

# Conditions of contest for Victorian Simultaneous Pairs

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## 1 General

*The purpose of publishing Conditions of Contest for the Victorian Simultaneous Pairs is to provide unified regulations in circumstances which will otherwise be extremely variable. It is not possible to run the heats in a strict pattern (e.g., at the same time, on the same day) but at no time should circumstances be allowed in which a participant could be said to have potential access to the hands, or information concerning them, prior to the heat. It is not supposed that advantage might be taken of such a possibility, but it is important that players should be protected from any suspicion by clubs using security measures that are plain for all to see.*

## 2 Conditions of Contest

Club rules will apply to Simultaneous Pairs events except where these are superseded by any Regulations published by the organiser. Clubs are encouraged to accept entries from non-members of the club.

## 3 Registrations

Clubs are required to register for participation in the event by 13 March 2019 using the registration portal on Bridge Unlimited [http://nationwidepairs.com.au/vic\\_simultaneous\\_pairs.html](http://nationwidepairs.com.au/vic_simultaneous_pairs.html)

Registration is the same process as your club would use for the Nationwide Pairs events and your Club login is the same. Your club will be listed on the Registered Clubs This Year the following day, if your club is not listed after a day or two send through a note to Martin

Club registration is possible right up to 15 March by contacting Andrew MaCready-Bryan at the VBA on (03) 9530 9006 or Martin Wilcox at Bridge Unlimited on 0419 380 392

## 4 Procedure

The dealing files or hand records for setting up the boards and the commentary will be available to the club via Club Administration on the Vic Sim Pairs website in the week prior to the commencement of week one of the competition.

## 5 Eligibility

Participation is open to all Victorian Clubs. Players who participate at affiliated clubs will be charged a lower entry fee.

The VBA reserves the right to refuse entry to the competition by any non-member of the ABF.

## 6 Systems

The systems policy of the club in which the event is to be played shall prevail.



## 7 Format of the Event

Three heats are scheduled for each of the weeks of 18 March 2019 through to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Heat 1: 18 March 2019 – 24 March 2019

Heat 2: 25 March 2019 – 31 March 2019

Heat 3: 1 April 2019 – 7 April 2019

The week starts on the Monday and concludes on the Sunday of that week and a single heat must be concluded within that period. We recommend this event is scheduled with your most popular duplicate of the week to maximize club interest.

## 8 Prizes

First prize will be awarded to the partnership with the highest accumulated percentage that had participated in all 3 heats.

The main prize will be entry to a Victor Champion Cup Swiss Pairs Event of the partnership's choice (Open, Womens, Seniors or Restricted) held in Melbourne on 6-7 June 2019. It should be noted that it is a requirement for players to be registered, financial members of the ABF in order to participate in the VCC.

The use of a substitute in any of the 3 heats will render a pair ineligible for the main prize.

Additional prizes will be awarded to the partnership with the highest percentage score for each separate heat. Heat prizes are entry to one of the ANC Congress Swiss Pair events or one session walk in events.

## 9 Cost

Participation for affiliated clubs will be charged at \$2.00 per player per session;  
Participation for **unaffiliated** clubs will be charged at \$2.50 per player per session.

## 10 Security

No person shall participate in the competition who has had prior access to the hands; this shall mean in particular that no person may play in more than one session of each heat each week.

## 11 Scoring (after the end of the Play Period)

At the completion of each heat submit results file to Bridge Unlimited via administration page on the following link [http://nationwidepairs.com.au/vic\\_simultaneous\\_pairs.html](http://nationwidepairs.com.au/vic_simultaneous_pairs.html)  
This process is the same as you would carry out when participating in the Nationwide Pairs events hosted on the same site.

## 12 Master Points

Affiliated Clubs are expected to award local points at local club duplicate rate. If for any reason they are not intending to do so it must be announced in advance to the competitors. Red Master Points (at B4s level) will be awarded by the VBA to the top third of the field in each session and also for the overall ranking.

Approved by:  
VBA Match and Tournament Committee  
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