

STATE OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2004

METROPOLITAN SECTION

MATT BLACKHAM FABC CONVENOR

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. The Championship is conducted in three phases:
 - 2.1. Club selection: the State is divided in a Metropolitan and a Country section.
 - 2.2. Regional final: one Metropolitan final qualifying 2 teams to the next stage and one Country final qualifying 1 team to the next stage.
 - 2.3. State final
3. Yellow Systems are not permitted at any stage of the Championship before the Regional Final. Yellow Systems will be permitted in the Regional Final in accordance with the N.S.W.B.A. regulations in force at the time and subject to receipt by the convenor of system and other material required under the N.S.W.B.A. regulations on or before August 11th.
4. Players must have an active Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint number.
5. Players do not have to be members of the club at which the qualifying competition is held but must be resident in, or play most of their bridge at a club or clubs located in the Sydney Metropolitan area if they wish to participate in the Metropolitan section.
6. Qualifying may take the form of a teams event or butler pairs competition over a maximum of six sessions.
7. Directors must be qualified at Club level or above.
8. Qualification
 - 8.1. Teams placed in the top half of the field(s) are eligible to play in the Regional Final.
 - 8.2. Any substitution in, or augmentation to, a team that plays in the Regional 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.

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

A team can only be augmented by a single player or by a pair. 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.

9. Masterpoints: Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level.

- 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 by e-mail.
- Red masterpoints will only be awarded for a club qualifying competition if 15% of the competing teams (rounded down) play in the Metropolitan final

10. The Convenor will require the following no later than August 29th:

- a complete copy of the results of each session
- the completed Congress Award form or diskette
- a cheque for the masterpoints, calculated at a cost of \$0.90 per masterpoint
- A cheque for player entry fees calculated at a cost of \$1 per player per session or \$75 per nominated team
- a cheque in the amount of \$120 per team for each team of the nominated/selected teams into the Metropolitan final
- cheques must be made payable to the FABC
- a completed entry form for those teams that will be playing in the Metropolitan Final including names and ABF numbers

NOTE: No nominations or entries will be accepted unless payment is received together with all of the requirements listed above.

11. Regional Final

- The Metropolitan Final will be held either as a Swiss or Round Robin teams competition over two sessions.
- The Country Final will be held either as a Swiss or Round Robin teams competition over two days.
- Matches will be of at least 8 boards using the appropriate WBF imp to VP conversion scale.
- Both the winner and runner-up of the Metropolitan Final are eligible to advance to the Quarter Final of the State Open Teams. Table money for these teams into all of the finals will be paid by the FABC.
- The winner of the Country Final is eligible to advance to the Quarter Final of the State Open Teams. Table money for this team into all of the finals will be paid by the FABC.

CONSIDERING THE LENGTH OF THE COMPETITION, CLUBS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO URGE THEIR PLAYERS TO ENTER AS TEAMS OF FIVE OR SIX TO ALLOW SOME FLEXIBILITY FOR LATER STAGES OF THE EVENT.

