

# **Benoni Northerns Bridge Club:**

## **Team Of Four League Rules.**

### **REGISTRATION.**

The Benoni Northerns Bridge Club (BNBC) Team of Four League competition is a closed competition. The league is organised, supervised and managed by the BNBC Tournament Committee.

Teams consisting of four members are invited to register from January onwards. Pre-registration is essential so that a movement may be worked out.

Matches will be played on the last Tuesday of the month, as per calendar pinned on the Club Notice Board.

For their matches, in case of the absence of a regular team member, Teams are allowed to approach a reserve of their choice. However, a registered member of a Team may not act as a reserve for any other team.

### **LEAGUE FORMAT**

A movement will be drawn up by the Tournament committee, depending on the number of teams entered.

### **ENTRY FEE**

This is per person, **payable in advance**, and depends on the number of rounds in the League.

Fee: Table fee x number of rounds,  
e.g. if there are 8 rounds, Fee = 8 x R25 = R200.

### **PRIZES AND PRIZE MONEY.**

The total prize money shall be approximately 60% of the fees collected for the Team of Four League.

Scoring will be "straight" and "handicap"

### **DISCIPLINE**

Players should report 15 minutes before the time scheduled for start of play.

Team captains must arrange timeously for a reserve to play for their team in the event of a regular team member not being available.

If a team fails to arrive for a scheduled match, the non-offending captain shall be entitled to claim a walkover score of 20 – 0. Both the offending and non-offending teams will be liable for the table fees for the evening.

### **DISPUTES AND APPEALS**

If, during the course of the League, any dispute or appeal against a ruling should arise, both Team captains are to submit a report in writing. These shall be referred to the Tournament committee. The Committee shall reach a decision, if necessary by vote, with the chairperson having a deciding vote in the case of a tie. The ruling of the Committee shall be accepted as final.

## **ETIQUETTE**

The Team of Four League is a competition, and as such, the following rules of etiquette shall apply:

- ✓ Avoid slow play out of courtesy to opposing teams.
- ✓ Refrain from post-mortems. Take note of boards you want to discuss with partner later.
- ✓ Do not make unsolicited comments about your opponents play.

## **REVISION OF THE RULES**

It is the function of the BNBC Committee to review the rules from time to time. The rules should be finalised before the start of the League and will apply unchanged for that year.

## **SABF INTERCLUB TEAM COMPETITION.**

- The highest placed BNBC Team in the league shall, at the discretion of the BNBC committee be invited to represent the BNBC at the SABF Interclub Competition. If one pair of the winning team is unavailable to play, a pair from the team which came second in the Team of Four League will be selected. The playing records of the two pairs in the second team and compatibility with the remaining pair of the first team will be taken into account in deciding which pair is selected. The selection will be done by the Committee in consultation with the remaining pair of the winning team.
- If one player in the Team is unavailable to play in the event, another player will be selected to take his/her place from members, including regular reserves, who have participated in the event. This will be done by the Committee in consultation with the winning team.
- If the winning team is unable to play, the team that came second may be considered to represent BNBC at the SABF Interclub Competition. This decision will be at the discretion on the Committee
- In the event that none of the top pairs is available, the BNBC Committee may decide not to enter a team.
- Teams not selected by the Committee for the SABF Interclub Competition may enter the competition at their own expense. The Committee must be informed of their decision and will assist them in their registration.

The selected Team may request the Committee to include a third pair for the competition. The selection of the extra pair will be at the discretion of the Committee.

BNBC shall pay the registration fee for this Competition. The BNBC Committee may, from time to time, award a further amount of sponsorship to the four members of the competing team.