



African Bridge Federation Zonal Championships

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Let Battle Commence



Some of the 124 persons present at the Opening Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies, Tim Cope, demonstrating his abilities in Arabic and French as well as his native English tongue, introduced Gianarrigo Rona, World Bridge Federation President, who made a welcoming address. There followed a slide show highlighting the many facets of Cape Town. Bernard Pascal, President of the African Bridge Federation gave a presentation, including Zone 8 considerations and news from the WBF, he also previewed the upcoming General Assembly. Rob Stephens took the oath on behalf of the competitors whilst Magdy Mesdary, struggling with a shoulder injury, gave the oath on behalf of the tournament directors and officials. Helen Kruger, President of the South Africa Bridge Federation, closed the proceedings by thanking not only the local Cape Town team but President Emeritus Julius Butkow and Bharat Bhadwah. Helen then reflected back to the first Zone 8 Tournament held in the Ivory Coast in 2001. and finally declared the Championships open.

Water Shortage

There is an acute shortage of water in the Cape region. You are respectfully requested to be aware of the situation and not waste this precious resource - thanking you all.

Today's BBO Schedule

Round 1	Botswana vs. Egypt (O) South Africa vs. Kenya (S)
Round 2	Reunion vs. South Africa (O) Reunion vs. South Africa (W)
Round 3	Morocco vs. Egypt (O) Tunisia vs. Egypt (S)



Today's Schedule

OPEN					
Rnd	Date	Time	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3
1	Sat 06/May	09h30	Botswana v Egypt	S. Africa v Kenya	Reunion v Morocco
2		13h40	Egypt v Kenya	Botswana v Morocco	Reunion v S. Africa
3		17h10	Morocco v Egypt	Kenya v Reunion	S. Africa v Botswana
WOMEN					
Rnd	Date	Time	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6
1	Sat 06/May	09h30	BYE v Egypt	S. Africa v Botswana	Reunion v Morocco
2		13h40	Egypt v Botswana	BYE v Morocco	Reunion v S. Africa
3		17h10	Morocco v Egypt	Botswana v Reunion	S. Africa v BYE
SENIORS					
Rnd	Date	Time	Table 7	Table 8	Table 9
1	Sat 06/May	09h30	BYE v Egypt	S. Africa v Kenya	Reunion v Tunisia
2		13h40	Egypt v Kenya	BYE v Tunisia	Reunion v S. Africa
3		17h10	Tunisia v Egypt	Kenya v Reunion	S. Africa v Botswana

Team Photographs

Your Bulletin Editor/Photographer would like to take a photograph of each team competing in the championships, so when he approaches you to arrange a mutually convenient time please be as cooperative as possible.

REGULATIONS AND REMINDERS

Magdy Mesdary, the Chief Tournament Director would like to remind all players of some of the Regulations,

For all players in order to go to the toilets they have to take permission from the T.D. first. They have to empty their pockets/accompanied bags to insure that there are no cigarettes or mobiles to be accompanied to the toilets. No permission will be granted unless this is done to the satisfaction of the T.D.

Mobile phones are not allowed to be carried by the players during the matches and are totally prohibited; and according to the regulations a severe penalty of 5VP will be given for each infraction and if the infraction is repeated, it will be reported to the organizing committee for more penalties. Random spot check will be conducted.

Smoking or electronic cigarettes are not allowed in the playing area and is prohibited during the match, for the open, ladies and seniors. A severe penalty of 5 VP will be given for such infraction and if the infraction is repeated, it will be reported to the organizing committee for more penalties.

Players have to respect the dress code at all times and to wear the security badges in the playing area.

Tray Regulations

1. Only dummy or declarer may remove the tray from the table and only dummy or declarer may put the board back in the centre of the table.

2. During the auction, all calls should touch the lower bar of that players' segment of the tray and overlap slightly the previous call.

3. Defenders must not intentionally vary the orientation of their played cards.

4. The opening lead must be faced before the screen aperture is opened and only Declarer or Dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.

If these and all other requirements are observed there should be no need for suspicion or accusation of unethical behavior.

However, to a large extent it is up to the players to keep our game clean. They know when they are being cheated. And it is their duty to call their captain who may advise his concern to the Chief Tournament Director.

It is preferable for the players to avoid confrontation at the table for they have enough work to do. Better to leave it to the NPCs.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

The ABF shall appoint a list of Reviewer for the chief T.D. to choose from according to the case. When the tournament director notifies players of a decision, they will be told of their right to seek a review. See Section "Protest time" for the time limit for seeking a review. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgment that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling

Protest time

In respect of scores the protest time of all matches played in a day ends at the starting time of the first match on the day following, and in respect of the final day's play two hours after the official finishing time of the final match but, in any case, not later than the official starting time of the Closing Ceremony.

The time for a request for a TD ruling or for a review of a ruling already received ends 30 minutes after the end of the round. A fee of 100\$ will be paid for the case to be reviewed; which will be forfeited if the Reviewer decides that the request has no basis.

Alerting Procedures

Players who participate in The ABF zonal championship are expected to protect themselves to a large extent. They are also expected to observe the spirit of the laws as the letter. Full disclosure is vital.

Policy

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

(1) Conventional calls.

(2) Those calls which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understanding between partners. (see Law 40(b)).

(3) Non- forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by un-passed hand to an opening bid one of a suit; "negative free bids".

(4) Opening bid of 1♣ (1club) must be alerted if it may show less than 3 cards.

(5) Precision 1♣/ strong 1♣/1♦ systems must be alerted as well as their conventional responses at each time they occur.

(6) For strong club/diamond systems all natural bidding should be alerted as showing a maximum of certain points.



The Participants in the ABF Seminar

ABF NBOs Officers' Seminar

Cape Town South Africa 3-5 May 2017

About twenty delegates from the African Zone along with Gianarrigo Rona, President WBF, Marc de Pauw, David Harris, Simon Fellus, Gilad Ofir, Marek Malysa and Al Levy attended a seminar held in the President Hotel under the auspices of the ABF, chaired by Bernard Pascal and the SABF, chaired by Helen Kruger.

The seminar continued the success of the first one held in Medellin, Colombia in 2016. The topics covered many areas including:

- The WBF Zonal Conferences structure, organisation and management
- The General Principles for the National Bridge Federations
- Ethics & Discipline
- The new technology supporting bridge
- The development and promotion of bridge
- Bridge Online
- The Youth bridge program
- The organisation and management of the bridge competitions
- Communication, P.R. & relations with the Media
- The WBF championship policy
- The WBF future events

At the conclusion of a seminar that everyone enjoyed the efforts of all those taking part were unanimously praised by all participants.

The BBO matches will also have a video feed which can be accessed on the BBO site. Should you have difficulty an alternative of www.livebridge.net is available.

SABF Pairs

Anyone who believes they have entered the South African National Pairs are advised to check on the website (<http://www.sabf.co.za/congress2017/SABF%20Congress%202017%20-%20Pairs.pdf>) that they are on the list. Any errors or admissions should be reported to the Hospitality Desk.