



VBA Council Meeting – Major Items & Decisions

26 July 2017

The new Champion of Champions event is coming up on the weekend of August 26-27. Every club may send up to 6 pairs to this special event.

Congresses

- The State Masterpoint secretary advises that a number of clubs are likely to be fined by the ABF Masterpoint Centre for late submission of masterpoints from their congresses. Players rightly expect to get the masterpoint they've earned promptly
- The VBA is considering following (for state events and congresses) the ABF's policy on only allowing ABF-approved scoring packages to be used

Club support

- Joan Butts teacher training seminar is confirmed for the weekend of September 23-24 at the VBA. Joan's seminars are always popular

State

- Since the issue with a state representative suspended from congress play being able to play in the ANC arose, the VBA has been working on addressing the situation better. Council is taking advice as it develops balanced and effective amendments to the relevant regulations
- Geoff Schaller has been appointed convener for the Victor Champion Cup next year. Council thanks Kim Frazer for her hard work and successful tenure in the role.

A reminder – the new 2017 Laws of Bridge came into effect on August 1. The VBA is supplying a free printed copy to all Victorian clubs. If you don't have yours yet, please contact our interim manager, Bianca Gold. For those who would like an electronic copy, please visit

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/2017-laws-of-duplicate-bridge/>

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