



The WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge (2017) as well as the current SABF “Regulations for the Control of Conventions” and “Supplementary Regulations” will be followed, - whenever applicable.

For tournament regulations specific to SAWBA @ BBO 2021, see below.

Alerting:

All pairs are required to give a brief summary of their system at the beginning of each round / match.

All other artificial or systemic bids must be alerted and explained in full in the designated “alert box”, by the player making the bid, - not announced via the “table-chat”.

Players must only alert their own bids, not partner’s.

Any explanations given to the table will be deemed unauthorized information, and may be subject to a procedural penalty.

Undo function:

Undos may be requested in the auction, but only for a “mechanical error”, NOT a lapse of concentration or a change of mind. Please call the TD for an assessment before accepting or rejecting. If it is not sufficiently clear whether it was a genuine misclick, the benefit of the doubt will go to the opponents.

No undos will be permitted in the play.

Psyches:

“Green” psyches, i.e. non-fielded by partner, are allowed, but must be reported to the TD, for the purpose of recording frequency and description of the psychic call made.

Psyching or forcing artificial calls such as a precision club or opening of strong 2 clubs is not allowed.

Very light openings or overcalls, when considered to be a partnership agreement, must be included in the pre-alert of the system summary.

Late starts, slow play, failure to complete all boards:

Delays for any reasons, including disconnections due to power cuts or internet failure, will be dealt with according to the SABC Supplementary Regulations.

A substitute player may be allowed to play, but only with the permission of the TD, which will only be given for cause.

Specific to the main teams event:

A team member must have played at least 25% of the boards (3 matches) in the immediately previous preliminary segment (qualifying rounds), in order to be eligible to play as part of the team in the next segment (finals) of the event.

Correction period:

The time limit for scoring errors is 20 min. after the end of the session, at which point the results become final and can no longer be corrected on BBO.

Appeals:

Rulings which require a TD to exercise judgment may be appealed.

An appeal / request for a review must be made in writing to the organizers no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the match or the pairs session.

Bernard Donde will function as the Tournament Reviewer for SAWBA 2021.

Illegal communication:

Illegal communication is cheating and is not allowed.

Do not communicate anything to partner during the round which may influence their choice of calls or plays.

Etiquette:

In line with SABF's zero-tolerance policy for misconduct, all players are expected to behave courteously and in a friendly manner.

Please be kind to yourselves, your partner, your opponents and your TDs.

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