

STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2003

SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. The Championship is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 1997 and the Tournament Regulations of the New South Wales Bridge Association, as amended.
2. Yellow Systems are not permitted at any stage of the Championship before the final.
3. Players must have an **active** Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint number.
4. Players do not have to be members of the club at which the qualifying competition is held.
5. Club qualifying competitions must be held over a maximum of three sessions.
6. Directors must be qualified at Club level or above.
7. Pairs placed in the top third of the field(s) are eligible to play in the Championship Final. Organisers should note that, if a Mitchell movement is used in all sessions, then there are two fields (NS & EW) and these fields should be kept separate for the duration of the qualifying competition.
8. The convenor may, following a **written** application from the club and in his absolute discretion, permit pairs finishing in the top 50% of the field to be nominated for the final. Pairs must, however, be offered a berth in the final based on their finishing order. In no event will total nominations to the final exceed one third of the original number of entries.
9. Any substitution of or in a pair that plays in the Championship Final must comply with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations (see Section 4) and must be approved by the convenor **prior to the commencement of the final**. Any players augmented or substituted must have competed in the qualifying event.

Eligible substitutes are those players of equivalent standard (in the Convenor's or the Director's opinions) to the substituted member of the pair, who would have been eligible to enter the competition and who are not playing in the stage for which a substitution is contemplated.

Only pairs that have entered the event **as a pair** can qualify to play in the final. This means that it is not allowable for players who have qualified in different partnerships, (or had never entered the qualifying event) to play together in the final. Notwithstanding the above, the convenor, in his/her absolute discretion, shall have the right to accept or reject nominations which may be outside these guidelines, in order to facilitate the running of this event. Players **must not** assume a favourable decision by the convenor.
10. Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level.
 - Red masterpoints will only be awarded for a club qualifying competition if a pair from the top third of the field(s) plays in the Championship Final.
 - Red masterpoints are to be calculated by the club masterpoint secretary on a weighting of 5.0.
 - Red masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only; i.e. there is NO outright award. If a club runs a qualifying session(s), followed by a final and consolation, only the players in the final will receive red masterpoints. Red masterpoints cannot be awarded to players in the consolation as they are not eligible for the next stage of the competition. (Green masterpoints may be awarded to these players as for a normal club session, through the standard quarterly return.)
 - The red masterpoints awarded must not be entered on the club's quarterly return to the ABF Masterpoint Centre but must be sent to the convenor. They may be entered on Congress Award forms (obtainable from the ABF Masterpoint Centre) showing the names and ABF numbers of all players in the section who have won masterpoints, or on an ABF formatted file on a 3.5 inch virus-checked diskette. ***They should not be sent to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.***

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THE STATE OPEN PAIRS

WILL BE PLAYED AT THIS CLUB

DAY

DATE

TIME

SESSION 1

SESSION 2

SESSION 3

A RED POINT TOURNAMENT

NO YELLOW SYSTEMS ALLOWED

ORGANISED FOR THE N.S.W.B.A. BY THE FABC

TABLE MONEY \$

PER PLAYER PER SESSION

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