

# GUIDELINES FOR TEAMS TOURNAMENTS

## 12 Tables

### a) One-Day Events

#### i) Round Robin over 3 Sessions

$4+4+3 = 11 \times 6$  board matches – 66 boards (8 board VP scale)  
=  $11 \times 7$  board matches – 77 boards (8 board VP scale)  
=  $11 \times 8$  board matches – 88 boards

**Note:** 88 boards in one day is a long day of bridge

A draw is given in the Round Robin Draw tables.

#### ii) Swiss Format over 2 or 3 Sessions

##### 1) 5 Round Swiss

$2+2+1 = 5 \times 12$  board matches – 60 boards  
=  $5 \times 14$  board matches – 70 boards  
=  $5 \times 16$  board matches – 80 boards

Over 2 sessions the matches can be arranged 2+3 or 3+2.

##### 2) 6 Round Swiss

$2+2+2 = 6 \times 10$  board matches – 60 boards (12 board VP scale)  
=  $6 \times 12$  board matches – 72 boards  
=  $6 \times 14$  board matches – 84 boards

### b) Two-Day Events

#### i) Round Robin over 4 or 5 Sessions

$3+3+3+2 = 11 \times 10$  board matches – 110 boards  
=  $11 \times 12$  board matches – 120 boards

Over five sessions the matches can be arranged 2+2+1+2+2

A draw for the round robin is given in the Round Robin Draw tables.

#### ii) Swiss Format over 4 or 5 Sessions

##### 1) 5 Round Swiss

$1+1+1+1+1 = 5 \times 20$  board matches – 100 boards  
=  $5 \times 24$  board matches – 120 boards

## **2) 6 Round Swiss**

2+2+1+1 = 6x16 board matches – 96 boards  
= 6x18 board matches – 108 boards  
= 6x20 board matches – 120 boards

### **iii) Qualifying followed by Final / Plate**

There are many variations of format that can be applied, essentially using any of the one-day formats listed above as the qualifying tournament, then using either round robin, Swiss, or knockout methods in the Final and Plate.

A few formats are detailed below.

#### **1) Swiss Qualifying / Round Robin Final – 4 to Qualify**

##### **Qualifying:**

2+2+1 = 5x14 board matches  
2+2+2 = 6x12 board matches

##### **Final**

Round Robin

1+1+1 = 3x16 board matches

##### **Plate**

New Swiss draw

1+1+1 = 3x16 board matches

2+2 = 4x12 board matches

#### **2) Swiss Qualifying / Knockout Final – 2 to Qualify**

##### **Qualifying**

As above

##### **Final**

48 board final

##### **Plate**

New Swiss draw for 10 teams

1+1+1+1 = 4x12 board matches

#### **3) Swiss Qualifying / Knockout Final – 4 to Qualify**

##### **Qualifying**

As above

**Final**

24 board semi-final with either:

- the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team after the qualifying drawn against the fourth, and 2<sup>nd</sup> playing 3<sup>rd</sup>
- the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team having the choice of opponents from the other qualifiers

24 board final and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> play-off

**Plate**

As above in format 1

**c) Victory Point Scales for the Above Formats**

See the IMP to VP conversion scales.