

Regulations for Interprovincials 2020

Introduction

Thanks to the pandemic and lockdown regulations we will be running this tournament with no supervision of the individual participants. We rely on the honesty and integrity of the players taking part in the tournament to ensure that the results of each game have not been influenced by any means deemed unethical.

Security

No kibitzers will be allowed to follow these matches live, however a delayed YouTube recording of the main match in each session along with commentary will be available for those who wish to follow the action.

Sessions

A schedule of each sessions' playing times will be published and distributed to the captains, as well as loaded online. Teams may inform the director 24 hours beforehand as to their team line up for a given session, but will have no say in seating positions or in choice of opponents.

Table Rules

A main system summary must be typed to the table at the start of every segment by each pair. This should include basic system, leads and carding, as well as any conventions which may require a defence.

Undos are permitted, however if in doubt, please call the director immediately to assess the situation. Rather call the director before rejecting. Obvious misclicks will be allowed to be accepted, but if there is any potential of a request being a change of mind or loss of concentration, benefit of the doubt will go to the non-offending side. Director's decision will be final in this regard, and should be respected.

All artificial bids and bids which would normally be alerted or announced live, should be alerted by the player making the bid, and explained in full. Avoid typing the name of the convention, and instead give full disclosure of the meaning. Don't assume the opponents know what a bid means. Failure to do so may result in the decision being awarded to the non-offending side should there be an appeal.

Barometer will be switched off, meaning running scores will not be displayed during the match. Results will be available immediately after the last table finishes, within BBO.

Slow Play, Late Arrival

Players are expected to be online and ready 10 minutes before the scheduled start of each segment.

Failure to complete play of all boards in a match within the time scheduled for the session, due to the late arrival or early departure of any member of a team, shall result in slow play penalties of 1 Victory Point per 5 minutes, or part thereof of late arrival or early departure, being awarded against the offending team. The non-offending team will be awarded 3 IMPs per board which they were unable to complete due to the late arrival or early departure of their opponents, or a proportionate amount if their total on the boards actually played in that match exceeds 3 imps per board. The fact that a board has been played at the other table shall not constitute reason for allowing a late play.

Disconnections

Teams should make every effort to ensure they have a reliable connection as well as a backup solution to continue playing in any eventuality. A substitute team member should be available in the case of a withdrawal or unavailability of an existing playing in a session. If a team is unable to field a full team during a match/segment, then the above penalties may be imposed.

Convention Cards

Convention cards of each pair must be submitted to the tournament director no later than 48 hours before the start of the first session. These will be posted on the SABF website.

System summary is still expected to be given to the table at the start of each segment.

Appeals

If a player/pair wishes to appeal a decision made by the director, he/she should do so in writing (email) no later than 10 minutes after the end of the segment. Bernard Donde will be the reviewer of these appeals.