be a larger amount of carry-over, perhaps 50 to 75%, than in a longer final where perhaps 30 to 50% is more appropriate. This is to add extra weight to the qualifying scores and prevent the whole event becoming a “one session lottery”.
- b) If the standard in the qualifying stage is quite strong it would be wise to carry over a larger percentage than if there is a very mixed qualifying stage with top open players and juniors. As there will be many “random results” in a very mixed field, the qualifying should be more heavily discounted.
- c) If the qualifying rounds have been seeded and run in such a manner that everyone has had an approximately even draw then a higher percentage should be carried over than if, say, a Swiss draw had been played. In a Swiss draw some of the qualifiers will make it through playing a much tougher draw than others; accordingly less reliance can be placed on the qualifying rounds and the carry-over should be appropriately smaller.