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To The Tournament Secretary all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs

COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2006 MATT BLACKHAM FABC CONVENER

- 1. This championship is a section of the State Open Teams Championship. The Country Teams Championship Final will be held at Tamworth Bridge Club on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October 2006 to qualify one team to play in the State Open Teams Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday 8th December. The FABC will pay the entry fee for the non-Metropolitan qualifier to the State Open Teams *Finals*.
- 2. The FABC, on behalf of the Tournament Committee of the New South Wales Bridge Association, invites all non-Metropolitan affiliated clubs to conduct one or two qualifying sections for this championship in order to qualify one or more teams to play in their Regional Final. Clubs may run a daytime section and/or an evening section.
- 3. A list of Regions / Clubs is enclosed. Any clubs not included on this list should contact the convener.
- 4. Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one team per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of three teams. All players in a nominated team must be financial members of the nominating club.
- 5. Player entry fees will be \$1 per player per session in the qualifying rounds. If a club nominates a team or teams in accordance with section 4, the player entry fee will be \$75 per team nominated.
- 6. The tournament regulations are enclosed. Please read them carefully, as it is your responsibility to adhere to these regulations. Extra copies are available if required. A copy should be given to each team that represents your club in the Regional Final. If any problems occur in the interpretation of these regulations please consult the Convener.

7.	Timetable. Clubs should carefully note the following dates:	
	Any club wishing to run a Regional Final must apply to the convener by	22 April 2006.
	Club qualifying competitions must be completed by	23 August 2006.
	Club results etc must be returned to the convener by	19 September 2006.
	Regional Finals must be completed by	01 October 2006.
	Country Final to be held at Tamworth Bridge Club on	28-29 October 2006.

 8. State Open Teams Finals to be held at the NSWBA: Round Robin Qualifying 2 × 16 board matches commencing 7:30 pm Friday 8 December 2006 3 × 16 board matches commencing 10.00 am Saturday 9 December 2006 Finals 56 boards commencing 10:00 am Sunday 10 December 2006
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9. The entry fee for the Country Final (2 days) is \$130 (GST incl.).

All correspondence regarding this Championship must be addressed to the Convener: Matt BLACKHAM: 112 Dangerfield Drive Elermore Vale NSW 2287 Phone (02) 4950-2086 Fax: (02) 4955-8121 Email: mblackham@ozemail.com.au

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cc: The Chairman, Tournament Committee of the NSWBA. FABC Regional Councillors. Liz Fanos, NSWBA