

GNOT – NSW REGIONAL FINALS 2019

Supplementary Tournament Regulations

1. The Event

1.1 This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as amended and these Supplementary Regulations. In case of conflict between these Supplementary Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations shall apply.

1.2 Format is dependent on the number of teams and is at the discretion of the Director.

2. Eligibility

2.1 All teams must have:

- (a) been nominated by an affiliated bridge club from the region following the completion of a CQE.
- (b) been nominated by an affiliated bridge club which did not hold a CQE. Such nominations shall be limited to one team per 50 home club members of the club and in no case shall a club nominate more than three teams in this manner.
- (c) entered the event directly, with all team members having previously played in CQE competitions in the region.

2.2 There is no minimum board requirement for team members.

3. Fees

3.1 The entry fee is \$200 for teams which are nominated under (a) above plus \$12 per team in the CQE, or \$240 for teams that are nominated under 2.1(b) or enter the event directly under 2.1(c).

3.2 The NSWBA will pay all masterpoint charges and all further entry fees associated with the National Final.

4. Substitutions, Augmentations, Withdrawals and Qualification to the National Final

4.1 Substitutions are to be in accordance with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, with each match being defined as a separate session.

4.2 Teams of 4 or 5 players may augment players before the start of play provided:

- (a) The augmentation has the approval of the club that nominated the team.
- (b) Each augmented player is an active player member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and also a member of a bridge club affiliated with the NSWBA.

4.3 Teams of 4 or 5 players that qualify to the National Final may augment players provided:

- (a) The players being augmented are judged to be of equivalent standard to the rest of the team.
- (b) Each augmented player is an active player member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and also a member of an NSWBA affiliated bridge club within the region.
- (c) The players being augmented have not previously qualified to the National Final.

5. Masterpointing

5.1 See section 7.5.7 of the Masterpoint Manual. Session awards increase to 0.06 gold points per board for Finals with 10 or more tables held over 3 or more sessions.

5.2 For masterpointing purposes only, a win must be by a margin of 0.2imps per board, a margin less than or equal to this is deemed to be a tie.

5.3 No masterpoints are awarded for tie-breaking play-off matches.

5.4 Outright masterpoints will be awarded to the top third of the field.