

**COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2007**

All correspondence regarding this championship must be addressed to the Convenor (email preferred):

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**To The Tournament Secretary : all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs**

1.        This championship is a section of the State Open Teams Championship. The Country Teams Championship Final will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 at Port Macquarie. The winners will be eligible to play in the State Open Teams Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday 14th December. The FABC will pay the entry fee for the non-Metropolitan qualifier to the State Open Teams Final.
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 in this list should contact the convenor.
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.        The tournament regulations are enclosed. Please read them carefully, as it is your club's responsibility to adhere to them. Extra copies may be printed from the FABC web page 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 convenor.
6.        Clubs that wish to run a Regional Final should contact the Convenor by 20<sup>th</sup> April 2007.
7.        Clubs should carefully note the following dates:

Any club wishing to run a Regional Final must apply to the convenor by	20 April 2007
Club qualifying competitions must be completed by	24 August 2007.
Club results etc must be returned to the convenor by	21 September 2007.
Regional Finals must be completed by	28 September 2007.
Entries to the Country Final to be received by the Convenor by	12 October 2007.
Country Final to be held on	20-21 October 2007.
8.        State Open Teams Final to be held at the NSWBA:

Round Robin Qualifying	2 x 16 board matches commencing 7:30 pm on Friday 14 December 2007
	3 x 16 board matches commencing 10:00 am Saturday 15 December 2007
Finals	56 boards commencing 10:00 am Sunday 16 December 2007

Teams not playing in the final may choose to enter the Christmas Teams Congress on the Sunday.
9.        The entry fee for the Country Teams Final (2 days) is \$130 (GST inclusive).

cc:        Chairman, NSWBA Tournament Committee  
          FABC Councillors  
          Liz Fanos, NSWBA